

Town of Milton  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Milton Town Hall

**Board of Selectmen Attendance:** Selectmen Chair Andrew Rawson, Ryan Thibeault, Town Administrator; Heather Thibodeau,

**Public Attendance:** Peg Hurd, Michelle Beauchamp, Nicholas Marique, Pat Smith

**New Business:**

- **Discussions & Possible Actions of Ira Miller Store: Roy & Amy Darling**  
A. Darling states her and her husband own a construction company living in Milton Mills that they have a business proposal for the purpose of bringing back the general store it once was. Stated her two main concerns were any known environmental issues as such as a contaminated building. A. Rawson states the building has not been cleared. A. Darling questioned any historical value to the building and would like to follow thru with doing so if not. L. Brown stated he does not believe it has been marked appropriately as of yet. A. Darling would like to seek approval for parking spaces as well as questioned the means of egress. A. Rawson states that would be a question/issue to discuss and bring up within the planning board. N. Marique recommends bringing it to the Economic Development Committee as well, that Bruce Woodruff would be able to help in both Economic Development as well as the Planning Board. A. Rawson and R. Thibeault both stated they are looking forward to the proposed potential.
  
- **Treasurers proposed budget, presented by Pam Arnold**
  - Salary: \$7,129.38
  - FICA: \$389.85
  - Medicare: \$103.39
  - Telephone: \$108
  - Supplies \$100
  - Postage: \$76
  - Mileage: \$2,400
  - Membership: \$35

P. Arnold stated 10 days of deposit transaction mileage expenses were taken out of the mileage line and would like to make sure that there will not be any issues if the mileage line is overspent for the year. A. Rawson stated being cautious on the line will be needed.

R. Thibeault questioned the telephone line that she planned to continue with it. P. Arnold stated its staying as is.

R. Thibeault motioned to accept the proposed Treasurers budget of \$11,028.05. A. Rawson seconded. 2-0

- **Outside Appropriations**

- Strafford CAP: 2018 requested amount \$8,250, the 2017 request was \$7,250. A. Rawson motioned to keep it at the 2017 request. H. Thibodeau stated we utilize CAP for fuel assistance, Community Action, Food Pantry and other resources servicing roughly 359 residents. R. Thibeault seconded motion of \$7,250. 2-0
- Homemakers: 2018 requested amount \$1000, the 2017 request was \$1,800. A. Rawson motioned to approve \$750. R. Thibeault seconded. 2-0
- HAVEN: 2018 requested amount \$1,800, the 2017 request was \$500. A. Rawson motioned to accept 2018 request of \$1,800. R. Thibeault seconded. 2-0
- AID Response: Requested amount of \$400 both 2018 and 2017 serving 2-4 town residents. A. Rawson motioned to accept \$400 request. R. Thibeault seconded. 2-0
- Cornerstone VNA: 2018 requested amount \$5,652, the 2017 request was \$4,598 servicing 348 patients and 2,828 visits. A. Rawson motioned to accept \$5,000. P. Arnold states as the county treasurer she knows this is an organization that utilizes all that they are given and have had issues in the past. R. Thibeault states they provide a lot to the town. A. Rawson motioned to accept \$5,652. R. Thibeault seconded. 2-0
- Strafford Meals on Wheels: 2018 requested amount \$1,500 servicing 24 residents last year with 13 daily visits. This is a new organization request. A. Rawson motioned to accept \$1,500. R. Thibeault seconded. 2-0
- American Legion: 2018 requested amount \$800, the 2017 request was \$900. The Legion decorate veteran's graves and responsible for organizing celebrations at the park and participating in town ceremonies and parades. A. Rawson motioned to accept \$800. R. Thibeault seconded. 2-0
- American Red Cross: No request given
- Safe Place: No request given
- CASA: 2018 requested amount \$500, the 2017 request was \$350. CASA is court appointed special advocates protecting vulnerable children. R. Thibeault motioned to approve \$500. A. Rawson seconded. 2-0
- Wakefield Food Pantry: 2018 requested amount \$2,500. Have been servicing the town since July of this year. Roughly service 20 families in Milton. P. Arnold states that towns people use Farmington food pantry as well. R. Thibeault motioned to accept \$2,500. A. Rawson seconded. 2-0

Total outside appropriation amount \$20,102. For 2018.

- Debt Services Principal total \$296,150.95

- Debt Services Interest total \$106,998.32

Total of the general fund \$403,149.27

R. Thibeault motioned to accept the \$403,149.27 debt services principal and interest. A. Rawson seconded. 2-0

- **Discussion of Tax Deeded Properties**

Discussion of tax deeded properties moving to conservation property still being town owned property. Map 41, Lot 68-11, 68-12, 68-13, 68-14 and 68-15. P. Arnold questioned if the properties in question were in fact lot 48 or 68, agenda reads differently than board read. A. Rawson stated there was a typo in the agenda and that the actual lots are of 68. L. Brown noted that the properties about 73 acres on a class VI road and substantial upgrades to the road would

be needed amongst other processes to be followed. A. Rawson stated to table this and the request of volunteer merger of tax deeded lots until Tuesday's meeting due to the typing error in the agenda.

- **Approval of Town Planners Contract:**

Bruce Woodruff is the Town Planners contract is not to exceed \$17,500, mileage is also paid. A. Rawson would like to thank Bruce for all his hard work and dedication. R. Thibeault motioned to accept the Town Planner contract of \$17,500. A. Rawson seconded. 2-0

- **Approval of Minutes:**

R. Thibeault motioned to approve November 1, 2017 minutes. A. Rawson seconded. 2-0

R. Thibeault motioned to approve November 6, 2017 minutes with a name spelling adjustment and to add in the complaint finding quote that was read. A. Rawson seconded. 2-0

R. Thibeault motioned to approve November 9, 2017 minutes with a name spelling adjustment. A. Rawson seconded. 2-0

- **Expenditure Report**

H. Thibodeau stated expenditure reports will soon reflect annual charges as they come in over the next few weeks.

- **Administrative Comments**

H. Thibodeau states that she has received two payments from the Solar Garden project totaling \$12,470.34 as a town revenue.

Noted all departments are incredibly hard-working employees and are very dedicated, would like to thank everyone for their hard work.

The issue with the town assessment and taxes will be looked into thoroughly. A. Rawson states there is a process with the assessing department for those who feel they have received an unfair assessment.

In closing would like to wish all a Happy Thanksgiving.

- **Selectmen Comments**

R. Thibeault states the last couple weeks have been rough for the town and need to continue to move forward.

A. Rawson states the last weekend was rather rough with the news of the tax rate and assessments. Urges those with concerns to come in and discuss them and the process with Kathy.

Senior Thanksgiving meal was a great success, would like to thank Mark and Krista from the Pink House for their assistance in cooking, and the 4H club and Bob Carrier for their assistance for the day.

Recreation Basketball signups are still being accepted with open court December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Lastly would like to wish all a Happy Thanksgiving.

- **Public Comments**

- M. Beauchamp states she would like to thank the departments for sending their employees to help prepare tax bills for mailing, it made the process much quicker and was able to send all bills in one day.
- R. Krauss would like to note the winter parking ban will take effect December 1, stating no parking in public ways from 10:30pm-7:00am.
- N. Wing presented a \$500. Donation to the Milton Welfare Department on behalf of co-owner Joe White and herself of Sentential Resale. R. Thibeault motioned to accept the donation. A. Rawson seconded. 2-0
- B. Carrier would like to thank Heather, Danielle and Pat for their help in retrieving needed budgets for the Budget Committee.
- L. Brown stated multiple business proposals have come to the Planning Board, ZBA and other appropriate committees, to say there is no business in the town is a fictional statement.
- P. Smith stated the Town House culvert project is near completion, the last piece of culvert went in and back filling will continue in upcoming days. Project has been extended 2 weeks due to the weather and amount of rain received causing water issues in the beginning of the project. Stated that a winter binder will be put down with continuation in the spring with the paving. Guardrails will be in place for completion with the exception of the guardrails. December 8<sup>th</sup> is the new expected completion date. Would like to have acceptance granted for drainage work to be completed on Dawson Street (from Steeple Street to Pizza Nook) as well as Silver Street (from Steeple Street to Dawson Street). He would like to clean and dress up the area including sidewalks. Conduct a study on the drainage and receive estimates on costs, P. Smith would like to use the Block Grant to continue on with this. A. Rawson thinks it would be a great project. P. Smith states fixing these issues would help make, Dawson especially, safer. He would also like to see municipal parking utilized in that area eventually. R. Thibodeau motioned to use Block Grant monies to move forward in draining project. A. Rawson seconded. 2-0
- B. Brown stated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in December will be the last Historical Society Meeting until the spring.
- R. Thibeault requests to appoint a selectman as a representative to attend the Budget Committee meetings. Mentioned that the Planning Board typically meets at the same time and as he is the selectmen representative for that suggests A. Rawson fill in for the time being. R. Thibeault motioned to appoint A. Rawson the Budget Committee selectmen representative. A. Rawson seconded. 2-0
- N. Wing questioned the next step in appointing a replacement selectman. A. Rawson stated that they are currently accepting letters of interest to fill the position until voting in March.

R. Thibeault motioned to move meeting into Non-Public under RSA 91-A:3II(j). A. Rawson seconded. 2-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Marique

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Chairman Andrew Rawson

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Ryan Thibeault