

Town of Milton
Board of Selectman Meeting
Monday, March 7th, 2016
Milton Town Hall
Meeting Minutes

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

Public in Attendance: Pat Smith, Pamela Smith, Michelle Beauchamp, Eric Knapp, Bob Carrier, Eric Todd, Naomi Bloser, Rebekka Bloser, John Katwick, James Bloser, David Bloser, Kalle Matso, Larry Brown

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm and welcomed everyone.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Gray stated that tax matters were discussed in Nonpublic Session and motions were made to seal certain items.

Acknowledgements

Passings

Richard Glidden
Geraldine Littler
Joseph Hubbard
Barry Whitten
Anna Frances Sceggell

A moment of silence was observed to honor the Milton deceased and their families, and also to acknowledge the passing of Former First Lady Nancy Reagan.

Birthdays

Kyle Corson - Fire Department
Michelle Beauchamp – Tax Collector
Josh Biron – Fire Department
Jeff Roub – Fire Department
Luther Ellis – Transfer Station
Andrew Magargee – Police 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

1) Kalle Matso, Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP) Re: Great Bay Estuary –

K. Matso distributed a handout and stated that the Great Bay Estuary is in danger. PREP is requesting help from Great Bay area municipalities to assist with three high-priority activities in 2016 with regard to: 1) calculating impervious cover; 2) peer review/technical guidance; and 3) eelgrass/macro algae monitoring. PREP is not a regulatory body. They receive funding from the EPA. The BOS stated that they would like to take some time to read and consider the information provided by K. Matso.

L. Brown inquired about the status of eelgrass in the Great Bay Estuary and also about what is being done for the recovery of oysters. He inquired about what K. Matso thought about the Portsmouth Regional Waste Management approach.

K. Matso stated that although eelgrass is not yet making a comeback, at least the loss of it has slowed. He stated that The Nature Conservancy is working on the issue with oysters, but the oysters are getting covered by sediment in the estuary (they live on top of the sediment). He stated that he cannot speak to the Portsmouth waste management situation and that he was not best person to talk about that.

2) Pat Smith, Public Works Director Re: Implementing Transfer Station Sticker Sales –

He is proposing that residents purchase Transfer Station stickers when they register their vehicle. If vehicles are registered online, Transfer Station stickers would also be available for purchase online. Stickers must be purchased in order to use the Transfer Station. He would like to start the new process January 1st, 2017. All sales will be taken through the Town Clerks office and they would be run through EReg. He also stated that non-residents that own a camp, etc. would also be able to purchase a town Transfer Station sticker. He requested permission to move forward with the process. The BOS granted permission to begin the process in January of 2017.

3) Pat Smith Public Works Director Re: Roadside Cleanup Day –

P. Smith announced that April 23rd, 2016 from 9:00am-noon is Earth Day Roadside Cleanup Day. The 1st year the town had 70 volunteers and collected 152 bags of garbage. Last year (2nd year of the event), the town had 101 volunteers and collected 277 bags of garbage. This year, the goal is to have 200 volunteers and collect 500 bags of garbage.

4) Pat Smith Public Works Director Re: Request for Transfer Station Petty Cash –

He stated that there has not been enough cash to make change for users of the Transfer Station. At times, he is making change out of his own pocket.

He is requesting permission to have a \$100.00 petty cash envelope. The money would be secured in a safe. The BOS approved the Transfer Station having a petty cash envelope as long as the money is secured.

5) Pat Smith Public Works Director Re: Cintas – P. Smith provided a copy of a request for a uniform contract to the BOS. The cost would be \$50.00/week (\$2.91/per person/week). DPW employees currently get \$100.00/year for boots. P. Smith called 5 references for the company and received all good reviews. The BOS discussed tabling the matter for now in order to review and read the contract. A. Rawson then stated that the town supplies the Fire and Police Departments with uniforms. He felt that the town should also provide DPW with uniforms and that they should not have to use or ruin their own clothing for town work. A. Rawson made a motion to approve the contract and to have P. Smith sign the contract. M. Beaulieu seconded. Motion carried.

6) Pat Smith Public Works Director Re: Update on Library Floors- He provided an update on the work on the floors at the library. He thanked David Bloser and his parents, the Scoutmaster (David Barker) and Boy Scout Troop 155 for all their hard work, teamwork, community pride, and for setting an excellent example for the Town. On behalf of David Bloser, a check was presented to the BOS in the amount of \$864.18. P. Smith recommended that the money be used for painting the second floor. He suggested that the remaining money be put in the grant line to offset matching funds from LCHIP to give Troop 155 ownership of the second phase of Project Paint.

L. Brown thanked David Bloser for all his hard work.

M. Beaulieu made a motion to accept the check in the amount of \$864.18 to be put toward the recommended projects. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

A. Rawson read a letter thanking D. Bloser and Troop 155 for all the hard work and perseverance, and also James for the fundraising efforts. The hard work does not go unnoticed and is very appreciated.

Chairman Gray read a letter of thanks from Betsy Baker, library Director. The letter was a thank you to Eagle Scout Candidate David Bloser on behalf of the Milton Free Public Library for all his hard work refinishing the upstairs floor. The letter went on to state that D. Bloser understood the complexities of the project and spoke very well at every meeting. He organized a successful pancake breakfast fundraiser to obtain needed supplies for the project. He also solicited donations and advice from local businesses and he accomplished all this while going to school full time.

7) Contract approval for Sanders Searches, LLC – M. Beauchamp requested approval for renewal of the Sanders Searches, LLC contract. She stated that the contract is the same as it has

been the last 5 years. M. Beaulieu made a motion to accept the Sanders Searches contract. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

8) Dispatch Capital Assessment Fee - Chairman Gray read a letter regarding the towns Dispatch (Police Department) Capital Assessment Fee for 2016. The rate has remained the same for the past 6 years. The total due is \$6528.82. M. Beaulieu made a motion to authorize the payment of the invoice by Chief Richard Krauss out of his budget, in the amount of \$6528.82. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

February 17, 2016 – Regular Meeting Minutes - M. Beaulieu made a motion to approve the minutes as written A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

February 17, 2016 – Nonpublic Meeting Minutes 1st Session – M. Beaulieu made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and to seal them as previously stated in the meeting. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

February 17, 2016 – Nonpublic Meeting Minutes 2nd Session – M. Beaulieu made a motion to approve the minutes as written and to seal them as previously stated in the meeting. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

Expenditure Report

There was nothing new to report

Administrator Comments

J. Bourgeois Re: Expenditure Reports - He stated that expenditures are pretty low and the accounts are in good shape.

Re: Weekly Report – He stated that the Town Hall credit card was in former Town Administrator E. Dionne’s name. He inquired as to whether the BOS would like to put the card under another name or wait until there is a permanent Town Administrator. The BOS decided to wait until there is a new Town Administrator, and to put the credit card under his/her name at that time.

Selectman Comments

A. Rawson – Re: Election Day - He stated that tomorrow is Election Day. He encouraged support for Article 2 on the ballot for the Fire Station. He stated that the current building is in great disrepair. The Fire Department needs proper tools to do their job. It is time for the Fire Department to have a decent and safe work environment to help them save lives.

M. Beaulieu Re: Article 2 - He Echoed the sentiments of A. Rawson regarding the new Fire Department facility.

Re: Public Forum Outreach - He would like to add a “Public Forum Outreach” to be held once/month. This responsibility would be added to the duties of the Selectmen. Selectmen would alternate holding a session for the public to discuss matters of concern.

Re: A Beautification Program – There is no current beautification program. He felt that it would be a valuable program for the Economic Development Committee to work on for the town.

Re: Meet the Candidates Night – He has withdrawn his name for consideration for the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Chairman Gray Re: Article 2 on the ballot – He echoed the words of Selectman Rawson regarding support for Article 2 on the ballot for a new facility for the Fire Department.

Public Comments

Eric Todd – Re: Right-of-Way – E. Todd stated that he had a grievance. He was not notified regarding an abutting property that has a claim. Now he has a parking issue. There is no room to park and the City will not be able to remove snow. He is appealing the decision stating that the situation, as it stands, prevents the town from doing their job. He is asking for the issue to be resolved. Also, he stated that as a disabled veteran, he would like to have the disabled veteran exemption adopted in Milton.

Chairman Gray stated that an exemption would have to go to vote to be adopted. It would need a petition, but it was too late to be submitted for consideration this year as voting takes place tomorrow.

K. Wallingford - stated that there will be further research on the Right-of-Way issue and the town rights to the road. Regarding the disabled veteran exemption, she stated that the Town of Milton has not voted to adopt that exemption. There must be a petition (with 25 signatures) to put a Warrant Article on the ballot for 2017. The BOS has the authority to put the exemption on the ballot for a vote in 2017 without E. Todd having to go through the petition process. K. Wallingford stated that E. Todd may qualify now, or at some point, for an age exemption. She would be willing to talk to him at any point about this exemption.

E. Todd - stated that the disabled veteran exemption is a federal mandate, so it should not have to be accepted by towns.

Chairman Gray reiterated that the exemption must be voted on and adopted by individual towns.

He had an application for petition for E. Todd if he was interested and also acknowledged that the BOS can put the exemption on the ballot for consideration without E. Todd having to petition for it.

John Katwick – stated that last year he approached the BOS to approve the Moose Plate Grant. He will reapply for the grant this year. He is requesting the signature of the Chairman and a motion to approve applying for the grant again. Chairman Gray made a motion to approve applying for the Moose Plate Grant in the amount of \$7,500.00 (no matching funds) for the Milton Town House. A. Rawson seconded. Motion Carried. Chairman Gray signed the document.

E. Knapp - stated that the informal gathering of 6-7 people went well and that it was a good, open discussion.

T. McDougall - echoed the words of E. Knapp that the informal gathering went well.

L. Brown – stated that the Budget Committee, through a number of different forums (public minutes, public hearing, Budget Committee discussion) tried to get the word out about the three phase construction of the roof of the elementary school and yet people still wondered what it was about, what it meant, the cost and whether it was an actual bid, etc.

L. Brown Re: Town Beautification – He stated that it was a good subject matter for the BOS to take up.

Chairman Gray closed public comment at 7:11pm.

Chairman Gray reminded Milton residents to vote tomorrow at the Milton Assembly of God between the hours of 8:00am-7:00pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni McLellan
Recording Clerk

Chairman Tom F. Gray

James Michael Beaulieu

Andrew O. Rawson