

APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
February 9, 2015

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

EXCUSED: Katherine Bauer, Member

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

INSTRUCTIONS: Chairman Daniels called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., introduced Board members and then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. 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.

2. APPOINTMENTS:

5:30 p.m. – Approval of 2014 Property Abatement Applications. Town Assessor Marti Noel presented the two abatement applications, with the recommendation for approval. One request was for a veteran credit, for which the paperwork arrived in September 2014. The second request is for an error made in the property data. Selectman Putnam moved to approve the two abatements as presented. Vice Chairman Fougere seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 4/0.

<u>Property</u>	<u>Abatement amount</u>
6 Riversedge Dr.	\$300.00
175 Ridgefield Dr.	\$ 30.03

5:45 p.m. – Appointment of Jason Plourde as Full Member of the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. Chairman Daniels indicated that Jason Plourde has stepped forward requesting to be appointed to the Traffic Safety Committee (TSC). Chairman Daniels asked Mr. Plourde for some background. Mr. Plourde explained he has lived in Milford since 2001 and is a Traffic Engineer. He has worked a lot with Bill Parker, who he said is a huge value to this community. Mr. Plourde attended the design Charrette held in Milford in early 2014 and he feels he wants to make a difference in the town and by volunteering for this committee, he feels he can make a difference. Mr. Plourde has also joined the Economic Development Advisory Commission. Vice Chairman Fougere feels this will be a good addition to the TSC. Selectman Putnam moved to appoint Mr. Plourde to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee as a full member. Vice Chairman Fougere seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 4/0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS. There were no public comments this evening.

4. DECISIONS.

- a) **CONSENT CALENDAR.** There were no items presented on tonight's Consent Calendar.
- b) **OTHER DECISIONS.**

5. TOWN STATUS REPORT

a) **Pipeline Discussion regarding coalition to include NRPC, Town Task Force and Others.** Town Administrator Mark Bender explained he has received a letter from NRPC asking for an appointment for an advisory committee they are coordinating. This was discussed at the Town Administrators Group and most of the towns are bringing someone into that. Chairman Daniels asked if the Town Administrators Group will continue? Mark Bender said it could roll into the NRPC Group; there are a lot of advantages of the group of Town Administrators meeting on a regular basis. For the pipeline, it might roll into this Regional Coalition. Vice Chairman Fougere asked if there have been any volunteers for the Milford Task Force? Mark Bender indicated he has notified members of the Conservation Commission, Heritage and EDAC, and he is awaiting a response from the Planning Board and TSC. So far there are three people interested. Resident Eric Nickerson has filed as a neutral member. Mark Bender has sent e-mails to the group that made the presentation before the Board (Federal Hill residents). Mr. Bender has also called

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1 some of them but so far he has not found a resident who is not opposed to the Pipeline. We have three people, but
2 that is not enough. Chairman Daniels asked if NRPC was something Mark Bender is considering getting involved
3 in. Mark Bender said he is. If we are going to appoint someone to that Regional Coalition, Chairman Daniels said
4 there should be continuity. If NRPC will be a regional thing, we need to get the local organizations on it as well.
5 Vice Chairman Fougere agrees, the local Task Force will feed NRPC information but they do not need to replicate
6 efforts. Chairman Daniels said he communicated with Tim Roache about NRPC subcommittee; and he thinks it
7 would be beneficial that the person on the NRPC should be the same individual. Selectman Putnam thinks Regional
8 Planning Commissions were used in Massachusetts to fight this pipeline. All concurred to have Town Administrator
9 Mark Bender be the point of contact for the NRPC Group. Selectman Federico asked if the Town Administrator
10 Group has talked about the NRPC Group? Mark Bender said they have.

11 Vice Chairman Fougere suggested the Town of Milford will eventually receive letters from Kinder Morgan
12 requesting a survey of town land, asking if we have received any such letters yet? Mark Bender is unaware of re-
13 ceipt of any. Chairman Daniels indicated a survey does not obligate the town to anything. Selectman Federico said
14 the town's land is public property. Vice Chairman Fougere said we could say no, like Hollis did. Mark Bender in-
15 dicated other towns in our coalition are saying no to the survey of town property. Vice Chairman Fougere said Ma-
16 son has the largest impact.

17 Selectman Federico said 4 or 5 of the Board members are against the pipeline. That means we are not in sup-
18 port of the pipeline. Selectman Federico does not want to make it easy for them.

19 Selectman Putnam moved to not allow Kinder Morgan to survey the town-owned property. Vice Chairman
20 Fougere seconded. Chairman Daniels asked if there is any benefit that the town might derive by allowing them to
21 come on the land and negotiated with them? Selectman Putnam does not see any benefit. Chairman Daniels has a
22 lot of questions. Vice Chairman Fougere agrees, but is staying with a "no vote" for now. Once an analysis is done,
23 we can use that as leverage to offset the impacts. Selectman Federico wants to say no, but this is not up to us, if it
24 comes through, we want to be able to mitigate what we can. Chairman Daniels will be voting against this because
25 he still needs some answers. Vice Chairman Fougere, Selectman Putnam, Selectman Federico all in favor, with
26 Chairman Daniels opposed. Motion passed 3/1.

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28 **6. DISCUSSIONS**

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30 **7. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS.**

31 **a) FROM PROJECTS, SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES.** Vice Chairman
32 Fougere will have an editorial in the newspaper this week in response to last week's editorial regarding Brox. Vice
33 Chairman Fougere asked if the Board should take advantage of the letterboard sign at the Transfer Station to adver-
34 tise about Warrant Article 23 (Brox property)? We have the letterboard sign that a lot of people see when visiting
35 the Transfer Station and we might want to put something up there. Selectman Federico does not think we should do
36 that, we have made our intentions clear; a town building is not a good place to advertise only one Warrant Article.
37 Selectman Putnam agreed, we should be consistent. Chairman Daniels said this Board knows what lower taxes
38 mean, but Warrant Article 23 would keep the taxes from going up so fast in the future, but that is hard for people to
39 understand and they might expect a tax break on the next tax billing if it passes.

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41 **b) OTHER ITEMS (that are not on the agenda).**

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43 **8. APPROVAL OF FINAL MINUTES.** Selectman Putnam moved to approve the minutes of January 12, Janu-
44 ary 12 (Budget & Bond), January 26 and January 31, 2015 as presented. Selectman Federico seconded. All were in
45 favor. Motion passed 4/0.

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47 **9. INFORMATION ITEMS REQUIRING NO DECISIONS.**

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49 **10. NOTICES.** Notices were read by Chairman Daniels.

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51 **11. NON-PUBLIC SESSION.** Vice Chairman Fougere moved to enter into non-public session for approval of
52 non-public minutes and for RSA 91-A:3,II(c,e) Reputation & Legal. Selectman Federico seconded. All were in
53 favor. Motion passed 4/0.

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55 **12. ADJOURNMENT:**

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2 Gary L. Daniels, Chairman

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