

Town of Milton
Board of Selectmen Meeting
February 27, 2017
Milton Town Hall
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Selectmen Chair Tom F. Gray, Selectmen J. Michael Beaulieu, Andrew O. Rawson, Town Administrator Heather Thibodeau.

Public in Attendance: Ryan Thibeault, Richard Krauss, Larry Brown, Pat Smith, Michelle Beauchamp, Pam Smith, Doreen Gray, Lynette McDougall, Bob Carrier, Ed Fish, Nancy Wing, Dennis Wing, Eric Knapp, Dean Adams, Brenda Pabon (Recording Clerk).

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

New Business-Discussions and Possible Actions:

- **Modification to the Internal Fiscal Controls Policy Cash Receipts Policy – Section 2.2**

The name of the policy was modified. H. Thibodeau stated that the treasurer would like to have all revenue and deposits to her by 12 pm instead of 2pm, which will be changed in the policy as well.

Motion:

M. Beaulieu motioned to accept the revised Internal Fiscal Controls Policy Cash Receipts Policy as written, seconded by A. Rawson.

Roll Call:

M. Beaulieu (Yes), A. Rawson (Yes), T. Gray (Yes), motion carried 3-0

- **EMS in the Warm Zone Equipment Grant to the agenda for signatures.**

A grant from the NH Home Land Security was presented to the Board. This grant is to provide EMS Warm Zone equipment to the fire department, this consists of ballistic vests, helmets, and medical supplies used in active shooter or high threat situations. This is totally funded by NH Home Land Security. Once grant is completed they will have a year to do training with local police department and tactical team. This has already been awarded. The amount is \$5,825.00 which will be enough to equip 4 people.

Motion:

M. Beaulieu motioned to accept the Warm Zone Equipment No Match Grant and to have the Chair of the Board of Selectmen sign the grant, seconded by A. Rawson.

Roll Call:

M. Beaulieu (Yes), A. Rawson (Yes), T. Gray (Yes), motion carried 3-0

- **Approval of warrant article amendments**

Town Budget Amendment

Motion:

M. Beaulieu motioned to accept the new Town Budget of \$4,333,900.00, seconded by A. Rawson.

Roll Call:

M. Beaulieu (Yes), A. Rawson (Yes), T. Gray (Yes), motion carried 3-0

European Naiad Amendment

Motion:

M. Beaulieu motioned to accept the European Naiad's new total of \$10,000, seconded by A. Rawson.

Roll Call:

M. Beaulieu (Yes), A. Rawson (Yes), T. Gray (Yes), motion carried 3-0

Approval of Minutes:

- **Minutes from January 23, 2017**

Motion:

M. Beaulieu motioned to accept the January 23, 2017 meeting minutes as written, seconded by A. Rawson

Roll Call:

M. Beaulieu (Yes), A. Rawson (Yes), T. Gray (Yes), motion carried 3-0.

- **Minutes from February 6, 2017**

Motion:

M. Beaulieu motioned to accept the February 6, 2017 meeting minutes as written, seconded by A. Rawson

Roll Call:

M. Beaulieu (Yes), A. Rawson (Yes), T. Gray (Yes), motion carried 3-0.

Expenditure Reports:

No comments or questions about this report.

Administrator Comments:

- H. Thibodeau stated that the auditors will be coming the week of March 27th for the first visit and they will return for multiple days on April 10th for the week.
- H. Thibodeau stated that there will be a personnel policy department head meeting on March 10th.

- H. Thibodeau stated that the people that are taking over payroll will be coming on March 20th to meet with the town.
- H. Thibodeau also wanted to thank everyone for their concerns for her when she slipped and hurt her head.

Selectmen Comments:

- Rawson – None
- M. Beaulieu – None
- T. Gray stated that he was asked by a resident to bring up the accusations made toward a budget committee member by M. Beaulieu on Facebook. T. Gray stated that something like that has potential of putting this town in a liable situation because M. Beaulieu was accusing someone of doing something dishonest. T. Gray stated that the person that got a hold of him had some suggestions, they think M. Beaulieu should apologize to the Budget Committee and retract his statement. M. Beaulieu stated he would take it into consideration.
- T. Gray read RSA 49-D:4- Non-Interference by Elected Body. T. Gray has had complaints come to him that M. Beaulieu is at the town hall almost every day and it is interfering with the Town Administrator doing her job, he is visible too much to employees. T. Gray stated that he did that his first year and it is a bad habit to get into because employees run to them (Board of Selectmen) instead of whom they should be going to, it does not allow the Town Administrator to establish a working relationship with the employees within the office.
- T. Gray stated that he has been hearing that M. Beaulieu has been going around telling employees that he is the boss. T. Gray stated that none of them (Board of Selectmen) are the boss, as a Board, they are indirectly, M. Beaulieu stated that the bosses are the voters of the town.
- T. Gray asked H. Thibodeau if she has heard from I-Work as they have been trying to reach her, they want to set up a demo for the town to see how it works.

Public Comments:

- P. Smith stated that Earth Day Cleanup will be on April 22nd from 9-12. He stated that any volunteers would be helpful. They will have bags from NH Beautiful they will be blue bags. There will also be a cook out at 12pm following the Cleanup back at the highway barn.
- P. Smith stated that he has posted all of the roads due to the warm weather we have been having.
- R. Krauss stated that he would like the board to discuss the CIP issues during the deliberative session. T. Gray stated that there was a question that arose about not meeting the standards, that the Board of Selectmen did not meet all the criteria by relaying back to the Planning Board, which was not the case. Bruce Woodruff whom is very active in the CIP has contacted the person that brought up the question. T. Gray feels that the question has now been answered.
- L. McDougall asked if it was appropriate to bring up issues with accusations being made by Selectmen on Facebook at a Board of Selectmen's meeting, T. Gray stated yes it has to be made at a public meeting when it involves an elected official. L. McDougall asked why the person whom made the complaint here to discuss it. T. Gray stated that it was a very good question.

- L. Brown stated that the CIP is advisory not statute for its operation in town. The CIP was established by statute but its use is advisory and its use is forward looking over a 6 year window and goals will change by certain circumstance.
- L. Brown talked about the RSA 91-A – Right to Know Law and 91-A:3
- R. Thibeault stated that the tension in the room was very high. He stated that there was a lot of activity on Facebook the night before and he feels that the Board should address that. A. Rawson stated that what was said was said, it is how he feels, he's not going to change how he feels and if he hurt anyone's feelings he apologizes but his statement was said and that is the way it is. T. Gray stated that they just need to use a little discretion.
- D. Wing stated that he did not think it was so much his comments, beliefs or statements that people found offensive but the manner in which he presented them. Twice on two different occasions, once at the town hall and once on Facebook, A. Rawson has referred to people on a first name basis which he finds not acceptable. He agrees with A. Rawson's statement but A. Rawson mentioning first names just threw him off. A. Rawson stated that he normally does not go onto Facebook, he tries to stay away from interacting on it. D. Wing stated that there was a meeting at the Town Hall on January 23, 2017 and there were certain issues that needed to be taken care of during a public meeting and A. Rawson was presented with policy issues that he needed to deal with. D. Wing stated that he had a pretty good understanding of what was happening but for a lot of people they did not understand what was going on. The fact that A. Rawson presented information and people's names on a first name basis instead of referring to their title or job description he referred to them by their first name which he states is wrong. T. Gray stated that he knows where D. Wing is going with this, he said that you have to protect people's rights and the way to protect their rights is to not bring names into a public meeting. More discussion was had on this matter.
- E. Fish asked if he heard that the town could not have an internet policy. T. Gray stated no the town can have one however the Board of Selectmen are not bound by it and it would only apply to employees. R. Krauss stated that any policy that is written, elected officials would not fall under those policies because the only time elected officials have any control or power is when they are sitting where they are sitting right now, the second they walk out the door, they may have the elected hat but the second they walk out that door they no longer have any authority to do anything with town business.
- R. Thibeault stated that he would like to give his thoughts on some of the 91-A's that have recently been submitted and how it looks from where he is sitting. He has been coming to the meetings for a while and at times there has been concerns where maybe things have been discussed prior to the meetings. There was the whole incident with the \$500 cell phone reimbursement that then at the town deliberation it was all of a sudden given back and then shortly after that it was stated that the only reason that was done was for legal reasons and now the 91-A's that have been requested, it looks like there is something to hide, he's not stating that there is something going on he's just saying that it is concerning as a citizen is there something going on. A. Rawson stated that the Town attorney advised them on the cell phone stipend before the deliberative session that once you get a stipend the cell phone now becomes property of the town that is why they took the stipend out of the budget. R. Thibeault stated that what he is trying to say is that from a citizens view, it does not give the Board of Selectmen a good image and maybe a way to resolve this problem is to have all three of you release your

phone records to each other, he does not think that they should have to release their full phone record and all text messages sent to everyone, however between the three of them he sees no issues with releasing that so they can just end that concern and hopefully the board and the town can move on and this won't be questioned anymore. A. Rawson stated that that is one of the requests and he has five days and he is working on it. R. Thbeault stated that he has spoken to each one of them individually and at different times he has been told different things and he's been told that a couple of the Selectmen talk but they don't talk about town business. A. Rawson stated that like he said they have a 91:A request it will be taken care of, it's a bump in the road and they will move forward , he loves this community that is why he's sitting here.

- D. Gray stated to the Board of Selectmen that when someone puts something not very nice on Facebook, the board does not understand what the repercussions are in the household, they have no idea what went on after this incident. A. Rawson stated that he apologizes like he has already done, he stated moving forward his wife has had many sleepless nights of him being a selectman. A. Rawson stated that it was not far to their personal lives, he stated that they were voted in by the tax payers to run this town to the best of their abilities and that is his intentions and always has been.

Other Business that may come before the Board:

None

Next meeting will be March 6th @6pm

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:00pm was made by M. Beaulieu, Seconded by A. Rawson, All in Favor, Motion carried. 3-0

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Pabon, Recording Clerk

Chairman Tom F. Gray

J. Michael Beaulieu

Andrew O. Rawson