

Town of Milton
Board of Selectman Meeting
Monday, December 15, 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: Janice Greene Long, Charlie Karcher, Pat Smith, Pam Smith, John Katwick, Danny Jobe, Richard Krauss, George Knapp, Gordy Maness, Michelle Beauchamp, Bob Carrier, Timothy Long, Kari M. Lygren, Gail Pennell, Betsy Baker, Eric Knapp, Joel Kost, Jay Clothier

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and welcomed everyone.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

NEW BUSINESS

Metrocast Re: Metrocast Franchise Fee – Chairman Gray wanted to find out more information about this possibility and what it means for the town. Danny Jobe was present as a representative of Metrocast to speak to the issue. D. Jobe serves as Vice President of Systems Operations for Metrocast (also Acting General Manager). Page 21, section 8.1 of the Metrocast contract states “If and as, the Town may require, the Franchisee shall pay the town throughout the term of this Franchise Renewal Agreement, a Franchise Fee up to five percent (5%) of the Franchisee’s Gross Annual Revenue each year of this Renewal, but only so far as is in accordance and consistent with the Communications Act and FCC Regulations.” D. Jobe states that under the terms of the agreement, the town can request that Metrocast collect a Franchise Fee. This would be a separate line item on the customer’s (Milton residents) Metrocast bill. It would appear as 5% maximum (of gross video revenues) on the bill. It does not apply to phone or internet service. Metrocast would pay this collected fee to the town annually. Typically, this fee goes to the General Fund of a town and the BOS decides in which manner to spend the money. Metrocast does not take any percentage of the fee. Chairman Gray does not wish to add this fee to the customer bills.

Vote on Sale of Proposed Property on Silver Street - M. Beaulieu made a motion to sell the property (Map 37, Lot 4) to Glen Hyslop for \$4,500.00. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

Luther Ellis Re: Check Request. M. Beaulieu moved to refund Luther Ellis in the amount of \$100.00 for his work boots. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

Pat Smith Re: Approval of Cameron’s Contract for 2015 work at the Recreation Athletic Field (already allocated in the coming budget) –A. Rawson moved to accept the contract for Cameron’s for: realignment of base paths, pitcher’s mound, home plate, cutting off warning track and shimming with stone dust (\$2,700.00). Also to be done: slice seeding, fertilizing and liming of field, initial weed control and aeration (\$3,800.00).The total cost would be \$6500.00. M. Beaulieu seconded. Motion carried. The work will be done on Milton Beach Baseball Field in the spring of 2015.

Trustees of the Trust Funds Warrant Article’s Proposal - No Trustee was present to speak to the proposal. Chairman Gray would like this to be on the next agenda.

Three Proposed Zoning Amendment Petitioned Warrant Articles – Chairman Gray stepped down from discussion on this item. M. Beaulieu spoke with Attorney Sessler regarding this issue and the next step is to send it to the Planning Board. M. Beaulieu moved to have all three petitions go to the Planning Board as the next step. A. Rawson seconded. Chairman Gray abstained. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

November 20, 2014 –Regular Meeting Minutes – M. Beaulieu moved to accept the minutes as written. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

November 20, 2014 –Nonpublic Meeting Minutes – M. Beaulieu moved to accept the minutes as written and to seal them indefinitely. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

December 1, 2014 – Regular Meeting Minutes – Chairman Gray put forth a correction on page 4 of the minutes: change “because many are on different committees, after the first of the year, he would like to have brief updates from committees during the BOS meetings on what they are doing so everyone can be kept abreast of what is happening.” to “...after the first of the year, he would like the BOS to report (during the regular BOS meetings) on what is taking place in the different committees that they participate in so that everyone may be kept abreast of what is happening.” M. Beaulieu moved to accept the meeting minutes with corrections as stated. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

December 1, 2014 – Nonpublic Meeting Minutes Session 1 & 2 – M. Beaulieu moved to accept and seal the nonpublic meeting minutes Session 1 for one year and to seal the nonpublic meeting minutes Session 2 indefinitely A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

December 2, 2014 – Meeting Minutes – M. Beaulieu moved to accept the minutes as written. A. Rawson seconded. Chairman Gray abstained. Motion carried.

December 2, 2014 – Nonpublic Meeting Minutes – M. Beaulieu moved to accept the meeting minutes as written and to seal them for one year. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

December 4, 2014 – Meeting Minutes – M. Beaulieu moved to accept the meeting minutes as written. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

December 9, 2014 – Meeting Minutes – M. Beaulieu moved to accept the meeting minutes as written. A. Rawson seconded. Chairman Gray abstained. Motion carried.

Expenditure Reports

Nothing to report

Administrator Comments

E. Dionne – Police Chief Richard Krauss was present to speak to the issue of replacing radar units and the revolving fund. The BOS requested that Chief Krauss might use the detail account to replace the radar units. Chief Krauss reports that currently, there is about \$44,000 in the detail fund. It has taken since 2009 to get to that point. If the Dept. takes \$15,000 out of the detail account to replace radar units, there will not be enough to replace a cruiser and a truck. The Chief currently has \$185,000 left in the budget and does not anticipate spending that by the end of the year. The total cost per radar unit is \$2,100.00. The money left over in the budget is due to a shortage of officers (staff), and grant money. M. Beaulieu made a motion for the Chief to purchase new radar equipment (out of the budget)for the cruisers (total of 5) for up to \$15,000 (including install). A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

On December 24th, the Town typically closes at noon in observance of the Christmas Day Holiday. The BOS is in support of this.

12.15.14 BOS

Re: Team Building Training. Primex does not offer this. They do offer goal setting (for the Town as a whole). E. Dionne will get more information on the goal setting training.

Larry Brown had asked at the last meeting about having another internal audit done. Primex does not do internal audits. They recommend contracting out with another company. MRI does audits, but there will be a high cost associated with this.

NH Solar Garden is full! The deed has not been found yet to the property (transfer station). Kathy Wallingford has been doing research on this.

Strafford CAP had previously expressed interest in selling their parcel of land by the Fire Station. They are still interested in selling. They are asking the BOS to come up with a sale price. The offer of \$8,700.00 was rejected by Strafford CAP. The BOS would like to give this some thought.

Selectman Comments

M. Beaulieu – It is budget season and he reports that negotiations between the Budget Committee and the BOS are going well. There are also many library meetings coming up.

Chairman Gray – Read a letter of gratitude from Michelle Beauchamp thanking the people that helped her to get the December tax bills out in record time. Those individuals are: Norma Corrow, Carol Martin, Kathy Wallingford, Kim Ladisheff, Karen Brown, Cindy Kilkenny, Pat Smith, Shawn Donnell.

Identification Badges – E. Dionne reports that they are in process. She has completed a final design (reviewed by the Chief). Chief Krauss reports that the template should be completed tonight. Photographs will be needed for all people that will have an Id.

Update on PSNH permission forms (affixing signs to poles) – A. Rawson has not contacted PSNH yet.

Re: Signage at Rocky Point -- Changing sign from “No Trespassing” to “No Hunting”. The Conservation Commission Chair will look into Conservation money to fund this change.

Chairman Gray would like the BOS packet to be done on Thursday rather than Friday so that there is more of a chance to review and understand items. As much background information as possible is needed.

Re: Town Forest – There was a Town Forest informational meeting back in July. There has been some talk about putting the property in easement. However, the property belongs to the town of Milton. There is the possibility of trading that land for money owed the Conservation Commission. Attorney Sessler gave a price for the title search. This will be a joint meeting with the Conservation Commission on Thursday the 18th.

Public Comments

Kari Lygren - Question Re: the proposed zoning amendments and the process for the Warrant Articles – The process is they will go to Planning Board first. Any Petitioned Warrant Article (as long as they are legal) has to go on the ballot as written. Typically, the BOS does not recommend zoning or conservation Articles; those go to the Planning Board. Typically, the BOS recommends (or not) money articles, and things of that nature. As soon as there is a date from the Planning Board Chair, it will be on the town calendar.

Gail Pennell – Has the town found a place next spring for leaves or yard waste?

Pat Smith - The town had a contract with Earth Tenders for this purpose. The company closed without notice.

P. Smith then contacted NRRA (Northeast Resource Recovery Association). There are some options but the town has to truck the leaves/waste and pay for it; he is trying to avoid this. There are about 100 residents that get rid of their leaves. P. Smith is working on this and will update the town as soon as the issue is resolved. Compost bins are for sale at \$7.50.

Chief Krauss wished to report that the Dept. has seen an increase in daytime burglaries in the town. They have been occurring in well-populated, highly visible areas of the town. If you see anything suspicious, please call the Police Dept. but do not approach anyone looking suspicious. The Dept. is asking residents to please document all property so that if something happens, it can be tracked.

Eric Knapp – Is there a neighborhood watch?

Chief Krauss – The only area that he knows of where a Watch exists is in the St. James area. The Chief will designate an officer as a liaison, but the neighborhood itself creates the Watch.

Other Business That May Come Before the Board

Chairman Gray would like to readdress the December 26th office closings – The BOS made the decision to close for the day with regular pay. However, an employee will get Overtime if called in for an emergency.

M. Beaulieu made a motion that the town of Milton (except for essential personnel) will be closed on Dec 26th with regular pay. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

M. Beaulieu moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni McLellan
Recording Clerk

Chairman Tom F. Gray

James Michael Beaulieu

Andrew Rawson