

Town of Milton
Board of Selectmen Meeting
June 3rd, 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: Humphry Williams, Lori Smith, George White, James Burdin, Jen Czysz, Cubbi Lirette, Neil Flannagan, Helen Flanagan, Sue Houle, Ken Houle, Steve Hayes, Larry Brown, Judy Boucher, Norm Turgeon, Steve Baker, Jim Flanagan, Skip Bridges, Carol Bridges, Rhonda Burke, Tom Kachoris, Betsy Kachoris, Chip Gehres, Barb Gehres, Jen King, Bob Carrier, Robert Blair, Deborah Blair, Tom McDougall.

Meeting call to order

R. Thibeault welcomed public in attendance reciting the pledge.

Public Comment

L. Brown: Expressed concern with opinion.

T. McDougall: Requested the agenda be adjusted so the budget discussion is prior to the resident concern discussion to adequate his attendance during the discussion. Board unanimously agreed to adjust the agenda order.

New Business:

1.) Strafford Regional Planning Commission Presentation

J. Czysz, Strafford Regional Planning Commission Director stated SRPC was formed under state statute to help communities plan and coordinate across the region. Stated there are 2 commissioners per member paying community, one of which assists within the Policy Committee. Technical Advisory Committee which the town has an assigned representative is responsible for assisting in transportation needs. SRPC also tracks land use development plans, offers GIS mapping data and data layers consisting of recreation land data layer which is still in progress, hazard mitigation plans, MS4 permits and impaired waterbodies. Offers assistance in grant writing and transportation improvement programming. J. Burdin, SRPC EDC Planner, stated within his department and field of study offering of comprehensive Economic Development Committee straitening which assists the community project planning and effectiveness. Stated involvement in Brownfields Assessment Program which currently includes Lockhart Field. E. Hutchings questioned his ability to attend a future Milton Economic Development Committee meeting. A. Rawson stated he strongly supports the work of SRPC. E. Creveling stated SRPC is a terrific resource especially those projects in early stages of development.

3.) Proposed Budget Committee Schedule/Process and Selectmen Guidance

B. Carrier presented a draft budget presentation schedule for joint Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee budget presentations. T. McDougall stated this is in efforts to reduce the amount of times each department presents their budgets. Currently in the process of meeting with each department for better understanding of the department budget and what it entails for better preparation for the height of budget season. Focus of the Budget Committee is to schedule early in the year to eliminate confusion and better preparedness. R. Thibeault stated as time gets closer the schedule may need to be adjusted

however what was presented is a good starting point.

2.) Resident Concerns Regarding Zoning Board of Adjustment Case

S. Bridges expressed concern with policy difference being questionable. Expressed belief there to be lack of zoning implementation. Stated the Land Use office adopted policy regulations and believes the enforcing policy is unlawful and that the ordinance is not being followed as it was adopted. R. Thibeault stated the Town has received his complex complaint and is currently being reviewed. S. Bridges expressed concern about what has happened in the past as well as what will happen in the future. Audience member L. Brown excused himself publically from the remaining discussion of this agenda topic. S. Bridges expressed concerns with accessory use along with special exceptions, specifying Low Density Residential Zoning limits with suggestions of code enforcement and Cease & Desist orders be in place.

***Motion:** R. Thibeault moved to direct Town Administrator Creveling to work with the Land Use Department to review and compile a response to the received complaint. E. Hutchings seconded. 3-0*

4.) 174 Ford Farm Road and Abutting Town-Owned Lot

K. Wallingford explained the property at Tax Map 37, Lot 34 was previously tax deeded and then sold back to the original owner with stipulation of merging property which failed to occur. The property was taken on tax deed a second time and still current situation. The building assessed to Map 37, Lot 33 is located partly on Map 37, Lot 34. J. Flanagan expressed he would like to purchase Map 37, Lot 34 from the Town as current owner of Map 37, Lot 33. R. Thibeault stated further research will occur and will follow up at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

R. Thibeault directed the meeting into a 3 minute recess.

Old Business:

5.) Request to Purchase Tax Map 37, Lot 64

R. Thibeault stated the previous owner offered to repurchase the property for roughly \$1,300. E. Hutchings suggested the amount of \$1,743.15 which is the current amount due on taxes without interest or penalties. A. Rawson state the property has no value to anyone but to the abutters who are the previous owners stating the \$1,300 with stipulation of property merger. R. Thibeault expressed concern with the importance to do research prior to purchasing property. Stated requesting what is currently owed for taxes alone is a fair agreeance.

***Motion:** E. Hutchings moved to approve lot merger of the current property at Map 37, Lot 61 with Map 37, Lot 64 for the repurchase price of the current tax amount without penalties and interest for \$1,743.15. A. Rawson seconded. 3-0*

6.) Acceptance of \$5,000. From Atlantic Broadband for the Purchase/Upgrade Equipment

***Motion:** R. Thibeault moved to approve and accept the \$5,000 from Atlantic Broadband for the purpose of purchase and upgrading video media equipment. A. Rawson seconded. 2-0*

7.) Proposals from Law Firms – Process for Evaluation

E. Creveling suggested scheduling each of the four interested law firms to come and discuss options and potentials with the Board in workshop settings prior to final decision. R. Thibeault stated interviewing two at each workshop would be sufficient.

8.) Deposition of Brookfield Drive Parcel, Tax Map 17, Lot 5

E. Creveling reported that the Conservation Commission as well as the Carl Seimon Family Charitable Trust has presented an offer of purchase the property for \$5,000 the same as two previous property purchases in that location. A. Rawson stated there is no value of the Town as it is not a buildable lot.

Motion: *R. Thibeault moved to authorize Town Administrator Creveling to work with the Town Attorney and the Carl Seimon Family Charitable Trust for the purchase of Map 17, Lot 5 for \$5,000. E. Hutchings seconded. 3-0*

Other Business

None

Meeting Minutes

Motion: *E. Hutchings moved to approve the May 20th, 2019 special meeting minutes. A. Rawson seconded. 3-0.*

Expenditure Report

E. Hutchings questioned the Government Buildings Part Time Salary line 01-4194-120, budget amount of \$1.00 expended far beyond that budget amount.

Public Comments

L. Brown: Expressed gratitude to the clerk for publicly acknowledging his absence and removal from the resident concern discussion stating he values the oath to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as well as the Planning Board.

J. King: Questioned if the Planning Board meeting June 4th, would be recorded. R. Thibeault stated a suggestion can be brought forward though final decision is at the digression of the board and the chairman.

Administrator Comments

E. Creveling stated DPW Director P. Smith has requested authorization to post the part time transfer station job position.

Motion: *A. Rawson moved to approve the job posting for a part time transfer station attendant. E. Hutchings seconded. 3-0*

-Stated a revised Purchase and Sale agreement has been drawn for the old fire station to the same buyers as previous with a September 1st closing date. Stated the SB154 is still awaiting signature. Suggested the buyer sign a release of liability to grant them access to the interior of the building prior to the closing.

Motion: *R. Thibeault moved to authorize Town Administrator Creveling to authorize signing on the boards behalf contingent upon the Governor signing SB154 into law and further having Mr. Cheney sign a Release of Liability holding the Town of Milton harmless from any personal injury or property damage claims as a result and his agents' activities during the planning, engineering and surveying activities in which he wishes to engage prior to the closing. A. Rawson seconded. 3-0*

-Reported 79 Charles Street is ready for sealed bids or auction, the deeding process has completed. A. Rawson questioned the status of 565 White Mountain Highway. E. Creveling stated he has submitted a Quiet Title request to the Town Attorney. R. Thibeault questioned the status of 20 Dawson Street. E. Creveling stated research into that particular property has not undergone as of yet but is aware there were past deeding issues.

- Was asked by Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Michelle Beauchamp, to thank B. Leach for her assistance in tax bill preparation.
- Welcomed Ashley Morrill as the Land Use Clerk as today June 3rd, was her first day in the office.
- Thanked Kathy Wallingford and Danielle Marique for their assistance within the building not only with the meeting tonight but the everyday knowledge.
- Thanked department heads and supporting staff for their welcome and assistance the past two weeks.

Selectmen Comments

A. Rawson: Stated the Town Beach and the new Fairy House at the Town Beach look very nice and is ready for the summer. Thanked all who had efforts in the project’s completion.

-Congratulated Nancy Wing with Sentimental Resale on the successful move to their new business location to the Down Town area.

E. Hutchings: Summer Kick Off is this weekend June 8 & 9. Thanked Ryan Cincotta for his dedication on beach preparation for this weekend’s events.

-Notice from Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Michelle Beauchamp, tax bills have gone out with payment due for July 1.

R. Thibeault: Planning Board meeting Tuesday June 4th at 6:30, to discuss the CIP process beginning with the Fire department presentation along with two public hearings.

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

Next Board of Selectmen Meeting Date:

Monday June 17th, 2019 – 6:00PM

Respectfully submitted;
Recording Clerk,
Danielle Marique

Chairman Ryan Thibeault

Erin Hutchings

Andy Rawson