

APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
September 29, 2014

PRESENT: Gary Daniels, Chairman
Mark Fougere, Vice Chairman
Katherine Bauer, Member
Mike Putnam, Member
Kevin Federico, Member
Darlene J. Bouffard, Recording Secretary
Dave Bosquet, Videographer

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

INSTRUCTIONS: Chairman Daniels called the public meeting to order at 5:49 p.m., introduced Board members and then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Daniels introduced members of the Board. Chairman Daniels indicated 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. Chairman Daniels announced that in non-public session the Board discussed a personnel and reputation issue; no decisions were made, nor votes taken.

2. APPOINTMENTS:

5:00 p.m. – Non-Public-Personnel and Reputation. Selectman Putnam moved to enter into Non-public session at 5:00 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (a & c) personnel and reputation. Selectman Federico seconded. Motion passed 5/0. After a discussion, Selectman Putnam moved to come out of non-public session. Selectman Federico seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0 and the Board exited non-public session at 5:48 p.m. Chairman Daniels announced that in non-public session the Board addressed a personnel and reputation issue and took no votes and made no decisions. The minutes of this non-public meeting have been sealed.

3. DECISIONS

a) Ambulance Swap. Chairman Daniels invited the Ambulance Director Eric Schelberg up to the table for this discussion. Mr. Schelberg indicated several months ago he spoke with the then-Town Administrator Guy Scaife about the possibility of swapping the old 2003 Milford ambulance with the old Wilton ambulance for \$1 to use as a ready backup and so that Wilton could use the old 2003 Milford ambulance for a trade in. The Wilton ambulance has fewer miles on it and it has a large patient compartment in back, the vehicle is in better shape than the 2003 Milford ambulance. If Milford trades the ambulance with Wilton, it would cost approximately \$1,100 to get it up to speed for Milford (changing the decals to Milford). The Wilton town mechanic has said the Wilton ambulance is in good mechanical shape. Mr. Schelberg is asking the Board of Selectmen to consider this and authorize this transfer. As part of this swap, for the next two years, if Wilton needs a backup ambulance, Milford would agree to loan it at no cost for up to two weeks for a period of two years. Mr. Schelberg believes this is a fair trade. This will not interrupt service at all and is a great opportunity. Selectman Putnam asked if the Ambulance's contracted mechanic has looked at the Wilton ambulance. Mr. Schelberg said he has not had the Ambulance's contracted mechanic look at it but he noted Wilton has kept up on the maintenance and it drives well, but Eric can also have the Ambulance's contracted mechanic take a look. Mr. Schelberg further explained that Wilton has two ambulances. Selectman Putnam asked that the Ambulance's contracted mechanic look and confirm that it also has good tires. Mr. Schelberg agreed. Chairman Daniels asked when a decision is wanted. Mr. Schelberg would like a decision by October 20 because Wilton would like a decision in order to move forward. Selectman Federico has no problem as long as the Ambulance's contracted mechanic signs off on it. Rather than have Mr. Schelberg come back before the Board of Selectmen, Selectman Federico suggested the Board provide consensus in support. Selectman Putnam moved to grant Eric Schelberg authority to swap the 2003 Milford ambulance with the Wilton ambulance for \$1, contingent upon the okay from the Ambulance's contracted mechanic. Selectman Federico seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.

b) Pumpkin Festival Boundary Lines. Wendy Hunt, Milford Improvement Team Director, indicated she has now provided a map of the boundary lines the Pumpkin Festival works within, Bill Parker was consulted regarding private sidewalks. Chairman Daniels indicated in the future, we can make a town ordinance out of this district. Selectman Putnam moved to approve the map presented which delineates the boundaries of the Pumpkin Festival activities. Vice Chairman Fougere seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.

c) Heron Pond Response. Chairman Daniels indicated that Fred Elkind, Milford Environmental Programs Coordinator, has responded to this issue in response to recent questions about Heron Pond and the draining of it.

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1 The response is "A White Paper on Heron Pond" and it addresses the questions raised by the Brox Environmental
2 Citizens Group. Audrey Frazier, Conservation Commission Chairman, asked if the White Paper could include a
3 date so that in the future, everyone is aware of when the paper was written. There were no objections. Suzanne
4 Fournier, Brox Environmental Citizens Group, asked if there was a copy of the white paper that she could have since
5 she has not yet seen it. Chairman Daniels responded that we do not have hard copies of the report tonight, but it will
6 be placed on the town website as soon as the changes indicated are made including the title of Mr. Elkind and the
7 current date. This paper was written as Mr. Elkind's opinion, Chairman Daniels asked if the Board of Selectmen
8 wished to accept the white paper as the official position of the Board of Selectmen? Selectman Putnam moved to
9 accept the language in the "White Paper on Heron Pond" as the official position of the Board of Selectmen and to
10 place it on the Town Website. Vice Chairman Fougere seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.

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12 **4. DISCUSSIONS.**

13 1) **2015 Budget.** Chairman Daniels indicated that the Police Department and DPW Department budgets are
14 doing well, Chairman Daniels forwarded a letter from the State to members about the green bridge. He and
15 Rick Riendeau, DPW Director, met with State officials recently, this letter provides a little more insight.
16 Rick noted he has not received any additional paperwork. There will be a public forum to solicit input
17 from residents on the disposition of the green bridge. Chairman Daniels is considering having that forum
18 next Monday. Vice Chairman Fougere suggested a paper be written to explain to residents what is happen-
19 ing with the green bridge and the different options being considered and what is being asked of the town so
20 that people know what the public hearing is for. Chairman Daniels does not want it to be perceived that
21 what is published is final, it is just a notice for the public hearing. Chairman Daniels and Rick Riendeau
22 will get something to Tina to post for Monday if that can be done. Next Monday there will also be a CIP
23 Committee presentation to talk so they can come up with a final position. Chairman Daniels asked mem-
24 bers to please take a look at the CIP that was presented to the Board.

25 Each department will be meeting with the Board of Selectmen on Thursday during the day to give their re-
26 port and talk about the 2015 budget. Board members have looked at what has been presented thus far, and
27 it is currently an 8.8% increase, which we all know is too high. Some money has been used out of the un-
28 derruns in some departments. Selectman Putnam suggested maybe doing some of the projects and hold off
29 on some projects to make sure we are not going to have an overrun. Selectman Putnam is going to bring up
30 to each department head possibly putting off projects for a while. Projects for DPW should take priority
31 (roads and bridges). Rick Riendeau said he has a list of projects, but they are not prioritized. Selectman
32 Putnam noted that the budget has to take priority and the Board of Selectmen goals must take a backseat.
33 Chairman Daniels said the Board has made progress on some of the goals, and some will be put off.
34 Chairman Daniels asked about the Kaley Park construction and if the road will be wide enough to accom-
35 modate a turning lane? Mr. Riendeau said it will be, it ends up being three, 11-foot lanes.

36 Vice Chairman Fougere said many departments do not have huge increases, so it will be difficult to get the
37 8.8% down. It is going to be a lot of small decreases. Selectman Bauer asked what the increase was last
38 year. Chairman Daniels said it was 4.5%. Selectman Putnam noted that MACC Base has an increase for
39 equipment purchases (consoles), of roughly 3% (\$108,000). Selectman Bauer asked when we last bought
40 consoles. Selectman Putnam responded about ten years ago. There are a lot of things that have been put
41 off for a long time, it will be a challenge to bring that number down. Once the Board gets through Thurs-
42 day with all the departments, we will have a better understanding of what is in the budget. Selectman Put-
43 nam noted the town is still looking for grant money.

44 2) **Other Discussions.** Chairman Daniels mentioned the Traffic Safety Committee (TSC) had a meeting to-
45 night. It was decided to change the makeup of the Committee from seven members with three public
46 members and three department heads with a Board of Selectmen representative, to dropping the department
47 heads and make those positions advisory instead, with four public members and one Board of Selectmen
48 representative. Dave Wheeler is now the Chair of the TSC and we can have the committee at full staff by
49 the next TSC meeting. Selectman Putnam moved to revise the TSC to have four members from the public
50 and one Board of Selectmen representative, while using Department Heads as advisory as needed. Select-
51 man Putnam seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.

52 Selectman Bauer indicated the Coffee with a Cop was held today and had a good turnout. This event al-
53 lows the public to come in to just inform the police of things or ask questions. Chief Viola said this was
54 started by the Department of Justice, where citizens can just come in to talk about anything, just to talk. It
55 is a good event, we will do another one and we try to do one every six months. Matt Fiffield went to a
56 class for training, and they want to make sure there is no agenda.

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58 **5. NOTICES.** Notices were read by Chairman Daniels.

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6. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this meeting, Selectman Putnam moved to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Selectman Federico seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0. This meeting was followed by the Fifth Monday Forum which began at 7:00 p.m.

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