

Town of Milton
Board of Selectmen Meeting
June 17th, 2019
Milton Town Hall

Board of Selectmen Attendance: Chairman Ryan Thibeault, Vice Chair Erin Hutchings, Andy Rawson, Town Administrator Ernie Creveling, Recording Clerk; Danielle Marique

Public Attendance: Richard Burke, Rhonda Burke, Ricky Gates, Judy Boucher, Neil Flanagan, Helen Flanagan, Deb McCormack, Lynette McDougall, Bob Carrier, Richard Krauss, Betsy Baker.

Meeting call to order

R Thibeault welcomed all in attendance reciting the pledge.
Stated the Board will conclude the meeting in nonpublic 91-A:3II (e)

Public Comment

N. Flanagan: Questions regarding property lines and right of way property. E. Creveling stated deeded access easement issues would be at a matter at a civil level but the assessing director would be able to answer some of the general questions he had according to the information available within their property file.

R. Burke: Expressed concern with the 'notify me' area of the website not notifying for news and alerts. E. Creveling stated he would look into it.

J. Boucher: Questioned resident concern response. R. Thibeault stated the Town Administrator would be addressing that within his report at the meeting conclusion.

New Business:

1. Library Director Betsy Baker

a) Library Update

B. Baker stated that each of the Milton Elementary School students completed a story which is now available at the Milton Free Public Library for review.

Stated that the construction company is on site to begin the reconstruction and remodel of the tower as well as replacing the windows.

b) July 4th Parade

Welcomed all in attendance for the annual 4th of July parade taking place in Milton Mills starting at the Library at 10am.

2. Police Chief Richard Krauss

a) Axon Evidence Camera Storage Contract

R. Krauss stated the evidence.com storage contract with Axon Evidence is a five year term contract that expires the end of 2019. The new contract reflects a slightly higher rate due to the hardware costs. Two cameras are needed to be replaced prior to the contract renewal. The increase in cost is also reflective of an increase in GB storage.

Motion: R. Thibeault moved to approve the Axon contract renewal agreement of \$2,916. Per year for 5 years. E. Hutchings seconded. 3-0

b) Town Dock Concern

R. Krauss reported the police boat sustained \$2,500 in damage from the dock last year. Due to not having the funding in the police department budget for repeat repairs the boat will operate on a use by use situation where it is launched in the water for each use. The suggestion and offer of docking the boat at private residents have been brought up and due to liability reasonings this is not an option. A. Rawson questioned if a price has been obtained on a new dock to replace the current. E. Hutchings questioned if padding on the outer side of the dock was an option. R. Krauss stated the dock is not long enough due to the depth of the water and the overall condition of the dock is not feasible. R. Thibeault suggested challenging the recreation commission on their previous statements of not having the funding for a new dock and look at the option of a 2-3-year plan to accommodate the need. E. Hutchings stated she would bring it up at the next recreation commission meeting.

c) Vehicle Discussion

R. Krauss stated the approval of replacing Car 2 has been previously granted and received a quote of approximately \$8,000-10,000. Trade value for the existing car 2 and stated the option of a private auction would not be an equivalent comparison in pricing. ***Motion:** E. Hutchings moved to approve the 2012 Ford F150 truck to be traded in for approximately \$8,000-10,000 value. R. Thibeault seconded. 3-0*

R. Krauss stated the phone system at the police station has been malfunctioning due to its age of 20 years, resulting in currently not have an answering system due to the computer board crashing. The approximate cost of a used computer board installed is \$750 with no guarantee how long the used will be in functioning status. The temporary answering system is operating on a very limited amount of messaging time therefor requests residents to call dispatch for a duty officer to return the concern and not use the answering system.

Old Business:

3. Budget Follow Up

E. Creveling shared a suggestion that came forward to conduct one single joint Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee meeting to discuss and have department budget presentations collectively. The Select Board was in concensus and are open to the idea. E. Creveling stated the 2019 budget is currently being reviewed based on absolute spending amounts and will soon show what may be available.

E. Creveling questioned the Boards suggestion of the 2020 cola and merit percentages the department heads were to be using for budget preparation. Stated the New England cost of living is comparable. Board suggested conintinuing with the current percentage figures.

R. Krauss questioned if the Board would like to see the School Resource Officer (SRO) built into his department budget or present it as a Warrant Article. Stated currently the grant funding is not available but is hopeful it will be in the near future.

Motion: A. Rawson moved to continue with a 2020 Warrant Article for the proposed SRO position to begin July 1,2020.

4. Status of 565 White Mountain Highway

E. Creveling stated he has conducted some back research on the property and status of the ongoing deed work. Reported the excavation company chosen to perform the original plan of demolition has provided an updated estimate and would still be interested in the project once the appropriate time comes. Status of the title process is in continuation with an approximate 90 day time frame before legalities are complete.

Other Business

- **Unlicensed Dog Warrant**

E. Creveling reported per Town Clerk Tax Collector there are currently 251 unlicensed dogs within the Town.

Motion: R. Thibeault moved to approve and sign the 2019 Warrant for Unlicensed Dogs. A. Rawson seconded. 3-0

- **Stone Hill Municipal Solutions 2019 Contract Renewal**

E. Creveling stated the contract renewal for Stone Hill Municipal Resources, the Financial Consultant is available for approval and signatures stating the hourly rate increase.

Motion: R. Thibeault moved to approve and sign the Stone Hill Municipal Resources contract. A. Rawson seconded. 3-0.

Meeting Minutes

E. Hutchings motioned to approve the June 3rd, 2019 meeting minutes. A. Lucier seconded. 3-0

Expenditure Report

E. Creveling stated the Town Administrator Contract Services line is at a higher expended percentage due to the contract with Municipal Resources Inc. to provide the interim administrator as well as the search for the administrator. E. Hutchings questioned the Government Buildings Part Time Salary line and the possibility that it is being expended out of the wrong line. E. Creveling stated he would review for certainty. A. Rawson quested the Health Insurance projection. E. Creveling stated that is a rough estimated cost for the end of the year, not fully expended due to staffing adjustments.

Public Comments

L. McDougall: Questioned the possibility of installing fencing around 565 White Mountain Highway for public safety during the summer. E. Creveling stated it is an option based on pricing, currently has caution tape around the perimeter of the property.

Questioned the option of purchasing a used dock for lesser the cost of a new.

R. Burke: Questioned what Stone Hill Municipal Resources was and consists of. E. Creveling stated Stone Hill is the financial consulting company the town has utilized for many years as they offer financial support to the town including auditory work.

Administrator Comments

E. Creveling announced a letter of gratitude from South Shore Outboard Director Steve Nory.

Reported 174 Ford Farm Road property discussion from the past meeting is still in progress.

Tax Map 37 Lot 64 repurchase request from J. Monahan is still pending. Notice of the Select Boards decision has been provided by phone message, text as well as email and most recently a certified letter with a response timeframe provided, currently no contact or response back from J. Monahan.

The law firm selection process is in continuation, work sessions have been scheduled for July 11 and 18. The final firm was not available due to scheduling conflicts either of the provided dates and requested a brief work session prior to the scheduled board meeting on July 1st. R. Thibeault stated a work session for July 1 at 5pm would be adequate.

Brookfield Drive property is in continuation.

Recited the letter of response to the resident concerns. (Appendix A) E. Hutchings expressed that the Town Planner answered all concerns that were brought forward and felt that Code Enforcement Officer would be reviewing going forward from this point. A. Rawson stated he would address his questions with the Town Planner directly. R. Thibeault expressed explanation of the concern brought forward about Town employees being at fault for procedures. Stated the employees are legally able to only do so much. E. Hutchings stated regarding the liquor licensing process, the campground is within their legal rights that the board of selectmen or town does not need to approve the application. A. Rawson stated the information of the request and application was never brought and passed to the Board from the past Town Administrator receiving it directly, the Board was not made aware of the licensing request.

Selectmen Comments

A. Lucier: Stated the Fairy House at the Town Beach had its dedication at Summer Kick-off event last weekend and was a terrific event.

Sentimental Resale reopening in their new location will be having a ribbon cutting Saturday June 22nd, 2019 at 9:00AM, all are welcome to attend and welcome the business to its new location.

E. Hutchings: Stated there was a great turn out for the Summer Kick-off event.

R. Thibeault: Stated the Planning Board meeting will be Tuesday June 18th to continue with the CIP presentation process. The next Board of Selectmen meeting will be Monday July 1 at 5:00PM for a work session and regular scheduled meeting to continue at 6:00PM.

R. Thibeault moved to continue in nonpublic session 91-A:3 II (e) A. Rawson seconded. 3-0

Next Board of Selectmen Meeting Date:

Monday July 1st, 2019 – 5:00PM

Respectfully submitted;

Recording Clerk,
Danielle Marique

Chairman Ryan Thibeault

Erin Hutchings

Andy Rawson