

Town of Milton
Board of Selectmen Meeting
July 10, 2017
Milton Town Hall
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Selectmen Chair Andrew Rawson, and Ryan Thibeault.

Public in Attendance: Bob Carrier, David Carpus, Lynette McDougal, John Katwick, Richard Krauss, Betsy Baker, Brian Boyer, Larry Brown, Sally Miller, Eric Knapp, Eric Goodrich, Chris Dubois, Peg Hurd, Bob Graham, Joey Vachon, Nancy Wing.

Chairman Rawson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Acknowledgements:

Birthdays:

- David Skelly – Fire Department
- Peter Maimes – Fire Department
- Dave Benedict _ Recreation Department
- Ruth Guttman – Library
- Erin Mon – Recreation Department
- Jerry Randall – Fire Department
- Jordan Guptil – Recreation Department
- Chris Liberi – Fire Department
- Brian Leahy – Police Department

Passings:

- David Clough Jr.
- Nancy Johnson
- Christopher Greene

NEW BUSINESS – Discussions and Possible Actions:

- **New Part-Time Police Officer Hire:**

A. Rawson congratulated Devin Pago and swore him in as a Milton NH Police Officer.

- **Acceptance of Employee Evaluations and Approval of Dept. Head Step & Merit Cola Increases (No Public Discussion)**

Motion:

R. Thibeault motioned to accept the employee evaluations, and to accept the recommendations of the department heads for the steps or merit or COLA increases for all town employees, A. Rawson seconded.

Roll Call:

R. Thibeault (Yes), A. Rawson (Yes), motion carried 2-0

- **Thank you from South Shore Outboard Associates:**

A. Rawson read a thank you letter received from South Shore Outboard Associates, they are the ones that held the boat races on Milton Three Ponds during the Summer Kick Off.

- **Recognition and Thanks to Town DPW staff for finishing the flooring project of phase I in Town Hall:**

A. Rawson thanked the staff of the DPW for finishing the floor project phase I in the town hall, the staff worked late. The staff removed everything and then had to move fast to put everything back so that Town Hall could open up again on July 5th. A. Rawson stated that he could not thank the Staff at DPW enough for all their hard work. R. Thibeault wanted to also thank everyone that was involved in getting the floor project complete.

Old Business – Discussions and possible Actions

- **Discussion of letter from Thomas McDougal**

A. Rawson read a letter received from Thomas McDougal which pertained to the discussion held about 254 White Mountain Hwy at the last BOS meeting on June 10, 2016.

R. Thibeault stated that the BOS is meeting for the first time with Brian Boyers about the issue that was discussed in the letter from Thomas McDougal. R. Thibeault stated that until the BOS discusses the issue with Brian Boyers they would be jumping to a lot of conclusions. R. Thibeault stated that they should hear what B. Boyers has to say and then take another look at the letter when H. Thibodeau returns from vacation and go from there.

A. Rawson stated that they are going to move forward and hear what B. Boyers has for information pertaining to 254 White Mountain Hwy. The BOS are looking for B. Boyers take on the wall, what part he took in it and any information he has for the BOS so they can determine a solution that fits the town's needs and the abutter's needs. A. Rawson is looking for very little input from the public tonight. R. Thibeault stated that if anyone has comments then they should bring them up under public discussion and not while there is a discussion going on.

B. Boyers stated that he was not comfortable having this discussion without a full board and he was not comfortable with R. Thibeault sitting in as he has a vested interest in this issue and he is an abutter.

R. Thibeault stated that they are not making any decisions tonight they are simply getting B. Boyers side of the story.

B. Boyers said that R. Thibeault should not have any involvement in this matter.

B. Boyers asked who changed it to the retaining wall, who made that decision? He said he can't understand why everyone is referring to it as a retaining wall when it was a landscape wall which everyone agreed on when it was being built.

A. Rawson asked B. Boyers, when the landscape wall was being built, did Joe St. Lawrence come in and ask what was needed for a permit. B. Boyers stated that J. St. Lawrence did come in and said that he was putting up a wall up the banking because they could not mow it or control any growth so he wanted to put up a landscape wall and B. Boyers agreed to it. A. Rawson asked if the town has permits for landscape or retaining walls or do they. B. Boyers stated no the town does not have permits for them it is not requires. B. Boyers stated that he has never even issued

a permit for retaining walls; he said they are required now but they have never had one in town of any kind. R. Thibeault stated that he had several questions and he sees no reason why he shouldn't be allowed to ask, B. Boyers stated he would not answer them. A. Rawson stated that M. Beaulieu is not there tonight and M. Beaulieu had some questions as well. A. Rawson stated the one of his biggest questions was that seeing a wall that size being built, it didn't raise any concerns about the height of it when it was being built for landscaping wall and B. Boyers didn't see it to be an issue. B. Boyers stated that as he watched the construction it was being done very well, so no; he was not too concerned with it.

R. Thibeault said to A. Rawson, maybe I can encourage you to ask this question, at the last BOS meeting he did not hear anyone refer to the wall as a landscape wall and asked A. Rawson if he did, A. Rawson said no, he did not. R. Thibeault said that B. Boyers stated that the wall was supposed to be sloped but the wall is vertical so maybe A. Rawson could ask some questions about that. A. Rawson stated that there was no permit issued and B. Boyers is saying that it was a landscape wall. R. Thibeault asked what the definition of a landscape wall was. R. Thibeault asked if the town adopted 2009 IBC code, B. Boyers stated yes they did. There was more discussion on this matter from the public. A. Rawson stated that they are going to move on and he thanked B. Boyers from coming in. A. Rawson stated that the town is working with the Town Attorney. B. Boyers asked if he could ask a couple of questions. B. Boyers asked who call the attorney, A. Rawson stated the three BOS did they had H. Thibodeau call. B. Boyers asked if the BOS knew that R. Thibeault had called the Attorney, A. Rawson stated he did not know. B. Boyers said that R. Thibeault has been in his position for 3 months and he is now calling the town Attorney about an issue next door to R. Thibeault. R. Thibeault explained how this works with the attorney and that it does not matter what the issue is, any BOS has access to the town attorney for call, emails or letters. When the attorney receives an email from one of the BOS the town attorney will reply to the email and add the other Selectmen to the email so that all BOS will know what is going on. R. Thibeault stated that an email was sent on this issue to the town attorney and the town attorney replied and included all the selectmen in the reply, so all three got the same information just as they would with any other email that is sent to the attorney. More discussion was had on this matter. A. Rawson stated that the board will get back to B. Boyers on this matter.

- **Posting of Welfare Assistant:**

Tabled till next meeting

Approval of Minutes:

- **June 19, 2017**

R. Thibeault stated that on page 1 Murphy's is supposed to be Murry.

Motion:

R. Thibeault motioned to approve the minutes as amended from June 19, 2017, A. Rawson seconded.

Roll call:

R. Thibeault (Yes), A. Rawson (Yes), motion carried 2-0

- **June 26, 2017 Work Session**

Motion:

R. Thibeault motioned to approve the minutes from June 26, 2017 Work Session, A. Rawson seconded

Roll Call:

R. Thibeault (Yes), A. Rawson (Yes), motion carried 2-0.

Expenditure Reports

A. Rawson stated that it looks like they are right on track.

Selectmen Comments:

- R. Thibeault stated that this is to inform the public, he ran for selectmen because he started going to the meetings and he was noticing some things that he found concerning, sitting up there it seems like those concerns came true and all he is trying to do is straighten some things out and be honest with the people in town and move forward on issues that seem to get left behind and he is getting an awful lot of push back. R. Thibeault would like to encourage more of the public to get involved, he would like to encourage the public to be careful on where you are getting your facts from, there is an article out there right now about one of the issues discussed tonight by the Lebanon voice that it has many untrue comments in it and it is really sad, it is sad that this issue has gone on as long as it has and we are still discussing it and he just hopes somehow they can move forward on this issue and several other issues that seem to be pending.
- R. Thibeault stated that on a positive note, he attended the Fourth of July parade in Milton Mills. He thinks that it was a great event. He would encourage next year for all department heads and selectmen to be involved if they can, he understands that it is kind of a hard day, it is 10am every year on July 4th, it is a nice community event and he enjoyed it and wanted to thank the people that brought antique cars with them.
- A. Rawson stated to lead where R. Thibeault left off we have a lot of work to do and they are not being productive at all and it really bothers him because he took the oath to be a board of selectmen to try and move the town of Milton forward and he enjoys what he does, but it seems like the last couple of months it's been difficult. A. Rawson stated that he took 6 emails this past weekend from people just being bothered by noise and he realizes that it was the 4th of July, but this stems back from way before the 4th of July and these are the types of issues we should be working on is to try and make their community better.
- A. Rawson wanted to Thank Karen Brown for all her hard work town at the beach, really all the department heads as they do a wonderful job in the town of Milton and employees. K. Brown this past Wednesday had the arts in the park and it was a huge success and she is having another one on this Wednesday and it starts around 10 just check the town website for more information.

Public Comments:

- B. Graham stated that they used to have big things on the 4th of July and all kinds of events and he thinks they can do a little bit more to make it a more eventful day than just a 20 minute parade. A. Rawson stated that K. Brown has tried to put together some car shows down at the town beach but it has been tough. B. Baker stated that it does take a lot of community

involvement to make these things happen. B. Graham stated that the VFW is willing to help out and he is sure the legion would to

- B. Graham Stated that they are putting in a brick walkway for more beautification but they still have to have water there. A. Rawson stated that he would speak with S. Nadeau (Water district commissioner) and get back to them on it.
- D. Karpus asked if the police and fire are required to have a certain amount of education and it seems completely reasonable to have almost anyone that works for the town to have in one form or another should be required to have some form of continuing education even if it is one class a year this should even tie in with the selectmen.
- D. Karpus asked when the last time the town was actually surveyed to see what the town's people may be interested in seeing for events in town. E. Knapp stated that there have been surveys done. If surveys are done then it should also be posted on the town's website to inform people that there is a survey. E. Knapp recommended that they attend a Recreation meeting and suggesting to them to do a survey. A. Rawson is on the Recreation committee and he will bring it up at the next meeting.
- B. Baker wanted to thank all the participants who did attend the parade, there was a nice showing of veterans, R. Thibeault brought a few antique cars, and she wanted to thank R. Thibeault's uncle for taking care of one of the veterans who was able to take a ride in one of the antique cars, and there was a nice showing of the police and fire vehicles, it was really appreciated and it was a community event. R. Thibeault thanked B. Baker for all her hard work as she played a key role in the event as well.
- L. Brown asked about the blue house at the corner of Dawson which is owned by the town, if it still has water connected or water can be connected for temporary bases it might be possible to throw a hose across the road. A. Rawson stated that if they turn the water on then they would have to winterize the house, he stated that the house is actually going up for auction soon.
- L. Brown stated that a 2002 Black Crystal Sebring convertible with license plate # 4199969, it was stolen from his driveway this morning, if anyone sees it please contact the police and do not be a hero. It has been a loss and he hopes to get it back.

Open Fire Station Bids (7:00PM)

A. Rawson opened the Fire Station Bids at 7:00pm. A. Rawson stated they do not have any bids, A. Rawson closed the Fire Station Bids at 7:04pm.

Public Comments Continued:

- L. McDougal asked with M. Beaulieu and H. Thibodeau being out is there any other back up person when this happens. A. Rawson stated no they do not. D. Karpus stated that is a reason why a lot of other towns have 5 selectmen now instead of three. L. McDougal asked what they can do about it. A. Rawson stated that it used to be a 5 board member but the town voted it out. A. Rawson stated that they can put it on a warrant article for next year.
- J. Katwick asked who owns Lock heart field, A. Rawson stated the town does. J. Katwick asked who owns the buildings and the water system at lock Heart Field, A. Rawson stated the town does. J. Katwick is looking for permission to take the water system from Lock Heart Field prior to putting the solar garden in to use for the Milton town house that means the artesian well and

the pump system that is in the building all he needs is a yes. J. Katwick stated that he went to the rec department and was told that the BOS could not give him that permission, he thinks that the BOS can but he may be wrong and then it went from the rec department to the commissioner and he has not called him yet but he would like to have an answer on it because he is getting ready to use or buy all brand new. A. Rawson said he has no problem with it moving it from one town facility to another, R. Thibeault stated he did not either as long as it is legal. R. Thibeault asked if the well was contaminated, J. Katwick said no.

Motion:

R. Thibeault made a motion to take the pump and the tank from Lock Heart Field to Milton Town House, A. Rawson seconded

Roll Call:

R. Thibeault (Yes), A. Rawson (Yes), Motion carried 2-0.

Other Business that may come before the Board:

R. Thibeault stated that there was an error made on a deposit, it was \$11,757.51 into the E Rec Account When it should have gone into the general fund account.

Motion:

R. Thibeault motioned to allow the treasurer to transfer \$11,757.51 from the E Rec account to the General Fund Account, A. Rawson seconded.

Roll Call:

R. Thibeault (Yes), A. Rawson (Yes), motioned carried 2-0.

Next meeting will be July 24th @6pm

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn was made by A. Rawson, Seconded by R. Thibeault, All in Favor, Motion carried. 2-0

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Pabon, Recording Clerk

Chairman Andrew O. Rawson

J. Michael Beaulieu

Ryan Thibeault