

**Town of Milton
Board of Selectman Meeting
Monday, September 22, 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: Joel Kost, Eric Knapp, Devon Pageau, Richard Krauss, Gail Pennell, Pam Arnold, Bob Carrier, John Katwick, Kathy Beebe, Julie Reynolds, Chris Jacobs, Pat Smith, Pam Smith, Glen Hyslop, Eddi Hyslop, Melissa Adams, John Mullen, Steve Panish, George Knapp, Nick Marique, Jeff Donald, Kathy Wallingford, Brian Boyers, Priscilla Colbath.

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 6:04pm and welcomed everyone.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's 2015 Proposed Budget – Pam Arnold presented the Treasurer's budget. The BOS took it under consideration.

Outside Appropriations 2015 Proposed Budget - Melissa Adams, Deputy Director for Community Action Partnership presented the Outside Appropriations budget. The BOS took it under consideration.

A Safe Place and Sexual Assault Support Services - Kathy Beebe – ED of Sexual Assault Support Services and Director of A Safe Place. SASS is requesting \$800. They see about 10,000 kids a year. They are going through a merger and hope that this process will be completed by June 30th of 2015. A Safe Place is requesting \$1,000. Last year, A Safe Place assisted 14 people. The BOS will take this request under consideration.

AIDS Response Seacoast – The Director was unable to attend this evening's meeting. Chairman Gray read a letter from the Director. The organization requested that the town repeat the previous grants of \$500. ARS is the only non-profit AIDS response group serving the coast since 1987. Their services are provided at no cost. The BOS will take their request under consideration.

Cornerstone VNA (providing home care, health and hospice services) - Julie Reynolds –CEO presented the funding request from Cornerstone VNA in the amount of \$4,598.00. The BOS will take this request under consideration.

DARE: Police Chief Richard Krauss spoke to the \$1500 request for DARE. This pays for materials.

Chances – Has closed. No presentation.

TPPA – In the proposed Conservation Commission budget.

American Legion – E. Dionne received an email today from Mr. Taj. He is out of town and unable to attend the meeting tonight, but offered to come to the meeting on the 29th. The American Legion is requesting \$800. This would be used for Memorial Day Ceremony and parade, for grave flags, grave markers, wreaths and refreshments for marchers. The BOS will take this request under consideration.

American Red Cross – No one attended the meeting this evening from the Red Cross. E. Dionne will reach out to them to attend the meeting on the 29th.

CASA – No one attended the meeting this evening from CASA. E. Dionne will reach out to them to attend the meeting on the 29th.

Coast Bus Service – Jeff Donald presented the request from Coast. The buses are driven by volunteers. In Milton, seven people are registered; only one rider is currently using the service. Coast is requesting \$316.00. The BOS will take this request under consideration.

Glen Hyslop Re: 320 Silver St. Map 37 Lot 4 (.71 acres) – It is a non-buildable parcel and does not abut anyone else (with the exception of the state of NH and the town of Milton). M. Beaulieu moved to accept the offer by Glen Hyslop of \$4500.00 (plus any additional cost that the town incurs) to purchase Map 37 Lot 4 and merge it with lot 3 and lot 4. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried. Attorney Sessler will need to draw up the deed. E. Dionne and Kathy Wallingford will work with Glen Hyslop to complete the process.

Conservation Commission 2015 Proposed Budget – Steve Panish presented the Conservation Commission budget. The BOS took it under consideration.

Planning/Code 2015 Proposed Budget – Brian Boyers presented the Code budget. The BOS took it under consideration. The Planning Board budget was presented by B. Boyers. The BOS took it under consideration.

Police Chief Richard Krauss Re: Grant – The Highway Safety Grant applied for (and granted) would allow the Dept. to pay for one officer (off duty overtime) during the 6-9am and 4-7pm commute times and will be dedicated just to safety issues on the road. The grant total is \$5241.60. M. Beaulieu moved to allow Chief Krauss to pursue the Highway Safety grant for \$5241.60. A. Rawson seconded. The motion carried.

Police Chief Richard Krauss Re: Cruisers – There are 2 options 1) Purchase one car/year (\$39,858.00) or 2) Lease (to purchase) 3 vehicles (\$30,882.00). The cruisers are not on the CIP because they are under \$50,000. They are in the Dept. budget. The cruisers are currently replaced on a 5-year cycle (serves 4 years as a frontline car then it goes to the Chief). The Dept. currently budgets \$34,000/year for a car. Chief Krauss feels that the Lease option is best. It is the most cost effective allowing several cars (and the laptops as well as a Server) to be replaced at one time. M. Beaulieu moved to allow Chief Krauss to enter into a lease agreement with MLC for cruisers in the amount of \$30,882.90 (cruiser purchase line – line 731). A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

Recreation 2015 Proposed Budget – Postponed until the meeting on September 29th.

Moderator 2015 Proposed Budget – Chris Jacob presented the budget for the Moderator. The BOS took it under consideration.

Trustees of Trust Funds 2015 Proposed Budget – This budget will be presented at the meeting on September 29th.

Supervisors of The Checklist 2015 Proposed Budget – This budget will be presented at the meeting on September 29th.

Highway Department 2015 Proposed Budget – Pat Smith presented the Highway Department budget. The BOS took it under consideration.

Solid Waste Department 2015 Proposed Budget – Pat Smith presented the Solid Waste Department budget. The BOS took it under consideration.

Government Buildings 2015 Proposed Budget – Pat Smith presented the Government Buildings budget. The BOS took it under consideration. E. Dionne will find out who is responsible for town properties, specifically the fields (Town or Rec).

Fire Department 2015 Proposed Budget – Chief Nick Marique presented the Fire Dept. budget. The BOS took it under consideration.

Emergency Management 2015 Proposed Budget – Chief Marique presented the Emergency Management budget. The BOS took it under consideration.

Chief Marique spoke about a conference in Clearwater, Florida in November. The training money budgeted for this year has not been used. The total cost would be \$2500 for two firefighters to attend the conference in November. That total includes hotel, flight and conference costs. The conference addresses leadership, management, tactics and strategies training. The intent is that the attendees will come back and train the firefighters that did not attend the conference. M. Beaulieu moved to allow the Chief to send his Captain and one other firefighter to the November 6th-8th conference. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

Insurance and Benefits 2015 Proposed Budget – E. Dionne presented the Insurance and Benefits budget. The BOS took it under consideration.

9 Pineland Park Re: Motion to Deed Property Back to Owner – The BOS had previously agreed to deed the property back to the owner if back taxes were paid. All back taxes have been paid. M. Beaulieu moved to deed the property at 9 Pineland Park at 33 lot 203-1 back to the original owner Mr. Meatty. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried. The deed was signed by the BOS.

Approval of Minutes

September 8th, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

September 8th, 2014 Nonpublic Meeting Minutes 1st and 2nd Session

September 17th, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes

The minutes have not been read by all BOS members. The approval of the minutes have been tabled until the meeting on September 29th.

Expenditure Reports

The budget is 61% used.

Administrator Comments

Re: The 9 Floor Proposals - Numbers 6, 8 and 9 were discussed as there was some disagreement on these three issues. There was some discussion with clarification of what was being asked each of these issues. The vote is on the 26th so the motion to approve must be made this evening.

#6 - 2 yes and 1 no vote. After discussion, this is now a unanimous “no” vote.

#8 – M. Beaulieu and A. Rawson changed their votes to “no” on this issue. After discussion, this is now a unanimous “no” vote on this issue.

#9 - Chairman Gray changed his vote to “yes” on this issue. M. Beaulieu and A. Rawson remain at “yes”. After discussion, this is now a unanimous “yes” vote.

Re: Signage request at High School – the area in question involves no legitimate parking in this area so having a sign that says “no parking allowed between the hours ofand.....” does not really apply (in this particular location). Chief Krauss recommends designating a parking line allowing people to park (and do drop offs) on one side of School St. This will be safe for the students. With this, there will be no cars lining Elm Street. There will be a discussion between the BOS, Chief Krauss and Tim Eldridge at the meeting on October 6th.

E. Dionne received a request that all requests for legal opinions from Attorney Sesser or NH Municipal Association (the town can get legal advice at no charge through this Association) be approved by the BOS or the Town Administrator first. This includes calls to the legal counsel. M. Beaulieu moved to have all requests for legal opinions from Attorney Sesser or the NH Municipal Association be approved first through the BOS or the Town Administrator. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

Trustee of Trust Funds – Currently records are stored in a private residence (which is against state law). Four filing cabinets have been delivered to the Townhouse (basement). Two cabinets were free; the other two were purchased at \$20 each. A Trustee is requesting reimbursement for the cabinets. The issue has been tabled until the next meeting. E. Dionne will get more information and will invite the Trustees to the next meeting.

Economic Development Committee Re: Timing of meetings. They are held at 3pm in the afternoon. Can their meetings be held in the evening for the benefit of Board members and the public? E. Dionne will inquire as to if a later time for meetings is possible.

Selectman Comments

A. Rawson Re: a possible basketball court for the town. There is a lot of interest in a municipal basketball court. There is a concern on the part of some residents that there is not enough to do for the children of the town. There is a good spot for the court at the lake. Taxpayer money would not be used if this is to move forward. There are old CIP (from 2011) funds and money in the Gate Fee fund. The CIP has approx. \$4748.00 in it. This fund has to be used and the original intent was to use it for recreation. The beach was a proposed location. There are basketball poles at Lockhart field that can be fixed up (Lockhart would not be the right location for the court as it would not be visible). Hoops would not have to be purchased, just the backboards. In addition to this idea, it was proposed (for winter) that the Rec. Dept. and School join together to do an open court time. The approximate cost of paving it would be about \$4500.00. A. Rawson will pull together a plan together including estimates in order to move forward.

Chairman Gray – tomorrow evening a meeting was scheduled with remaining Conservation Commission members to address violations of RSA 91A. An email was received from the Chair of the Conservation Commission that she could not attend due to other scheduled plans. This meeting has been postponed.

Public Comments

John Katwick – LCIP came to the townhouse last Tuesday. They inspected the floors and stage. It is within standards. Final payment has been made by LCIP.

John Katwick - Amy Dixon – She will be moving to another Department.

John Katwick re: “House for Sale” Signs on the lawn at the Townhouse - Signs are being put out on the lawn. Can John remove them? There is a sign ordinance. The town ordinance will be checked to see if this is allowed.

Chairman Gray moved to go back into nonpublic session at 8:25pm under RSA 91A 3:11(a). M. Beaulieu seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni McLellan

Recording Clerk

Chairman Tom F. Gray

James Michael Beaulieu

Andrew Rawson