

APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN FIFTH MONDAY FORUM
March 30, 2015

PRESENT: Mark Fougere, Chairman
Kevin Federico, Vice Chairman
Gary Daniels, Chairman
Mike Putnam, Member
Katherine Bauer, Member
Mark Bender, Town Administrator
Videographer, Dave Bosquet

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

INSTRUCTIONS: Chairman Fougere called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Chairman Fougere introduced Board members and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Fougere 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. Chairman Fougere explained why the Fifth Monday forum is held and that there is no agenda for the forum, it is an open meeting for the public to come in to bring any issues of concern to the Board.

2. 5th MONDAY FORUM COMMENTS.

Brox Property – Suzanne Fournier, Brox Environmental Citizens Group (BECG) indicated that sometime this winter someone surveyed Perry Road at Brox and she wanted to ask about it and found out the town had not seen the damage that was caused or know who did it. Selectman Putnam asked what the Conservation Commission did out there. Mr. Bender said that they did the Natural Resources Inventory (NRI). Ms. Fournier indicated a lot of wetland flags were out there and they are all numbered and delineated. There are survey stakes with orange flags out there that the town did not place and they are all over the Brox property. There are also several stakes near Marcy Way and then in the washed out area near the service roads, which appears to have been surveyed as well. It looks just like what a surveyor would do. Vice Chairman Federico said nothing has been done since Fieldstone was out there. Ms. Fournier accepted that; but continued to state that tonight she would also like to share resources that came out of the NRI report at Brox. The resources might be helpful to Planning and to the two land use boards. The Conservation Commission might have mentioned the NRI in the Town Report but did not mention that they will continue to do the inventory.

Ms. Fournier continued that the NRI report is still in draft form and due to be out today. We have the report and it is useful because it tells us what is important to protect at Brox. It also gives clues of what we should do to protect them. The BECG has been out there and there are approximately 20 vernal pools and the functions relating to the wildlife and another resources is the “Best Development Practices”. This is mentioned in the NRI on page 17, the US Army Corp of engineers has incorporated some of these into their practices for vernal pools; one is the 100 foot envelope around every vernal pool on undeveloped land. More than that is the 600 feet around vernal pools that are critical habitat. It tells how to do it, where to put roads, both impervious and pervious. A wildlife action plan provides detailed guidelines for vernal pools.

Another resource is the NH Department of Environmental Services; the State of NH wetland program plan says the US Environmental Protection Agency gives value of services to the town by each acre of wetland equal to \$150,000. The amount of wetland at Brox is approximately 45 acres and the total estimated value is \$7 million. It is not a marketable item. Ms. Fournier said the more our town utilizes these resources, the more we can protect the natural resources in Milford. Whether something is or is not conservation land, it is something to consider. Ms. Fournier said we do not need to lose our natural resources. Ms. Fournier left documents with the Board members.

Roof Protection – Mark Bender received a letter from the Milford School District thanking the town for the help it received from various departments for the snow removal on different school buildings in the district. During the storms, the school was experiencing breakdowns of various equipment. The letter personally thanked DPW, Police and Fire personnel along with the Building Inspectors.

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03/30/15**

1 **Political Visit to Town Hall** – Senator Rand Paul has scheduled a campaign stop for April 8, 2015 from 12:00 p.m.
2 – 2:00 p.m. in the town hall auditorium; doors will open at 11:15 a.m. Businesses around the oval will be contacted
3 about the event and something will be on the town website.
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5 **Transfer Station building** – last week Mark Bender was asked about the new building at the Transfer Station and
6 tonight a copy of the floor plan of the building was provided. The second copy is of the building as it was finished
7 with stairs, ramps, walls, etc. The engineering and architecture work is all provided. We will be hearing more about
8 ADA with the town buildings, since that seems to be what the Department of Transportation is looking at right now.
9 The striping will be done as soon as the weather cooperates. Selectman Putnam asked why it was closed? Mr.
10 Bender explained because of the painting which was put off due to the weather.
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12 **Granite Town Media** – Vice Chairman Federico indicated the Granite Town Media meetings are still not televised,
13 but after talking about it, they know they need to be broadcast and all the committees were looked at regarding
14 which ones are and are not broadcast. A list was developed to identify which committees still need to be broadcast.
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16 **3. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this Meeting, Selectman Putnam moved to
17 adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Selectman Federico seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.
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22 Mark Fougere, Chairman

Kevin Federico Vice Chairman

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24 Katherine Bauer, Member

Gary L. Daniels, Member

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