

Town of Milton
Board of Selectmen Meeting
March 16th, 2020
Milton Town Hall

Board of Selectmen Attendance: Erin Hutchings, Andy Rawson, Matt Morrill, Town Administrator Ernie Creveling, Recording Clerk; Danielle Marique

Public Attendance: Ryan Thibeault, Larry Brown, Betsy Baker.

Meeting call to order

E. Hutchings welcomed all in attendance reciting the pledge.

Public Comment:

B. Baker: Stated the Milton Free Public Library will be closing until March 31st due to COVID-19 outbreak and will reevaluate procedures afterwards. Stated there will be a librarian available to direct and answer needs.

New Business:

1. Re-Organization of Board of Selectmen

Motion: A. Rawson moved to approve E. Hutchings as the Board of Selectmen Chairman. M. Morrill seconded. 3-0.

M. Morrill moved to approve A. Rawson as the Board of Selectmen Vice Chairman. E. Hutchings seconded. 3-0.

2. Swearing in of Newly Elected Board and Committee Members

No members present for swearing in.

3. Board of Selectmen Committee/Board Assignments

E. Creveling stated for clarity, there is no Select Board appointment needed for the Zoning Board of Adjustment or School Board.

- Budget Committee assigned to E. Hutchings
- Planning Board assigned to M. Morrill
- Economic Development Committee assigned to A. Rawson
- Recreation Commission assigned to A. Rawson
- Heritage Commission assigned to M. Morrill

4. Board of Selectmen By-Law Discussion

M. Morrill suggested tabling the discussion as he was not able to review the provided material in full.

Motion: A. Rawson moved to table the Board of Selectmen By-Law Discussion until the next scheduled meeting. E. Hutchings seconded. 3-0.

5. 2020 Election and Warrant Article Results

E. Creveling reported the following election results from the 2020 Town of Milton election;

- II. Article 2- Operating Budget, Failed. The Town will be operating under a default budget.
- III. Article 3- School Resource Officer, Failed
- IV. Article 4- Contingency Fund, Failed
- V. Article 5- Optional Tax Credit for Service-Connected Disability, Passed
- VI. Article 6- Strafford Regional Planning Commission Membership Dues, Failed
- VII. Article 7- Highway and Road Reconstruction Fund, Failed
- VIII. Article 8- Fire Department Equipment and Apparatus CRF, Failed
- IX. Article 9- Highway Department Special Equipment CRF, Failed
- X. Article 10- Highway Department Capital Reserve Vehicle Fund, Failed
- XI. Article 11- Municipal Buildings CRF, Failed
- XII. Article 12- Milton Free Public Library CRF, Passed
- XIII. Article 13- Technology Upgrade CRF, Passed
- XIV. Article 14- Geographic Information System, Passed
- XV. Article 15- Buildings CRF, Passed
- XVI. Article 16- Eradicating Invasive Species, Passed
- XVII. Article 17- Establishment of Independent Capital Improvement Program Committee, Failed
- XVIII. Article 18- Elected to Appointed Fire Chief, Failed
- XIX. Article 19- Land or Roof Solar Lease Agreement Ratification, Passed
- XX. Article 20- Land or Roof Solar Lease Agreement AMENDMENT Ratification, Passed
- XXI. Article 21- Adopt RSA 41:11-a Governing Body Authority to Rent/Lease Town Property for up to Five (5) Years, Failed
- XXII. Article 22- Establishment of Heritage Commission, Passed
- XXIII. Article 23- Optional Tax Exemption: Solar, Wind Powered, Woodheating Systems (Submitted by Petition), Failed
- XXIV. Article 24- Adoption of a Tax Cap (Submitted by Petition), Passed

A. Rawson questioned the Highway Block Grant. E. Creveling stated the town will still receive the monies from the State, however, cannot expend from the funding. E. Creveling stated cuts may be made across the board to make and meet necessary measures.

6. Multit-Baord Meeting

E. Creveling stated the predetermined date for this meeting was to be for April 6th but given the recent COVID-19 circumstances this will no longer take place and an additional date will be reviewed at a later time.

Old Business:

None

Other Business:

E. Creveling requested due to the COVID-19 events that all non essential boards not meet for for 30 days as percaution. This would not include the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning

Boards as they can operate at a case by case situation with applicants and to attempt to have each applicant extend their applications. Presented a draft policy to the board.

Motion: A. Rawson moved that no non-essential meetings or public events take place within town facilities with the ZBA and Planning Boards being the exception. M. Morrill seconded. 3-0.

Meeting Minutes

A. Rawson moved to approve the March 2nd meeting minutes. E. Hutchings seconded. 2-0.

Public Comments:

L. Brown: Expressed concerns with Road Reconstruction results.

Expressed concern with COVID-19 discussions and expected more definitive decisions by leaders of the Town.

Expenditure Report

No comments.

Administrator Comments

E. Creveling stated the penalties the town was originally facing from the IRS regarding the NH Retirement System have been completed and the case is now closed with no cost to the town for associated fines and penalties.

Stated the town offices received notice from forest management that there will be cleaning of the Branch River. Copies of the letter are available at the Town Clerk's office.

Announced the Town Clerk/ Tax Collectors office will be closed Thursday March 26th.

Noted of nonpublic minutes from March 2nd to be addressed;

Motion: E. Hutchings moved to seal nonpublic meeting minutes Item #2 indefinitely. A. Rawson seconded. 2-0.

E. Hutchings moved to seal nonpublic meeting minutes Item #1 for 3 months. A. Rawson seconded. 2-0.

Selectmen Comments

M. Morrill:

Thanked the residents for voting him in for selectmen.

A. Rawson:

Stated it was nice to see many new candidates running for elected positions within town.

Stated there will be a lot of work ahead but will be based off what the residents want.

Stated if any school child in need of lunch during this social distancing no school period of time to please contact him personally at 603.534.1330.

E. Hutchings:

Thanked all residents who came out to vote and the board for assigning her chair of the select board.

Stated COVID-19 protocols will be forthcoming and residents will be notified.

E. Hutchings moved to adjourn A. Rawson seconded. 3-0

Next Scheduled Meeting: April 6th, 2020

Respectfully submitted;
Recording Clerk,
Danielle Marique

Chairman Erin Hutchings

Vice Chair Andy Rawson

Matt Morrill

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