

APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN WORK SESSION
January 21, 2013

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

1. CALL TO ORDER, BOARD OF SELECTMEN INTRODUCTIONS & PUBLIC SPEAKING INSTRUCTIONS: Chairman Daniels called the public meeting to order at 5:00 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. APPOINTMENTS:

5:00 p.m. – Discussion with DPW Director, Ricky Riendeau. Ricky Riendeau, DPW Director, indicated the town has a mechanical sweeper that is all brooms with an average life of ten years; ours is at 20 years old. We have rebuilt it twice and had issues with getting parts last year. He is looking to get a vacuum sweeper, which has a 20 year life cycle. DPW Director Riendeau answered questions that Board members had regarding the vacuum sweeper and the need to purchase this equipment now versus waiting a year or two.

3. WARRANT ARTICLE DISCUSSIONS: Chairman Daniels stated that it was his intent to cover the remainder of the warrant articles that had not yet been addressed and voted on by the Board

Nashua Street Sidewalk Construction Project - \$286,000 Bond Article

Though Selectmen understand why this article is being brought forward, they did not consider it as high a priority as other warrant requests. Selectman Putnam moved to support the article and place it on the warrant. Vice Chair Finan seconded the motion. All Selectman opposed the motion and the motion failed 0/5. Because this article was being proposed by the Planning Board, discussion ensued as to whether or not the article should be placed on the warrant. Vice Chair Finan moved to place the article on the warrant even though the Board opposed it. Selectman Fougere seconded the motion. Chairman Daniels stated that he did not know if non-petition articles should be on the warrant if they were not supported by the Board. The motion passed 4/1, with Selectmen Bauer, Finan, Fougere and Putnam voting in favor of the motion, with Chairman Daniels opposed.

Two Replacement Ambulance 7 Year Lease/Purchases - \$49,700

A preliminary vote of 4/1 was previously taken with Chairman Daniels opposed. Chairman Daniels requested that another vote be taken, as he wished to change his position. Selectman Putnam moved to support the article and place it on the warrant. Selectmen Bauer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed 5/0.

Vacuum Sweeper – 7 Year Lease/Purchase - \$35,250

After consideration of the information provided by DPW Director Ricky Riendeau and further discussion regarding the vacuum sweeper, Vice Chair Finan moved to support the article and place it on the warrant. Selectmen Bauer seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/2, with Selectmen Bauer, Daniels, and Finan voting in favor of the motion and Selectmen Fougere and Putnam opposed.

Social Services - \$35,000

Chairman Daniels moved to reduce the Social Service article to \$30,000. Selectman Putnam seconded the motion for discussion. Chairman Daniels stated that there were services that the town was obligated to provide included in this article, but there were also other non-obligatory organizations that were being funded, organizations that could be supported privately, without forcing taxpayers to support these organization through their property taxes. The motion failed 1/4, with Chairman Daniels voting in favor of the motion and Selectmen Bauer, Finan, Fougere and Putnam opposed. Vice Chair Finan moved to support the article at \$35,000 and place it on the warrant. Selectmen Bauer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed 5/0.

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Dump Truck – 5 Year Lease/Purchase - \$26,050

Selectman Bauer moved to support the article and place it on the warrant. Selectmen Putnam seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed 5/0.

Teamsters Union Collective Bargaining Agreement (2013-2014)

Selectman Putnam moved to support the article and place it on the warrant. Selectmen Fougere seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed 5/0.

Fireworks –\$6,000

Chairman Daniels noted that the preliminary vote taken by the Board was incorrectly noted on the spreadsheet dated 1/21/13, which reflected that Selectman Putnam had opposed the article, when in fact it was Chairman Daniels that had opposed the article. The vote passed 4/1 with Chairman Daniels opposed.

Operating Budget –\$12,429,783

Discussion ensued regarding the items on the 1/9/13 handout from Town Administrator Guy Scaife that identified some of the major drivers of the budget and default budget. The budget currently is at a 5.4% increase. Mr. Scaife, sensing that the some Selectmen were struggling with a 5.4% increase, recently discussed with Department Heads the possibility of further reducing the budget by \$43,000 if the Board supported the capital requests, which the Town Administrator and Department Heads felt were critical to their ability to continue providing needed essential services to the public. Vice Chair Finan moved to reduce the budget by \$43,000 and place the article on the warrant. Selectmen Putnam seconded the motion. The motion failed 2/3, with Chairman Daniels and Vice Chair Finan voting in favor of the motion, and Selectmen Bauer, Fougere and Putnam opposed. Selectman Bauer moved to support the budget as presented and place the article on the warrant. Vice Chair Finan seconded the motion. The motion failed 1/4, with Selectmen Bauer voting in favor of the motion, and Selectmen Daniels, Finan, Fougere and Putnam opposed.

4. NON-PUBLIC SESSION. Selectman Bauer moved to enter into Non-public session at 7:05 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (a) (Personnel). Vice Chair Finan. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.

Selectman Putnam moved to come out of non-public session at 7:21 p.m. Vice Chairman Finan seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0. Chairman Daniels announced that in non-public session the Board addressed one personnel issue. No votes were taken and no decisions were made.

5. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this Meeting, Selectman Putnam moved to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Vice Chairman Finan seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.

Gary L. Daniels, Chairman

Tim Finan, Vice Chairman

Katherine Bauer, Member

Mark Fougere, Member

Mike Putnam, Member