

Town of Milton
Board of Selectmen Workshop Meeting
July 15th, 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: Preti Flaherty Attorney; Mark Puffer.

Meeting call to order

E. Hutchings welcomed all in attendance to the workshop session excusing Chairman Thibeault from the meeting.

New Business:

Preti Flaherty Law Firm Presentation

M. Puffer reported Preti Flaherty has one main office in Portland Maine with sub offices in Concord NH, Augusta ME, and Boston MA. Expressed the firm represents approximately 60% municipality work and 20% with Towns and other miscellaneous legal cases. E. Hutchings questioned if the firm handled cases such as in regards to employee or labor law. M. Puffer stated there would be a designated attorney for that area of concentration. E. Hutchings questioned how the firm assists the governing board in communicating complicated legal issues to its constituents? M. Puffer stated information and results are broken down into a fashion for full understanding to any level of expertise of the matter and law. A. Rawson questioned the transition process from the past law firm. M. Puffer stated information would be reviewed ahead of time for full understanding of the past situations and cases. E. Hutchings questioned the rate of pay to review past material versus the rate of pay to begin new cases or material. M. Puffer stated the standard rate would apply for all work. E. Creveling questioned how full background information regarding a case is obtained. M. Puffer stated that all background material would be obtained and every case is reviewed case by case with specific information being asked and provided for prior to a final decision being made. E. Creveling questioned how inner board/committee conflicts are handled and viewed. M. Puffer stated that any internal board or committee conflict would be followed by a request for each board/committee to seek an additional firm to represent them in the particular conflicting case.

E. Hutchings moved to adjourn the workshop session A. Rawson seconded. 2-0

Next Board of Selectmen Meeting Date:

Monday July 18th, 2019 – 4:45PM

Respectfully submitted;

Recording Clerk,
Danielle Marique

Excused
Chairman Ryan Thibeault

Erin Hutchings

Andy Rawson