

**Town of Milton  
Board of Selectmen  
Monday, August 8, 2016  
Meeting Minutes**

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

Chairman T. Gray opened the meeting at 5:30pm and motioned to go into nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) & (c). Motion seconded by M. Beaulieu. All in favor, motion passed.

Chairman T. Gray motioned to come out of nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) & (c). Seconded by M. Beaulieu. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman T. Gray stated tax agreements and hiring of personnel were discussed in nonpublic and motioned to seal these minutes indefinitely. Seconded by M. Beaulieu. All in favor, motion carried.

Public in attendance: Chief Richard Krauss, Pat Smith, Kathy Wallingford, Laurie Palmeira, Barbara Hughes, Ryan Thibeault, Betsy Baker, Bob Carrier, Dennis Wing, Bob Graham, John Katwick, Gordon Maness and Larry Brown.

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

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Chairman Gray acknowledged the employees with birthdays in August. Elizabeth Baker-Library, Steve Duchesneau-Fire Department, Carrie Blackwood-Police Department.

Passings –

Marie Prussen, Theresa Rawson, John Leary Jr., and William Murphy Sr. A moment of silence was observed to honor the deceased and their families.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion with Library Trustees re: continued repairs on Town owned Milton Free Public Library**

Chairman Gray wanted to reiterate that the Library is a Town building and any work to the building Pat Smith is in charge of through his grounds crew. M. Beaulieu then asked questions of the Trustees, Larry Brown and Laurie Palmeira, regarding the LCHIP grant, where the check was mailed and where the money was deposited. There was a lengthy discussion on town grants and the procedure of where town grant money should go. The Board had concerns as to where the grant money had been deposited as it had come to their attention the money had been put into the Library Trustee's checking account once again. Larry Brown asked what consequence and what remedy. Chairman Gray stated they thought they found the remedy last year when there was a discussion with the finance person and the Trustees were told town grant monies had to be deposited into the town's general fund grant line. Laurie Palmeira stated the money would be transferred.

**John Katwick re: Transaction Review for ownership of Milton Mills Cemetery**

John is working with the Selectmen on the transfer of the Milton Mills Cemetery to be owned by the Town by January 1, 2017. John had all records for the Board to ok. They went over RSA 41:14-A. The Town passed a warrant article in 2005 which allows the Selectmen to acquire or sell land & buildings

provided they submit the proposed acquisition or sale to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission for review and recommendation. Tom will bring it before the Planning Board and Mike will bring it before the MCC. The Board thanked John for all his hard work on this.

#### **Sunrun Permit Refund Request**

Request for a refund of building permit #1807 and electrical permit #E31616-9 for the photovoltaic solar project located on 385 Applebee Rd. The Code Officer does not advise refunding any fees for approved permits as it will set a future precedence for all future permit applications. M. Beaulieu motioned to deny a refund for permit #1807 and #E31616-9. Motion seconded by A. Rawson. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **60 Church St. Status Update**

Plans are to have the structure down & cleaned up by the end of December 2016, roof removed by the end of August, walls & debris removed by end of October and expected to be down & cleaned by the end of November. Barbara Hughes stated this property was a hazard and an eyesore and this was very upsetting to her as this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row she has appeared before the board and her requests have not been responded to. She stated the demolition permit expires on August 24<sup>th</sup> and asked what would be done. A. Rawson stated the town would clean it up and put a lien on the land. Chief Krauss stated a cease & desist has to be issued and continue the legal process before sending the town out there to spend taxpayer's dollars on private property. A. Rawson stated they would go through those avenues.

#### **Address Safety Codes letter from Asst. Fire Chief Devon Pageau**

Chairman Gray read letter aloud. There are issues at the Town Hall that need to come into compliance with the NH State Fire Codes.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

M. Beaulieu motioned to approve the July 20, 2016 special meeting minutes as written. Seconded by A. Rawson. All in favor, motion carried.

M. Beaulieu motioned to approve the July 20, 2016 nonpublic special meeting minutes as written and previously sealed. Seconded by A. Rawson. All in favor, motion carried.

M. Beaulieu motioned to approve the July 25, 2016 meeting minutes. Seconded by A. Rawson. All in favor, motion carried.

M. Beaulieu motioned to approve the July 25, 2016 1<sup>st</sup> session nonpublic meeting minutes and to seal the first 3 paragraphs as previously sealed and release the remainder. Seconded by A. Rawson. All in favor, motion carried.

M. Beaulieu motioned to approve the July 25, 2016 2<sup>nd</sup> session nonpublic meeting minutes and release. Seconded by A. Rawson. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **Selectmen's Comments**

**A. Rawson** – they will be having the dedication for the James P. Culverhouse Memorial playground on August 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Also still selling calendars to raise funds for the new softball field.

**A. Rawson** – he will be doing the Selectmen's forum on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 at Dunkin Donuts.

**A. Rawson** – wants to thank Mike Beaulieu for all his hard work the last 6 months in the absence of a Town Administrator.

**M. Beaulieu** – mentioned the Fire Station is coming together very well.

**M. Beaulieu** – expenditure report looks good. Also the WEX report shows a savings of \$1882 this month.

**T. Gray** – gave a Planning Board report that both the Exit 17 gas station project and the new China Pond site is moving forward. They are working on the CIP with recommendations to the BOS. It is taking very good form this time.

**T. Gray** – Lockhart Field was considered for a Brownfield grant but was dropped because there was no redevelopment plan in place. Tom has contacted NH Solar Garden to see if they had interest in putting solar panels there and they are very interested. The board was in agreement to go ahead with the plans. Tom talked with Matt Sullivan of SRPC and now that there is a redevelopment plan in place they can be put back on the Brownfield grant program. Tom also had an interview with Kaitlyn Andrews from Fosters regarding this and he feels that went well. He also went to the property with two representatives from DES who took pictures and walked around to see if they saw any signs of problems. They did not see any visual but need to relay the information to their people. Tom thinks the town should still take a proactive approach and do some water testing on the well and also get ahold of CMA Engineering and talk to them about the next steps.

**T. Gray** – asked where we stand on giving all chairs of boards and committees a key to the Town Hall to be able to get into the building. K. Wallingford stated they still have to get keys made up and need to be coded. She will reach out to the Chairs of the boards and committees.

**T. Gray** – asked Pat to address what's going on at the Highway barn. Pat Smith explained they had to remove the addition on the back corner of the barn. Over the past few years it has pulled away and falling off, the floor completely rotted out and was covered with black mold. They tore the whole thing down and are in the process of putting up another one. Dennis Wing asked how this was getting paid for. Pat stated they will hold back in different lines in the budget and just take care of it. It should be under \$10,000 when complete.

**T. Gray** – stated he doesn't understand why if somebody has a question from any of our department heads why they won't ask them. When he sees questions get put out to other people who don't have answers it just doesn't make sense. If you want actual answers go to the department and ask, they are all approachable. John Katwick stated if we want to learn what's going on in these buildings you need to go there and spend some time and he's really fed up with the these rumors on Facebook. It's time to start learning what's going on before you open your mouth.

**T. Gray** – wanted to let everyone know he is going out for another surgery and has asked Mike to take the helm till he can get back.

### **Public Comments**

Larry Brown – wanted to thank Devon for his letter as it specified span of control, chain of custody, consequence, remedy and detailed what the issues were. He then mentioned the solar garden and said we are doing as much or more with less. To get the combination of proven capacity and attention to detail

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that Andrew Kellar has had at a contiguous property to the benefit of the town should go out in capital letters.

Robert Graham – wanted to bring things up to date on Veteran’s Park. Mike Beaulieu is going to dig the trench, Farmington Water Dept. is going to do the coring and provide fixtures at cost. He stated the VFW would like to pay part of that cost. The Milton Water District is donating the meter and has waived the hookup fee. Robert stated they only use the water seasonal from May to September and asked why they have to pay for water year round. The Selectmen will bring it up at the next water district meeting.

Ryan Thibeault – requested he get a written response from the town.

Joe St. Lawrence – stated he was the former owner of Three Ponds Automotive and had information on a boundary issue. He stated when the wall was being put in the previous owners of the adjacent lot thought he had crossed over the property line. He was given a cease & desist, they went to court and it was found the line was never crossed. There was an agreement that was approved between all parties interested. Mr. St. Lawrence will come in to see the Code Officer about this.

Chairman Gray closed public comment. M. Beaulieu motioned to adjourn. Motion seconded by A. Rawson. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kimberly Ladisheff

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Chairman Tom F. Gray

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J. Michael Beaulieu

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Andrew O. Rawson

Approved: 8/22/16