

**Town of Milton  
Board of Selectman Meeting  
Monday, September 8, 2014  
Milton Town Hall  
Meeting Minutes**

**Members in Attendance:** Chairman Tom Gray, Mike Beaulieu, Andrew Rawson, Elizabeth Dionne, Town Administrator. **Also in Attendance:** Toni McLellan, Recording Clerk

**Public In Attendance:** Les Elder, Eric Knapp, George Knapp, Betsy Baker, Larry Brown, Stan Nadeau, Doreen Valente Gray, Noreen Nason, Bob Carrier, Diane Carrier, Alison Buelbest, Lydia Leahy, Tom Brackett, Loretta Banks, Al Banks, Suzanne Booska, Gordy Maness, John Katwick, Tom and Mary Leahy, Devon Pageau, Nick Marique, Andrew Magargee, Caitlin Magargee, Joel Kost, Aimee Krauss, Polly Katwick, Gail Pennell, Kellie Katwick, Carla Grassie, Matthew Suele, Conner Shea, Ryan Shea, Candy Shea, Brian Leahy, Nicholas Nirgiankis, Patrick McMullen and Ray Guilmette.

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 6:10pm and welcomed everyone.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Troop 198.

**Acknowledgements**

September Birthdays - Allison Lawrence, Carol Martin, Jason Behrens, Rachel Cote and Patrick Smith. Chairman Gray thanked the employees for their service to the town. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Dawson Jared Libby** – Chairman Gray read a congratulatory letter on achieving rank of Eagle Scout. Dawson constructed a stone walkway at the Wakefield food pantry. It is an impressive achievement. On behalf of the town of Milton, congratulations Dawson on a job well done!

**John Katwick re: Townhouse Building** – On behalf of the BOS, M. Beaulieu awarded the “Key for Life to the Townhouse” plaque to Mr. Katwick and expressed deep gratitude for all of his hard work.

**Chief Krauss re: formal swearing in of three new police officers** - The Chief of Police introduced three new officers for Milton; Brian Leahy, Nicholas Nirgiankis and Patrick McMullen. They have been with the Dept. since April. The three new officers were introduced and each gave a bit of background about themselves. All expressed their gratitude in serving the town of Milton.

Chairman Gray swore in the officers. After the swearing in, the families came forward to pin the officers with their badge.

**Glen Hyslop re: Refund of Motor Vehicle Registration Money**

M. Beaulieu moved that Michelle Beauchamp refund Glen Hyslop the amount of \$484.84. A Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

**Welfare Dept. 2015 Budget Proposal**

The Welfare Dept. presented their budget. The BOS took it under advisement

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector 2015 Budget Proposal**

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector presented their Dept. The BOS took it under advisement

**Assessing Dept. 2015 Budget Proposal**

The Assessing Dept. presented their budget. The BOS took it under advisement

**Library 2015 Budget Proposal**

The library presented their budget. The BOS took it under advisement.

**Library Trustee Les Elder re: Seven to Save Program**

The library Trustees will apply for a moose plate grant in January. The roof is in great need of repair. They will be requesting \$20,000 from the moose plate for repair of roof. Pat from Public Works will get three bids for the roof. The Trustees would like to have something in keeping with the architectural integrity and style of the building.

**Budget Committee 2015 Budget Proposal**

Requesting a recording secretary at \$60/meeting. This is the only request/proposal.

**Fire Chief Nick Marique re: Eckman Contract Approval**

The changes the BOS requested are in the contract including the different percentages discussed. M. Beaulieu moved to accept the amended Eckman contract. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

**N. Marique provided an update on the Fire Dept. building.** The floor plan has been reconfigured (smaller). The Architect has been working on some changes which he should have this week. He will have the preliminary numbers in the next month.

**Fire Dept. wage scale proposal**

N. Marique proposed a wage scale to the BOS 6 weeks ago. The intent is to pay the call firefighters the same as the fulltime firefighters. They do the same work with the exception of fewer hours. The Dept. has 2 full-time firefighters and 40 part-time firefighters. M. Beaulieu moved to approve the new pay scale for full time and part time to be paid the same with an implementation date of January 1, 2015. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

**Administration 2015 budget proposal**

The Town Administrator presented the budget for the town. The BOS took it under advisement.

**Contingency and Bonding 2015 budget proposal**

The Town Administrator presented the Contingency and Bonding budget. The BOS took it under advisement.

**Approval of Minutes**

August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes – M. Beaulieu moved to approve the minutes as written. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Nonpublic Meeting Minutes – M. Beaulieu requested two corrections: the first “Members in Attendance”; “Rossin” should be “Rawson”. Secondly, “A. Dawson” should be “A. Rawson” on the second page of the minutes, last paragraph. T. McLellan will make these corrections and it will be in the signature file after approval. M. Beaulieu moved to approve the minutes as amended and seal them for 12 months. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

**Expenditure Reports**

The supply line is a bit higher than normal; it may have to be shut it down before the end of the year. E. Dionne does not see the need for a freeze. Employees have been very responsible with budgets and spending.

**Administrator Comments**

NH Municipal Association Legislative Policy Process Votes – The BOS independently submitted votes on each of 72 questions to E. Dionne. Some members of the BOS did not vote (or voted differently) on one issue or another due to uncertainty regarding exactly what was being asked. There was some discussion on number 24, 17, 8, 21 and 19. M. Beaulieu moved to ratify the vote(s) as is. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried. At the next meeting there will be additional votes on 9 issues.

E. Dionne recommends that the BOS hold a special meeting to review RSA 91A and invite Jim Sessler as well as all the Boards, Committees and Commissions regarding what a Board and/or Committee may and may not do; a general review of RSA 91A. E. Dionne will talk with J.Sessler and will find a date to hold the meeting at 6pm at the Town Hall.

Re: Signage for the school: E. Dionne had a request from the bus transportation supervisor. They are having a hard time with buses going into and out of the driveway due to idling cars lined up on both sides of the street to pick up students.

The bus drivers are requesting that signs be placed on both sides of the street for where the buses exit the driveway to the corner. E. Dionne will check into the possibility, and legality, of erecting signs that state “no parking between the hours of...” and she will bring it back to the next meeting. Public Works does not have money for the signs (they will put them up however).

**Selectman Comments**

A. Rawson – Requested an answer for Michelle Beauchamp to be able make deposits in the morning rather than in the evening. M. Beaulieu moved to allow M. Beauchamp, the Tax Collector, to make deposits the morning after they come in. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

A. Rawson brought up an issue that was brought forth by a member of the public at a prior meeting: meeting minutes particularly of the Rec Dept. are not available. The Recreation Commission meets only once/month and at times does not meet every month so unapproved minutes have to be held over for more than a month at time. Only approved minutes go on the web.

A. Rawson. The Recycling Center looks great, and the scale is working well. He complimented the employees at the Center.

A. Rawson – commended the Fire Dept. on the exceptional job they do. Public safety is of paramount importance. He expressed his support of part time and full time firefighters being paid equally.

Chairman Gray – Re: The Safes, They were put up on Craig’s List. There has been no interest. Mike Currier has offered to take them away. E. Dionne recommends selling them to him for \$1 each to make it legal. According to town policy, town owned property must be put up for bid.

Chairman Gray Re: Highway Trucks – Pat from Public Works will need to order an auger chain for salt/sand dispersal for one of the trucks. It is completely rotted out. He will also need materials to rebuild the beds. He will be spending approximately \$3500 to make those repairs (one truck). There are additional repairs that will be needed down the line.

Chairman Gray - has spoken with Karen (Chair of Trustees) and she stated that she is comfortable for now with two people on the Trustees Committee as there is a financial advisor. In March, the people of the town will vote for a new member of the Committee.

### **Public Comments**

Library Director – Requesting a timeline for the egress. M. Beaulieu will be in touch with Mr. Plant.

Stan Nadeau – Requested that the sign on the front door for a volunteer Trustee be taken down.

John Katwick – The Townhouse will hold a bake sale at the town house from 9am-2pm on 10/11/14. They will also host a table at Pride day 9/20/2014. On display will be pictures dating back to 2009. J. Katwick completed the LCHIP report. It has been taken to the Register of Deeds. In addition, he circulated pictures of the exit/entry doors as well as the floor and stage with rough sanding. LCHIP will inspect the building on 9/16/2014 and if all goes well, they will send the payment of approximately \$4,000. He requested the BOS take a look at the pictures. A. Rawson commented that he stopped by and that the floor looks great.

Nick Marique– update on CIP process. There was a bit of an issue with the 2004/2005 process not being done correctly. Allowing the governing body to appoint the planning board was never authorized. That needs to be on ballot before actually forming a committee. The library, Recreation and Dept. heads met and decided to move forward with the official process. They are going to do a consolidated version of the warrant articles. Rough numbers for the CIP total under \$600,000. Last year the request was in excess of \$1 million. He will provide the numbers to E. Dionne in about a week’s time.

Larry Brown – Anybody who would like to see unapproved minutes can do so by participating in town government as a voter or citizen. It is bothersome to have complaints about information which is readily available. Secondly, the 2002 plow truck has 86,000 miles on it. A new clutch was just installed.

9.8.14 BOS

L. Brown and Chairman Gray commended the Dept. heads for the work that they have taken on voluntarily for the CIP. L. Brown expressed that a press release would be nice.

Chairman Gray closed public comments at 8:06pm

There was a 5 minute recess.

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni McLellan  
Recording Clerk

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Chairman Tom F. Gray

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James Michael Beaulieu

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Andrew Rawson