

APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
POST DELIBERATIVE SESSION MEETING
February 2, 2013

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

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

INSTRUCTIONS: Chairman Daniels called the public meeting to order at 1:35 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. WARRANT ARTICLE DISCUSSIONS: Chairman Daniels asked if any member wished to change their vote on any warrants.

Warrant 3 – no change, 1/4 opposed

Warrant 4 – no change, 5/0, the bottom line budget number was amended to \$12,430,143 by the BAC. Selectman Fougere stated he is very disappointed in the way it all came down and how an article like that was added into the budget. The blame partly lies with the Board of Selectmen because we did not engage in discussions early enough; Selectman Fougere hopes we can do that this fall so that there is time to make changes earlier rather than making changes at the last minute. Vice Chairman Finan agreed, he supports the end result, but we forced the hand of people that supported the article. Selectman Putnam is also disappointed, but the BAC noted several times that there was lack of communication, but whose fault is that? Selectman Putnam indicated that the BAC reports to the moderator and are an advisory body to us and their communications and votes to us were also lagging. So how is that the fault of the Board of Selectmen? Chairman Daniels suggested that the Budget Advisory Committee should not be lobbied by the Board of Selectmen or the Town Administrator. Chairman Daniels sees the sharing of information as the critical part, but somehow we have changed it to having them work with us, but they are really an independent committee.

Vice Chairman Finan said they could have come to the Board of Selectmen weeks ago to talk about where they were coming from. Selectman Bauer agrees the BAC is an independent committee and some years the Board of Selectmen was too close, this year there was a change. The Board of Selectmen voted and then it had to be posted, it was taken off the warrant, and we could improve on that so that this warrant would go before the voters and not be part of the budget because that is not standard procedure. Chairman Daniels noted everything decided on could be turned into a warrant article to go before the voters, or if it was pulled off earlier, it could be submitted as a petition warrant article. But the petition warrant articles were due at the end of January so the Board of Selectmen should have voted on the warrants by January 1st and that is not realistic. This is the process; they could have made their changes and made recommendations earlier as well.

Selectman Bauer said the warrant article should go before the voters and she does not remember a warrant article ever getting removed right before deliberative session. Vice Chairman Finan disagreed, stating the process of warrant articles coming from the Board of Selectmen is nothing new and there is nothing wrong with that, if the system is different, every department would have warrant articles for everything, but it should come through the Board of Selectmen first. Chairman Daniels does not support the new operating budget figure, but also does not support a default budget, so he will remain in support, but he will pull his majority report, since he disagrees with the process of how it got there, so someone needs to take over the majority report. Selectman Bauer volunteered to do the majority report, noting the amendment passed by the majority in attendance at the deliberative session.

Vice Chairman Finan moved to support the amended Operating Budget of \$12,430,143. Selectman Fougere seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.

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1 Article 7 – no change 5-0
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3 No other changes of support for other warrant articles.
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5 Guy Scaife said we should be able to have the complete number on the ballot (with interest) and we will pursue that,
6 Steve Takacs has a valid point regarding the actual purchase price. It can and will be spelled out in the voters' guide.
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8 **3. NON-PUBLIC SESSION:** Vice Chairman Finan moved to enter into non-public session at 1:50 p.m. for a per-
9 sonnel discussion. Selectman Bauer seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.
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11 After discussion, Vice Chairman Finan moved to come out of non-public session at 2:22 p.m. Selectman Bauer se-
12 ceded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0. There were no announcements.
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14 Selectman Bauer moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Vice Chairman Finan seconded. All were in
15 favor. Motion passed 5/0.
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17 **4. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this meeting, Selectman Putnam moved to
18 adjourn at 2:23 p.m. Selectman Fougere seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.
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24 Gary L. Daniels, Chairman

Tim Finan, Vice Chairman

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