

Town of Milton
Board of Selectmen Workshop Meeting
July 1st, 2019
Milton Town Hall

Work Session Meeting

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

Public Attendance: Lynette McDougall, Tom McDougall, Larry Brown, Chad Roberge, Jonathan Babon, Adam Denoncour, Susan Serino, Kathy Wallingford.

Meeting call to order

R Thibeault welcomed all in attendance reciting the pledge.

Public Comment

T. McDougall: Stated there has recently been a Budget Committee vacancy due to a member moving out of town. The opening will be posted for interested parties shortly.

New Business:

Avitar Presentation

C. Roberge of Avitar explained the reevaluation process, that the waterfront properties are being reviewed first continuing with associates driving the entire town to review property sales and each individual property in town. Hopeful that the use of new sales that took place in June and July will assist with the reevaluation with a hopeful completion of the end of July. Notices of reevaluation will be sent after completion to which appointments can be made to review any concerns or questions the citizens may then have. J. Babon of Avitar stated the ability to speak with concerned residents helps understanding on all levels, field review helps fine tune everything and that remaining transparent especially with the reevaluation process is the companies procedure. A. Rawson expressed concern with previous reevaluations that lead to the town being set backwards. Questioned if concerns are currently being found that may repeat this history. J. Babon stated preliminary work has thus far shown potential issues with the Hydro plant statistics especially with equipment leading to value difference. As for the campground it has been proven that changes with campers' assessments as well as past assessing history will play factors going forward. Stated waterfront properties will likely show concerns but will then have accurate data to assist with the assessments unlike the past. C. Roberge reminded the board that until a full field review is complete everything is preliminary and urges anyone with concerns to contact Avitar. Hopeful for concerns to be brought forward prior to the next tax billing, which anything unresolved afterwards would be under abatement review in the spring of 2020. DRA representative A. Denoncour stated their involvement required with the reevaluation explaining numerous aspects they will be in review of in conjunction of the work Avitar will be completing. K. Wallingford reiterated the state DRA involvement is customary that it is not to be of any alarm to the board or residents.

Other Business

E. Creveling explained to the board that the Town Offices will be operating under minimal staffing Friday July 5th, that the Town Clerk/ Tax Collectors office will be closed as well, made a suggestion that if employees scheduled and are willing to take their accrued time off, the building would remain closed after the holiday. R. Thibeault stated he does not want employees to feel forced to use their vacation time as long as it is a volunteered basis.

Motion: R. Thibeault moved to approve the closure of the Town Offices for July 5th, 2019 as employees will be using their accrued time off for the day, regular business hours will commence Monday July 8th, 2019. E. Hutchings seconded. 3-0

R. Thibeault moved to continue in nonpublic session 91-A:3 II (a) E. Hutchings seconded. 3-0

Next Board of Selectmen Meeting Date:
Monday July 11th, 2019 – 5:00PM

Respectfully submitted;
Recording Clerk,
Danielle Marique

Chairman Ryan Thibeault

Erin Hutchings

Andy Rawson