

**Town of Milton  
Board of Selectmen  
September 12, 2016  
Meeting Minutes**

Members in attendance: Chairman Tom Gray, Andrew Rawson and Michael Beaulieu. Also in attendance was Heather Thibodeau, Town Administrator.

Selectmen Gray opened the meeting at 5:30PM and motioned to go into non-public under RSA- 91- A:3 II (c). Motion seconded by Selectmen Beaulieu. All in favor, motion passed.

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

Public in attendance: Stan Nadeau, Ryan Thibeault, Clarence Nason, Pat Smith, Chief Richard Krauss, Andrew Magargee, Russell Neil, Larry Brown, Betsy Baker, Bob Carrier.

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 6:10pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Chairman Gray acknowledged the employees with birthdays in September. Allison Lawrence (Library), Jinette Sturman (TC/TX), Jeffrey Comeau (Fire Department), John (Andy) Lucier (Fire Department), Carol Martin (TX/TC), Jason Behrens (Fire Department), Rachael Shipman (Welfare), Patrick Smith (Highway) Passings

Rosamond Huntoon, Debra Chaput, Edward Fetter, Ralph Ayers. A moment of silence was observed in honor of the deceased and their families. Selectmen Gray requested a moment of silence for the individuals that perished 15 years ago on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Elm Street Police Report**

Chief Krauss opens discussion. In previous meetings comments were made about issues on Elm Street. Officers performed a directed patrol on the street, and while on the patrol, 523 cars were observed. Of the 523 cars 13 cars were stopped, the highest speed being 50 MPH and an average speed was recorded of those 13 cars of 41-43 mph. The directed patrol was scattered throughout the day. Only 2% of the vehicles on that road were speeding. Requested dropping the speed limit from 30mph down to 25mph. Chief Krauss states that there is not enough statistical data to support the drop. There have been 13 motor vehicle crashes on Elm Street in 3 years. He believes that that high speed offenders are those that travel that road often. A speed bump or a speed plateau was suggested in lieu of a speed decrease. Chief Krauss believes that would be opening up the town to large amounts of liability. "Local Traffic Only" signs are not able to be put on that road because public funding is received for those roads. Chief Krauss does not see a problem on Elm Street. He does not decline that there are sporadic speeders but 98 percent of the cars observed were going the speed limit. Another Complaint was tractor trailers go through there. On his many patrols, Chief Krauss witnessed one tractor trailer. He states that the trucks

take that turn because it is safer than the alternative. Elm Street is the 4<sup>th</sup> most timed street in town; officers spend a lot of time on that road. Officers will continue to patrol that road as often as possible to keep an eye on traffic speeds.

**Discussion with Water Commissioners regarding road cuts**

A discussion is being opened as to why there are still road cuts being made when there is no notice to highway bonds or getting a permit. Water commissioners were not given enough notice, thus were not able to be at the meeting. This issue has been raised up several times before tonight. It has been asked that bonds be out, to the water commission, if the water commission was willing to work with the highway department and talk with them before the roads were being cut there would not have been a further issue. That communication is not happening and the issue has continued. The road specifically on discussion is Charles; which is being handled but Steve Elliot. The chair of the board was present and was unaware that this was a continuing problem. There was not enough notice given to the commissioners to allow them all to be present at this meeting. Chairman Stan Nadeau will request that it will be posted for the next meeting. The next meeting will be September 19, 2016. Selectman Gray makes it known that if something is not done, it is going to cost tax payers more money and that is what is trying to be avoided. There was an agreement that because the water district did not want to do permits or bonding that all fees for permits and bonding would be waived as long as there was a type on insurance that would cover any defects so that the tax payers would not have to cover that. There were no calls to any officials stating that Charles Street was going to be closed while there was work being done one day last week. There was never a permit put in. He since has spoken with Karen Brown and Steve Elliot request that a permit be put in place. This was requested last week and to this date, a permit still has not been put in for that water cut that has been put on the road. Steve Elliot and Karen Brown are responsible for pulling permits. The Water Commissioners and this issue will be added to the agenda for the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mike Beaulieu motioned to approve the July 20, 2016 Special Meeting public portion minutes as written. Seconded by Andrew Rawson. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mike Beaulieu motioned to approve the August 11, 2016 meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Andrew Rawson. All in favor, motion passed.

Mike Beaulieu motioned to approve the August 22, 2016 nonpublic meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Andrew Rawson. Tom Gray Abstained. Motion passed.

Mike Beaulieu motioned to approve the August 22, 2016 regular meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Andrew Rawson. Tom Gray abstained. Motion passed.

**SELECTMEN COMMENTS**

A. Rawson - It is wondered about what is being done with the house next to Cumberland Farms. There will need to be a follow up with Andy. Brian issued a cease and assist. An extension was requested, it was denied.

A. Rawson - Soccer starts Saturday Sept 17, 2016 at 10am at the town beach.

A. Rawson - A "thank you" was issued for all that participated in the playground dedication. There will be some new toddler equipment.

A. Rawson - The recreation department has been selling calendars to help rebuild that Milton Elementary School ball field. 100 calendars were sold. To try to sell the last 70 of them, there will be an extension on the fundraiser until Sept 30, 2016. The remaining calendars are being sold at town hall. Karen will pick them up from MES. A lot of businesses and private residents have donated hundreds of dollars towards the cause. The back stop, the fencing and a portion of the irrigation system still need to be paid for.

M. Beaulieu - Economic development meeting was last week. There was a discussion about putting UNH Co-op extension program back in the table. It was suggested to reach out to businesses via mailing. There was a question as to where the funding for mailing would come from. Bobby Bourdeau offered to pay for the mailing. This will be just businesses, not residents. There was a business alliance and they are going to try to rekindle that relationship.

Business incentive - An incentive of 30 percent the first year and 60 percent second year assessment value. Justin Avery brought up a need to research if there are any RSA's prohibiting that. Expanding the business district does not need to happen. There is nothing to expand. Bobby Bourdeau wants to send a letter off to the DOT to Chuck Schmit in regards to right of way parking at China Pond, former Rays Marina. Letter is read aloud by Tom Gray. It is requested that the committee send the letter. Any typing errors will be corrected and letter will be sent.

M. Beaulieu - The Wex program for the month of August had savings alone of \$1944.30 and year to date a total of \$8838.07.

M. Beaulieu - Mike will not be in attendance at Election Day. He found former Selectman Bob Bridges to stand in for him.

Chief Krauss advises the board to look at RSA 162-K in regards to Business incentive. RSA 79-E as well.

T. Gray - the gas station project with convenience store was granted conditional approval at the last meeting. Still waiting for parking approval. Planning board held a public hearing about capital improvement plan at the last meeting and now needs to go to the voters. At the planning board John Katwick presented a town acquisition of Milton Mills Cemetery, RSA 41.14-A, acquisition of property. Two public hearings need to be held for acquisition.

T Gray - Lockhart Field; Lease agreement with NH Solar Gardens is currently being reviewed with the town council. It is being questioned whether or not they qualify for brownfield grant assessment. It does qualify.

T. Gray - Permits; The permit process needs to be strengthened. If permit is pulled and it is expired, there needs to be some sort of penalty. It is stated that if a permit is expired, then it cannot be renewed. So a permit fee is charged, plus an additional 10 percent for penalty.

T. Gray - Received a letter from the state of NH Department of Justice in regards to Prospect Hill Cemetery. Letter was read. A letter came in regarding compost. Letter was read. Tom Gray thinks that composting is a great idea. He has a hard time getting on board because of municipalities. There is not enough man power to do it. There is not enough man power to monitor something like that or control of what people bring in. The idea of municipalities doing it is not favorable. He does not believe that money would be saved, rather more would be spent in time and wages.

T. Gray - Social Media Policy; Persisted by Barbara Hughes. Policy being passed out and will discuss at the next meeting.

T. Gray – Town Audit; A letter was received by Tom Gray about the town audit. A draft copy was sent out for discussion purposes. The letter contains the last pieces of information in order to get the audit completed.

T. Gray – Primary; Just a reminder that the primaries are tomorrow, September 13, 2016 8am-7pm at Milton Assembly of God Church.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ryan Thibeault - A suggestion to the board made by Ryan Thibeault. He noticed that when commitments are made, that they seem not to be followed. He suggests that in the future the recording clerk note what the commitments are, who made them and what steps need to be taken to follow through with the actions. Along with the commitment, he would also like to see in the minutes' dues dates. He stated that since July 11, 2016 he has attended all meetings. He brought to the board an issue of the retaining wall. He is concerned about the safety and integrity of the wall. However, his concerns and outreach have gone unanswered from the town. He addresses in regards to the wall that in all of the minutes, his concerns have not been addressed. He addresses that the voicemail is full on the cell phone. It is suggested that those get checked more frequently. He believes a full voicemail does not send a good message to the community.

Stan Nadeau - would like to discuss the compost pile. He does not agree with the statements made about there not being enough man power to run it. He said that he spoke with a gentleman involved with composting and that the gentleman relayed it does not take a lot of labor to operate. He does not believe that it is fair to residents to drive long distances to dispose of the compost. He truly believes that compost is needed for the town. He does not believe that is a lot to ask for.

Clarence Nason - stated that there is an option to purchase barrels specifically for compost at the transfer station.

Stan Nadeau – brought up the comments made by Mike Beaulieu on social media. He feels that the comments are rude and unprofessional. He wants the feeling of personal attacks on the residents need to stop. He feels like the other selectmen hold a responsibility to make sure that it does not happen again.

Russell Neil – opens the discussion about solar powering his home. He states that there are many tax incentives in favor of this process. Some towns exempt homes that have these systems from property tax. He questions the board about how this is assessed. He states that it will bring up the value of his house as well as the houses around him. He would also like to bring up the compost. He would like to

see evidence about the problems and evidence and research done. He would like to know what the liabilities and what are the alternatives.

Larry Brown - opens a new discussion about cemeteries, as he has been a cemetery trustee for many years. He reveals some information about the history of cemeteries. He then back tracks to the Elm Street discussion a bit. He states that on the street, if you are traveling south, there is a zero visibility hump at Steeple St. He states that in this area, he would love to see a stop sign as there is a learning center right there. Research will be done to see if a stop sign has the ability of being put there. There is a potential to that leading to traffic not moving in the morning. More traffic issues may be created than the signs may solve. Russell Neil raises the question about temporary speed bumps that can be moved

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Andrew Rawson. Seconded by Mike Beaulieu. All in favor. Motion passes, meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

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Chairman Tom Gray

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Michael Beaulieu

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Andrew Rawson