

Town of Milton
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
Monday, March 24, 2014
Milton Town Hall and Lebanon Town Hall
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Chairman Tom F. Gray, Selectman Robert L. Bridges, Selectman James Michael Beaulieu, Town Administrator Elizabeth Dionne, Attorney James Sessler.

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 4:50pm.

Facebook: The Board briefly discussed inaccuracies being posted on Facebook about the Town budget and whether to respond or not respond.

T. Gray recessed the meeting at 5:10pm in order to travel to the Lebanon Town Hall to continue the Selectmen's meeting.

Prospect Hill Cemetery: The meeting reconvened at 5:30pm at the Lebanon Town Hall. Those in attendance in addition to those listed above were John Katwick-Milton Cemetery Trustee, Pat Smith-Public Works Director, Pam Smith-Milton resident, Donna Elliot-soon to be Milton Cemetery Trustee, Larry Brown-Milton Cemetery Trustee, Lebanon Maine Selectboard Karen Gerrish, Paul Philbrick, Benjamin Thompson.

John Katwick, Cemetery Trustee, had created a booklet on the history of the Prospect Hill Cemetery and the reasons why Lebanon, Maine should be maintaining it. He explained the history of the Prospect Hill Cemetery located in Lebanon, Maine. Various NH and Maine RSA's in addition to prior legal opinions that the Town of Lebanon, Maine should be handling the maintenance and care of the Prospect Hill Cemetery rather than the Town of Milton, NH. J. Katwick explained that he had met with everyone in both Towns and States previously when he first addressed this and that the Attorney General's office in both State's agreed that the best legal solution would be for Lebanon to maintain the care of the Prospect Hill Cemetery as it's in their municipality and Lebanon would be the recipient of the perpetual funds in order to carry out that care.

The Town of Milton spends approximately \$750.00 in addition to the perpetual care funds annually on the Prospect Hill Cemetery.

R. Bridges expressed concern of Milton not being able to legally spend Milton taxpayer dollars any further now that this has come to light.

Everyone agreed that the change of responsibility from Milton to Lebanon should be done in order to be compliant with the laws of both State's.

Discussion ensued on a possible time frame that Lebanon would need in order to confer with their attorney and create a board of trustees, association, or something similar in order for the funds to be turned over to them legally; Lebanon would need to put a referendum ballot on the warrant and if unable to this June then in November; Attorney Sessler handling NH probate court action allowing this transfer.

R. Bridges moved at 6:35pm to adjourn. Seconded by M. Beaulieu. Motion carried.
Respectfully submitted,
E. Dionne, Town Administrator

Chairman Tom F. Gray

Robert L. Bridges

James Michael Beaulieu