

APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN WORK SESSION
January 7, 2013

PRESENT: Gary Daniels, Chairman
Tim Finan, Vice Chairman
Katherine Bauer, Member
Mark Fougere, Member
Mike Putnam, Member
Guy Scaife, Town Administrator
Jack Sheehy, Finance Director

1. CALL TO ORDER, BOARD OF SELECTMEN INTRODUCTIONS & PUBLIC SPEAKING

INSTRUCTIONS: Chairman Daniels called the public meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., introduced Board members and then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Daniels noted that those people in the audience who want to speak or add to the discussion should please use a microphone in order to be heard on the PEG Access live broadcast.

2. DECISIONS:

Eagle Scout Commendation. Selectman Putnam moved to approve a commendation for Robby Finan for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Selectman Bauer seconded the motion. The motion passed 4/0/1, with Vice Chair Finan abstaining.

Board/Commission/Committee Appointments. Chairman Daniels stated that the Zoning Board needed both full members and alternates and encouraged the public to contact a Selectman if they are interested in serving on the Zoning Board. Chairman Daniels also asked the Board if they wanted to continue the practice of interviewing all volunteers for other boards, commissions and committees. Chairman Daniels saw merit in continuing to interview individuals who would be making decisions in which peoples' constitutional rights were taken into consideration, but questioned the need to interview other volunteers. The Board did not see it necessary to request individuals who would not be making decisions affecting peoples' constitutional rights to come before the Board, but did want those individuals to have the opportunity to talk to the Board if they so chose. The Board also wished to be informed when new members had joined committees and who those members are.

3. WARRANT ARTICLE DISCUSSIONS:

- Town Administrator Guy Scaife distributed updated documentation on the budget, reflecting a budget reduction by \$63,000, bringing the budget to a 5.0% increase.
- The elements making up the default budget were explained.
- Jack Sheehy explained the impact of the increase in health insurance on employees' pay.
- CPI for 2012 was 2.2%.
- The sidewalk project is a 10-year bond whose tax impact does not begin until 2014.
- Debt ratio (bonding) to operating budget is very low and will continue to be so even if the sidewalk project is approved.
- The Ambulance article has been reduced from an estimate of \$335,00 to \$324,000 including a discount.
- Discussion ensued regarding the impact of purchasing only one ambulance, versus two.
- There was consensus on the Board that Braun would be the preferred vendor of choice for the purchase of one or two ambulances.
- The Dump truck for DPW is a 5-year lease purchase.
- The Vacuum Sweeper for DPW is a 7-year lease purchase.
- Discussion ensued regarding the purchase of a Vacuum Sweeper versus continuing to repair the current one.
- Passage of budget and all warrant articles would result in a 7.3% increase in the tax rate.

4. NEXT MEETING: The next Board meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. on January 14, 2013 to address regular business. The Bond and Budget Hearing will commence at 6:30 p.m. the same evening. Though not part of the

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1 Bond and Budget Hearing, opportunity for the public to learn about and discuss the other warrant articles will be
2 given.
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4 **5. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this meeting, Selectman Putnam moved to
5 adjourn at 6:43 p.m. Selectman Fougere seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.
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