

Town of Milton  
Board of Selectman Meeting  
Monday, January 4th, 2015  
Milton Town Hall  
Meeting Minutes

**Members in Attendance:** Chairman Tom Gray, Andrew Rawson, Mike Beaulieu, Elizabeth Dionne, Town Administrator **Also in Attendance:** Toni McLellan, Recording Clerk

**Public in Attendance:** Pam Smith, Bob Smith, Pat Smith, Tammy Smith, Russell Neal, Bob Graham, Bob Carrier, Matt Flathers, Richard Krauss, Devon Pageau, John Katwick, Jeff Lord, Chris McVetty, Dale Sprague, Michelle Beauchamp, Betsy Baker, Bob Garret

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 6:06pm and welcomed everyone.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Gray stated that contractual matters, as well as legal and personnel matters, were discussed in Nonpublic Session and motions were made to seal certain items.

**Acknowledgements**

Passing's –

Edward Verille Jr.

A moment of silence was observed to honor the deceased and his family.

Birthdays –

Tyler Taatjes - Fire Department

Kaitlin Taatjes – Fire Department

David Theroux – Transfer Station

Augustus Howland - Library

Mike Beaulieu – Board of Selectman

Sean Remick – Fire Department

Chairman Gray thanked the employees for their service to the town and the people of Milton, and wished them a very happy birthday.

### **New Business**

#### **Chris McVetty, WEX (Portland, ME) Representative Re: WEX Gasoline Card Program –**

C. McVetty provided an overview of the gasoline card program. The WEX card operates like a credit card. The state of NH has a contract with WEX and offers the program to all municipalities in the state. The number of municipalities using WEX in the state of NH is currently 34. There is no card, monthly, or program fees for municipalities. Moreover, they get a 1% rebate every month. WEX will take a small percentage from the merchants such as Cumberland Farms. Expenses can be tracked by vehicle, or by driver. Limits can be put on the WEX card (i.e. two purchases/day, or per card). Within 10 miles of Milton, there are 19 sites that accept the WEX card, 7 of which carry diesel. C. McVetty will provide a list of exact locations that accept the card. Chief Krauss mentioned pros and cons. P. Smith stated that it takes 30 minutes to get to a state pump and back. Also, it may be hard to pull large trucks into a gas station. D. Pageau stated that to have a credit card in every vehicle may present a problem with more drivers than vehicles. C. McVetty stated that with WEX, everyone has to enter a driver ID to fill the gas tank. A partial list of businesses that accept the WEX card includes: Diesel Circle K on Route 11, Tire Guys on Route 11, and Cumberland Farms on Milton Road. P. Smith mentioned that the state can only guarantee a price for 6 months. L. Brown inquired if the town could get Smart Pay prices of 10 cents/gallon off the price. C. McVetty stated that all agreements are negotiated individually and that the Smart Pay price was not an option.

**Dale Sprague, Sewer Department Superintendent Re: NH DES letter –** The town received a letter of deficiency (in regards to the State Dam Safety Program) issued on December 8, 2015 from the NH DES. There were 4 deficiencies listed in the letter. A response to the deficiencies must be sent to the NH DES. D. Sprague was present the issue and discuss what has been done and what needs to be done. He has taken care of item number 1 (update of the 2011 OMR Form to include current emergency contact information) listed in the letter. Item numbers 2-4 need to be addressed. He will take care of item number 3 (repairing and regrading areas where animal burrows have been observed), and has done so in part already. He stated that item number 4 was completed a few years ago. However, NH DES is recommending more of a buffer. A few additional trees may have to be cut. The biggest issue is that NH DES would like vegetation on top of the dams and the sidebanks. D. Sprague obtained pricing to loam and hydroseed (approximately \$7,000.00). He stated that it would not be cost effective to loam the top of the gravel road, but he can do a better job maintaining the slope. D Sprague will draft a response to the state and will send it to E. Dionne for review prior to sending it out.

#### **6:30PM Public Hearing on Fire Station Bond –**

The purpose of the public hearing was to receive public input on the proposal of a municipal Bond or note in excess of \$100,000.00 with regards to the proposed new fire station. The total amount of the bond is \$2,795,000.00

J. Katwick inquired if the amount covered all costs including things such as landscaping.

Chairman Gray stated that it did not include furnishings but thought that it did include landscaping.

P. Smith inquired about the reduction in square footage.

D. Pageau stated that the proposed facility was previously 12,000s.f. Plans are now under 10,000s.f. This reduction will save \$66,000.

R. Neil stated that this issue has been voted on many times and it has yet to pass. Two years are left on the agreement of property. He wondered how to proceed and what are the alternatives if the Article does not get approved. Chairman Gray stated that if the Article does not pass, the land will be lost and the town will be looking at purchasing land. R. Neal stated that most will agree that a new fire station is needed. However, he felt that most would find it hard to get past the fact that it would be the most expensive building in town.

J. Katwick stated that 75% of the public was against a steel building because of the appearance. Wood was preferred. The public wanted the look to be in keeping with the Post Office.

A. Rawson stated that the current fire station is falling apart and even though the cost is great, a new fire station is needed. A new station is critical for the town.

Chairman Gray Closed the public hearing at 6:50pm.

**Loader Bid Aware –**

The three bids are:

Unlimited Autoworks Co. (Lebanon, ME) - \$26,959.99

Boston Hill Fence, LLC (N. Andover, MA) - \$26,500.00

Dick's Used Trucks and Equipment, LLC (Chelsea, ME) - \$21,630.00

M. Beaulieu made a motion to award the bid to Unlimited Autoworks for \$26,959.99. A Rawson seconded. Motion carried. E. Dionne will send a letter notifying Unlimited Autoworks of the bid award.

**Recommendation of Fire Warden and Deputy Fire Wardens –** The NH Department of Resources and Economic Development issued a letter (with a form) to Town Selectmen and Wardens for reappointment of Town Forest Fire Wardens, Deputy Wardens and Issuing Agents. M. Beaulieu made a motion to reappoint the following individuals to their respective positions:

Justin Bellen, Jacob Bourdeau, Arthur W. Downs, Christopher Liberi, John A. Lucier, Thomas Magoon, Devon Pageau, Jeffrey Roub, Tyler Taatjes, Roberta Weeks, Roger A. Libby, Nicholas Marique. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

**Primex's 2010 Internal Control and Financial Review** – Chairman Gray postponed the matter until a conversation with the town attorney could be held to ensure that all business is conducted legally.

### **Approval of Minutes**

December 21, 2015 - Regular Meeting Minutes – A. Rawson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. M. Beaulieu seconded. Motion carried.

December 21, 2015 – Nonpublic Meeting Minutes 1<sup>st</sup> Session – A. Rawson made a motion to approve the minutes as written and to seal Items 1,2 and 4, and to release Item 3 as previously stated in the meeting. M. Beaulieu seconded. Motion carried.

December 21, 2015 – Nonpublic Meeting Minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> Session – A. Rawson made a motion to approve the minutes as written and to seal them indefinitely as previously stated in the meeting. M. Beaulieu seconded. Motion carried.

December 28, 2015 – Special Meeting Minutes – A. Rawson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. M. Beaulieu seconded. Motion carried.

December 28, 2015 – Nonpublic Meeting Minutes – A. Rawson made a motion to approve the minutes as written and to seal them as previously stated in the meeting. M. Beaulieu seconded. Motion carried.

### **Expenditure Report**

Nothing new to Report

### **Selectman Comments**

**A. Rawson – Re: Phone Calls** – He has received a few phone calls recently regarding transparency between the BOS and the town of Milton. He announced that his phone number is on the town web page and that he welcomes calls.

**Chairman Gray - Re: Resignation** – He received a letter of resignation from J. Katwick for the Budget Committee. His resignation will be effective Jan 31, 2015. Chairman Gray stated that he would be missed and accepted the resignation with regret. A. Rawson thanked J. Katwick for everything he has done for the town of Milton and stated that everything he does is greatly appreciated.

**Re: Transfer Station Solar Garden** – He reported that everything is progressing on schedule and that it will be operational soon.

**Public Comments**

**J. Katwick** wondered how to explain to the public the details around the new fire station. He also inquired about alternatives to a new station. Chairman Gray stated that there really are no alternatives. There is the possibility of an open house, but the Fire Station has held open houses with low public turnouts. J. Katwick felt that alternatives, such as starting on a smaller scale, (getting the foundation installed) could initiate the project with a lower price tag. J. Lord inquired about sending out a mailing to inform people about key pieces of the proposal. One such key is if the Article doesn't pass, the town will have to purchase land and this alternative would be more expensive. He felt that the case has not been made to the people of Milton that a fire station that costs \$2.7 million is needed.

A. Rawson stated that it is challenging to get the word out about the new station.

B. Garret inquired about what has to be done to retain the land.

Chairman Gray felt that the next step should be to contact the owner, who should be asked what is needed to retain the land.

J. Katwick summarized what has been done to date on the project and stated that hundreds of hours have gone into making the drawings, planning and ensuring that everything is up to code. A lot has already been accomplished. Things have progressed as far as they can without the vote of the people.

L. Brown stated that the agreement with the landowner should be reviewed.

M. Beauchamp requested approval to move forward with selling Transfer Station decals in the Town Clerk's office (as well as at the Transfer Station). There would be a program in the office of the Tax Collector to track the sales. The BOS stated their approval to move forward with the sale of decals.

A. Rawson stated that he would like Town Beach passes to be sold at the Town Clerk's office as well.

Chairman Gray closed public comment at 7:23pm.

Chairman Gray made a motion to go back into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) and (c).

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Respectfully Submitted,

Toni McLellan  
Recording Clerk

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Chairman Tom F. Gray

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James Michael Beaulieu

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Andrew O. Rawson