

Town of Milton
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
Friday, October 10, 2014, 6:00pm
Nute High School
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Selectman J. Michael Beaulieu, Selectman Andrew O. Rawson, Town Administrator Elizabeth Dionne.

Public in attendance: Bob Garnett, Marty Conant, Rachel Towne, Amber Hall, David D. Paey, Thad Hall, Joan Lygren, John Lygren, Douglas Shute, Robert Hart, Guy Eaton, Ed Dupont, Jay Cloutier, Maria Cloutier, Joseph Durgin, Rue Thresher, Dave Thresher, Kari Lygren, (undecipherable), Michael Oulove, Janice Greene Long, Timothy Long, Sean Skillings, Joel Kost, Glenn Eckert, Nancy Drew, Tom Drew, Candace Cole-McCrea, Kestrel Cole-McKrea, Judi Lover, Richard Lover, Charlie Karcher, Gail Karcher, Cynthis Wyatt, Richard Krauss, Les Elder, Jessie Estevau, Karen Golab, Bob Carrier, William Fortune, Steve Eisenhauer, Kirsten Hygren, Lisa Lucier, Chris Vontt, Jake Vontt, Nancy Coyne, Steve Coyne, Andrew Magargee, Thomas McDougall, Lynette McDougall, Wayne Estes, Millicent Leeper, John A. Towne, Andrew A. Towne, Bill Towne, Michael Martin, Sheldon C. Holmes, Lenore Ekasurtzel, Mike Currier, Diane Currier, John Katwick, Peg Hurd, David Alton, Maureen Fleming, Eric Knapp, George Knapp, Janet Knapp, April Grimaldi, Ashli Grimaldi, Sarah Northerin, B. Cronin, Barbara Hughes, Mark Hughes, Nick Marique, Tim Perkins, Steno Conner, Brian Boyer, Chen Kimball, Jack Savage, Megan Levesque, Susan Roy, Ryan Braze, Margaret Braze, Grace Allen, Sheehan Snyder, (undecipherable), Caitlin Magargee, Bob Silva, Sally Miller. *Many of the names listed above were difficult to decipher due to the quality of the hand printing on the sign-in sheet and may not be correctly spelled.*

M. Beaulieu called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

M. Beaulieu stated that the pros of the proposed C&D Landfill would indeed be \$500,000 in revenue and 54 acres of conservation land, to be fair. Anything that has been done so far has been done with the best interest of the Town in mind. From a budgetary standpoint revenues are down. We need a tax rate to support that and the absence of growth so that the resident's don't take the brunt. Businesses with a right fit would be good for Milton. We need volunteers for boards and we need tourism. We have very little to offer for tourism. Even the snow machine's that gas up at the Citgo will no longer be able to do that as it has closed. Selectman Tom Gray said it the best – that the Town is in trouble. I would like to open the meeting up to the public to speak.

Mike Dubois asked about the economic benefits vs the economic benefits of Milton 3 Ponds and 245 properties with direct waterfront. Tax money will always be there from those 245 properties as long as there are no water quality changes. We need to consider this before a landfill which could leak and have a 20-year lifespan.

Tim Long advised that Milton pays \$82/ton to transfer to another facility and \$160/ton to pay. \$2/ton from the landfill complex. You do the math.

Bill Foisy stated that you need only your own material for a landfill. There are new technologies around. I encourage the landfill people to put those new technologies to use.

Elizabeth Bolton stated there's a railroad beside the proposed site of the proposed landfill. They

obtained a multimillion dollar Tiger grant. We should capitalize on the beauty of the Town. Why can't we use the railroad for more tourism vs a landfill. Pointed rocks will put a hole in the liner as rocks always move upward. This landfill was sent away before, why are they back. The owners of ReEnergy are Riverstone Holdings the largest equity on Wall Street.

Les Elder advised exit 17 and 18 have been rezoned. This is not one of them. The Master Plan and zoning are not being followed.

M. Beaulieu responded they were invited here as a possible revenue source.

Lenore Eckworth asked if the current site, a gravel pit, would have to be reclaimed.

Karen Nolet asked if anyone had done a written agreement.

M. Beaulieu responded, no.

Brian Gray asked why do we keep inviting them (the landfill) back and why do we keep electing them (the Selectmen)?

Nancy Coyner stated the \$500,000 wouldn't help the Town. We need to encourage people and businesses to the Town. A landfill won't put the three-corner store or Ray's Marina back in business.

Janice Long stated the DES couldn't answer questions at the September 30th meeting. They should know if they're issuing permits or not.

Judi Lover asked who is "we". Who invited them?

M. Beaulieu responded technically it would've been the entire Board of Selectmen.

Mike Dubois asked what is the process to get this approved and then what is the process to stop it?

Brian Boyers explained it goes to the Planning Board. Public hearings are held. A recommendation is made by the Planning Board to recommend or not recommend. It then goes on the ballot. Later to the ZBA (Zoning Board of Adjustment) for a variance.

Ms. Myron asked what can be done to prevent it again in three years?

Brian Boyers stated he would need to check with the attorney to see if that could legally be done.

Eric Knapp stated he has read the Master Plan and "it" doesn't want it here. If we want something contrary to the Master Plan we need to update the Master Plan first. Let's be democratic and do it the right way using the Master Plan and then pursue this.

Dave Aiken had a question on allowing landfills as "landfill" is vague. He's against landfills. There are other ordinances on adult book stores and cell towers, why not landfills. If the majority of people think it's worth it I'm ok with that. They could buy it and not build and they'd be grandfather when ready to build. He questioned the roadway into the site and wouldn't it be destroyed by all of the truck traffic.

Brian Boyers explained they would have to come before the Planning Board first with a site plan review with plans to prevent that sort of thing.

A. Rawson stated he was sworn in a few months ago to represent the residents. Moving forward we need business's in Town to raise property values and not lower them. We need to preserve what we have. He's not a fan of social media and will not respond on social media, but will take phone calls and emails from residents.

Candace Cole-McCrea stated she was originally from New York. Small towns in New York have disappeared over the years due to voting. The money from the State doesn't come here but goes to Manchester, Nashua, etc. There's grant money out there to beautify the Town center.

Joanne Libron stated the trucks come daily starting at 4pm. It wakes us all up.

Eric Knapp stated that his wife has been crying herself to sleep every night over this. He wants to bring good businesses to Town. ReEnergy said if we don't want them they'll go away. Can you ask them not to come here?

M. Beaulieu stated that two of the Selectmen are against changing the zoning to allow landfills and invite ReEnergy. He pledged to not let this happen.

A. Rawson moved that they would do what they could, within the law, to not let this happen. Motion seconded by M. Beaulieu. Motion carried.

Candace Cole-McCrea stated the good thing out of this is that the citizens were aroused as a catalyst. We need to look at the youth population. Look at the families. Citizens can survive and businesses thrive and have environmental protection.

Nancy Drew stated that there will be a dinner on October 29, 2014, here at the Nute Cafeteria, regarding the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and this would be a good discussion point.

A. Rawson moved at 7:01pm to adjourn. Seconded by M. Beaulieu. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
E. Dionne, Town Administrator

Chairman Tom F. Gray

J. Michael Beaulieu

Andrew O. Rawson