

Town of Milton
Board of Selectmen Meeting
February 4th, 2019
Milton Town Hall

Board of Selectmen Attendance: Chairman Ryan Thibeault, Vice Chair Erin Hutchings, Andy Lucier, Interim Town Administrator; David Owen, Recording Clerk; Danielle Marique

Public Attendance: Humphry Williams, Tom McDougall, Lynette McDougall, Janice Long, Timothy Long, Karen Brown, Dana Crossley, Brittney Leach, Ricky Gates, Larry Brown, Glenn Bailey, Russ Neal, Richard Krauss, Nancy West.

Meeting call to order

R. Thibeault welcomed all in attendance reciting the pledge.

Public Comment

R. Neal: Stated the snowmobile club would like to request the gate at the Town Beach be open for lake access from December 15th thru March 31st to access the lake and snowmobile trails. Stated proper requesting would come forth at a later time but would like the board to have knowledge about the request.

L. Brown: Expressed concern with candidate's night continue again as years past.

T. McDougall: Stated he would be by later this week to retrieve the video recording equipment for the set up for the Deliberative Session Saturday the 9th.

New Business:

- **Departmental Involvement within Website (Dana Crossley/Dave Owen)**
D. Owen stated with his knowledge and past history with website design aspects each department is responsible for the material for each of their department pages. Each department aligns one representative per department for material updating with limited access to that particular department only. D. Crossley stated the website administration team will be able to view when modifications and adjustments are made and stated this will be most beneficial for departments. A. Lucier questioned if the website and personnel is ready beyond this additional aspect. D. Crossley stated the website is ready for the release date and can train employees for department postings quickly. Stated all boards and committees would still send agendas and minutes thru the advisory committee. A. Lucier motioned to allow department representatives adjust their own department pages. R. Thibeault seconded. 3-0
- **Recreation Commission Requesting Board of Selectmen Approval on Beach Project (Ryan Thibeault)**
R. Thibeault requested on behalf of the Recreation Commission, the Board of Selectmen's approval for the Recreation Commission to use what is remaining of a large pine tree at the Town Beach to construct a fairy house for the children's use. A. Lucier motioned to approve the use of the remaining tree at the Town Beach for a fairy house. R. Thibeault seconded. 3-0

- **Discussion Re.: Atlantic Broadband Contract Renewal (Dave Owen)**

D. Owen stated the current contract has expired, this was a found project left from this past November for him to take care of. Explained that municipalities do not have a tremendous amount of leeway to negotiate contract amounts and the only way to terminate an agreement would be to prove a breach in contract which is not often easily completed. Explained that municipalities also do not have any control with the rates of service. Suggested an Atlantic Broadband representative attend a future Selectmen meeting to discuss the contract and specifics further. A. Lucier questioned if discussion of service interruptions would be possible at that time. D. Owen stated that is partly the reasoning for his suggestion. R. Thibeault stated that in past meetings with at the time Metrocast Company there was very low public attendance. R. Thibeault motioned to authorize the interim Town Administrator to contact Atlantic Broadband and to invite their representative to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss franchise renewal and issues and concerns relative to it. E. Hutchings seconded. 3-0

Old Business:

- **Town Report Discussion; Cover Photo and Selectmen Report (BOS per 1.28.19 meeting)**

R. Thibeault motioned to approve the photo of Veterans' Park for the Town Report. E. Hutchings seconded. 3-0

R. Thibeault stated slight adjustments needed to be made to the report and welcomed the suggestions of the selectmen if they had anything to add. D. Owen stated the photo of the seated selectmen will be taken at the meeting conclusion.

E. Hutchings stated it was brought to her attention the passing of Joan Tasker Ball and offered a co-dedication as she offered assistance to the Town for many years. A. Lucier stated he would assist in providing a dedication for her.

- **Deliberative Session; Speaking Assignments and PowerPoint Presentation Progress (BOS per 1.28.19 meeting)**

D. Owen stated the PowerPoint presentation is in progress with a few adjustments to be made.

R. Thibeault stated as a reminder per RSA, Zoning articles are prohibited from any modifications.

E. Hutchings suggested the Budget Committee would be a feasible option for reporting Article 5, the Town Operating Budget. Discussion of each department associated with the proposed warrant article will be the ones discussing the article in their extent to eliminate any confusion and a best description.

Other Business

D. Owen reported the electricians have been working in the building the last few days to assist with the life safety work that was required.

Reported there has been no word on the Jacobs case, once the judge made a ruling it would be supplied and delivered electronically.

Stated he attended the TPPA meeting this week and reporting back to the Town that the State of Maine will be performing chemical treatments in August of this year and the State of New Hampshire will be completing similar efforts.

Shared the Town of Gilmanton and Middleton supplied notice of applications of cellular tower work to continue.

Stated he signed for Melanson Heath to conduct the 2018 Town Audit.

Stated the Town Administrator position has been posted to MRI and NH Municipal Association for advertisement.

Requested the opinion of the board on the scheduling of the February 18th, regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting. Stated the 18th is a Federal Holiday with the offices being closed for the day, the Budget Committee has a meeting scheduled for the 19th, would confirm the 20th for a 6pm meeting.

R. Thibeault stated he received a letter from the State stating there will be work to conduct on horizontal signage. Stated this did not require any action of the board just a signature stating the board received communication of the project. E. Hutchings motioned for R. Thibeault to sign the notice #28139 municipal work zone agreement. A. Lucier seconded. 3-0

E. Hutchings suggested Board of Selectmen members have emails associated with their position and transfer to new board members at the end and start of terms. D. Owen stated it would be something to discuss further with the Atlantic Boardband representative. R. Thibeault stated this was something that has been ongoing and no action was ever decided and taken.

Meeting Minutes

E. Hutchings motioned to approve the January 28th, 2019 meeting minutes pending minor adjustment to add in the public comment portion of the meeting conclusion stating 'interested buyer of 565 White Mountain Highway *either as is or as demolished* pending discussion and conversation with the Town'. A. Lucier seconded. R. Thibeault abstained due to his absence from the meeting. 2-0

R. Thibeault motioned to approve the January 24th, 2019 meeting minutes E. Hutchings seconded. 3-0

Public Comments

T. Long: Questioned the status of the Town owned property discussion. R. Thibeault stated it is in progress.

Questioned if Atlantic BroadBand has a monopoly over the Town service or if there were other options the Town could look into. D. Owen stated yes essentially Atlantic BroadBand does as due to being a community that is not densely populated there are no other options. Stated when laws were passed multiple years ago it took the rate of supply discussion and option to negotiate away as an option.

H. Williams: Expressed concern with public comment during the meeting as opposed to limited to before and after the agenda items. Questioned where the 'open items' section of the agenda. D. Owen stated that an agenda is designed for items that have matters of action and not just for the ongoing aspect of a topic.

L. McDougall: Questioned if the new website was tested by the public. D. Owen stated that Virtual Town and City is a large website provider there isn't a true need for website testers. L. McDougall stated there have been multiple virus attacks and material lost in the past. D. Owen stated that once the new site goes live for the public if issues arise please bring them to attention.

L. Brown: Reminded all of Deliberative Session scheduled for Saturday February 9th, 2019 starting at 9am.

T.McDougall: Stated grants were used to purchase the recording equipment years ago and set up thru the then Metrocast, questioned if Atlantic BroadBand would include high speed internet within public buildings. D. Owen stated that can be brought for the discussion with the representative and equipment grants may still be available.

Expenditure Report

D. Owen stated going forward, expenditure reports will be provided and discussed monthly.

Administrator Comments

None

Selectmen Comments

A. Lucier: Stated he would be putting an agenda item together to allow winter Town Beach access for the next meeting.

R. Thibeault: Stated in regards to the public comment allowance discussion, asks the public realize and understand the Board of Selectmen meetings are for the board to meet and work, though it is a public meeting it does not necessarily mean it is a public commented meeting.

Welcomed D. Owen for his assistance to the Town.

A. Lucier motioned to adjourn E. Hutchings seconded. 3-0

Next Board of Selectmen Meeting Date: *Wednesday February 20th, 2019*

Respectfully submitted;
Recording Clerk,
Danielle Marique



Chairman Ryan Thibeault



Erin Hutchings



Andy Lucier