

**Town of Milton
Board of Selectmen
Monday, July 11, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

Members in attendance: Chairman Tom Gray, Michael Beaulieu and Andrew Rawson.

Public in attendance: Stan Nadeau, Les Elder, Brian Boyers, Nancy Wing, Judith Schlenker, Ryan Thibeault, Dennis Wing, Jeff Lord, Bob Graham, Ari Goldenberg, Bob Carrier, Charles Montgomery, Douglas Shute, Larry Brown, Tom McDougall.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

T. Gray acknowledged the employees with birthdays in July and thanked them for their service to the Town. David Skelly-Fire Department, Peter Maimes-Fire Department, Thomas Gray-Selectmen, Ruth Gutman-Library, Kim Ladisheff-Bookkeeper, Justin Doty-Fire Department, Jerry Randall-Fire Department, Christopher Liberi-Fire Department and Brian Leahy-Police Department.

Passings –

Leonel Denoncourt and Laurretta Tilton.

A moment of silence was observed to honor the deceased and their families. T. Gray then asked for another moment of silence out of respect for the 5 police officers who were shot in Texas.

NEW BUSINESS

Les Elder re: Discussion regarding NH RSA 91-A

Les Elder stated he had concerns regarding RSA 91A requests for the Right-to-Know information he had submitted. He still has not received a response. The law says you have five days to respond. T. Gray stated it has been a struggle being short staffed and have been working with town counsel to get this information to him. Les stated he would like to get a response within five days from tonight. M. Beaulieu stated he will take full responsibility for that.

Ari Goldenberg re: Sign Permits

Ari discussed the sign permitting process and stated he filed everything the way it is supposed to be but was denied. He was told he could appeal but would like to get a written response from the BOS. He stated in keeping with local support for local businesses he will only be open 2 more months and is only asking for a directional sign just like other signs up that way. Code Officer, Brian Boyers stated the towns sign ordinance is out of date and he will be bringing it up at the next Planning Board meeting. It is an agricultural sign and only temporary and Brian has no problem with it if the board doesn't. T. Gray stated it is in a state right of way and they really don't have jurisdiction. The Selectmen were in agreement and Mr. Goldenberg can have his sign.

Discussion with Code Enforcement Officer re: Dilapidated Buildings and Misc.

Regarding the barn next to Cumberland Farms that was issued a cease & desist, Code Officer Brian Boyers stated the two brothers were in his office on July 5th asking for 30-40 more days to obtain financing to rebuild. They assured Brian they would start tearing down the 2nd floor this week. Brian will check for progress. Bolan Rd. property – Brian stated it is not a hazard and the place is uninhabited. He

has not issued any cease & desist. A. Rawson stated it wouldn't hurt to send a letter. Milton Mills property – property owner took out a demolition permit in August of 2015. A cease & desist has been sent. The property owner has until August 25 of this year. T. Gray mentioned another property is Mr. Thibeault's next to 3 Ponds Garage, the driveway, paving, the wall, Mr. Thibeault seems to think this is encroaching on his property. There have been no permits for the wall or paving. Brian stated he doesn't issue permits for walls or paving. Mr. Thibeault stated he thought you did need a permit for walls over certain feet high. Brian will look into this and get back to the Selectmen.

Acceptance of Donation

A Rawson stated Saul Davidson has some computer monitors he would like to donate to the Town and thanks him very much. Saul has already dropped them off and they are very nice Dell monitors. T. Gray motioned to accept the donation of computer monitors and send Saul a letter of thanks. Motion seconded by M. Beaulieu. All in favor, motion carried.

Sewer Abatement Request re: 585 White Mountain Highway

Two abatements for 585 White Mtn. Hwy. The cause of abatement is the property was incorrectly charged for seven units, should be only charged for six units. Cost of the extra unit charged is \$115.50. The next one is multi-tenant commercial building, one unit is currently empty and not receiving water, thus making the sewer inactive for an amount of \$231.00. M. Beaulieu motioned to grant the abatement for Map 42 Lot 125 for \$115.50 and \$231.00. Seconded by A. Rawson. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Insurance Buyback Program

There was a brief discussion on the buyback program. A. Rawson stated there would be a savings of \$7576.80 a year to the town for those employees that choose to opt out of the health insurance plan. He prefers the buy-back be paid out quarterly instead of each pay period. T. Gray was in agreement. Stan Nadeau stated at last year's budget committee the town had made the statement they would be reviewing the employees picking up 5%-10%, how is that going to affect this if that goes through. The amounts would be different. A. Rawson will discuss with the finance person on putting wording in the agreement that states this.

Approval of Minutes

M. Beaulieu motioned to accept the June 18, 2016 ribbon cutting minutes. Seconded by T. Gray. A. Rawson abstained. Motion carried.

M. Beaulieu motioned to accept the June 20, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by A. Rawson. All in favor, motion carried.

M. Beaulieu motioned to accept the June 20 2016 session 1 nonpublic minutes as previously sealed. A. Rawson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

M. Beaulieu motioned to accept the June 21, 2016 special meeting minutes. Seconded by A. Rawson. T. Gray abstained. Motion carried.

T. Gray motioned to accept the June 28, 2016 special meeting minutes. Seconded by A. Rawson. M. Beaulieu abstained. Motion carried.

Selectmen's Comments

A. Rawson re: wanted to thank Pat Smith, John Katwick, the Paey brothers, Karen Brown, and Bob Adams for working on the softball field behind the elementary school. It is coming right along. I know

there's been a lot of talk about a dog park at the old Lockhart field, it's a good idea but we will cross that bridge when it comes.

M. Beaulieu re: wanted to thank Kathy Wallingford for all her help with the expenditure report. He also wanted to apologize to the members of the EDC for not showing up for the meeting.

M. Beaulieu re: received a letter from Eversource for a rate increase. He called Andrew Kellar from the solar garden to see where they're at. They are finished with the mechanical work and will be starting on the electrical work next week. Asked Andrew to keep us up to date.

M. Beaulieu re: Fire station - all floors have been poured, started working on the curb cut. They are trenching the line out to the road to hook up to town water. Stan Nadeau stated the Water District forgave the hookup fee. The Selectmen weren't aware of this and thanked him. Nick has kept a close eye on all the spending keeping in perimeters of the budget.

M. Beaulieu re: WEX program savings of \$2762.00 for June

M. Beaulieu re: we don't have a great incentive for our recording clerks because of what we pay them. Instead of the \$65.00 stipend I think we should move it up to \$75.00 for the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

M. Beaulieu re: Looking to find the money and will exhaust unanticipated expenses first. Tom will ask Pat Smith to get 3 quotes for the carpet in the Town Hall.

T. Gray re: Brownfield Grant Advisory Committee – looking at 1121 White Mtn. Hwy need information on that and on Lockhart Field also looking at the Millers General Store.

T. Gray re: does the board feel we should give the EDC Chairman a key. He stated nobody should have to wait outside for someone to open up. Brief discussion on allowing the Chairpersons of committees being allowed to have a key. A. Rawson motioned to give a key to the Chairman, seconded by M. Beaulieu. All in favor, motion carried.

T. Gray re: received a complaint from Arlene Marquis looking for better notice about the water as she had some clothes ruined. Stan Nadeau mentioned that was when the Fire Dept. was doing a test to see if the pressures were adequate.

M. Beaulieu re: asked Chief Krauss to come tonight about the road construction that will be happening tomorrow. Chief Krauss stated that his request to the board is as he does with any other town agency that subcontracts with somebody else is they don't charge the subcontractor the town admin fee or cruiser fee as they are already doing the work for a town department. M. Beaulieu motioned that they do not charge the admin or cruiser fee. Seconded by A. Rawson. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments

Stan Nadeau - compost pile, went to Baron Brothers and they were closed. He stated he can't see no reason why we can't have our own pile. The Selectmen will talk to Pat Smith about it again.

Bob Graham - discussed the water line being pulled out of Veteran's Park a few years ago. He stated the grass is all brown, some places no grass at all and people have to carry water in and out to water the flowers and plants. M. Beaulieu asked what it would take to have water there again. Another water line would have to be put in. Stan Nadeau will look into it at the next Water District meeting.

Charles Montgomery – discussed Berry Hill Rd. being changed to Berry Rd. due to 911. He feels Branch Hill Rd. took preference over Berry Hill Rd and thinks that is wrong. Nick Marique has sent paperwork to 911 to see what they can do about changing it back.

Larry Brown – there is no budget committee meeting for the month of July. The reason for that is the school board is finalizing its books for its year that ends June 30th and we do not have a recording secretary or a TA. Regarding 91A he suggests they designate, now and after the TA comes on board, a 91A compliance officer.

Judith Schlenker – asked the board if they received her paperwork she had dropped off in the tax payment box outside the building. The board responded they had not. Judith stated she had paid a lien that was never signed off. K. Wallingford will set up an appointment with Judith to discuss this with the Selectmen.

Nancy Wing – asked about the Selectmen's next open forum. T. Gray will hold one Sunday at 9:00am at Dunkin Donuts.

M. Beaulieu motioned to adjourn. Seconded by A. Rawson. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Ladisheff

Chairman Tom F. Gray

J. Michael Beaulieu

Andrew O. Rawson