

APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
September 15, 2014

PRESENT: Gary Daniels, Chairman
Mark Fougere, Vice Chairman
Katherine Bauer, Member
Mike Putnam, Member
Kevin Federico, Member

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

INSTRUCTIONS: Chairman Daniels called the public meeting to order at 5:08 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.

2. APPOINTMENTS:

5:00 p.m. – Non-Public-Reputation. Selectman Putnam moved to enter into Non-public session at 5:10 pm in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (c) reputation. Selectman Federico seconded. Motion passed 4/0, with Selectmen Bauer absent for this vote. Selectmen Bauer would join the Board during non-public session. After a discussion pertaining to reputation, 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 5:41 p.m. Chairman Daniels announced that in non-public session the Board addressed a reputation issue and took no votes. The minutes of this non-public meeting have been sealed.

5:45 p.m. – Dam Removal Discussion with DPW Director. Vice Chairman Fougere noted that the boards at McLane dam were currently down, causing the river to be lower. The boards had been removed to allow better assessment of the dam area, but that assessment was completed some time ago. Vice Chairman Fougere asked DPW Director Rick Riendeau why the boards had not been put back in. DPW Director Riendeau stated that the boards that were previously at the dam had to be cut out when they were last removed, and that he had been instructed not to put them back in after the assessment had been completed. The Board requested that boards be put back in. DPW Director Riendeau stated that he would have new boards cut and reinstalled. Chairman Daniels stated that the Dam Removal Feasibility Study Forum drew good attendance from the public. Citizens have until the end of September to submit comments pertaining to this study. A final report would be issued about October 31, 2014.

Other DPW Activities. DPW Director Riendeau stated that electricity will be added at Emerson Park before the Pumpkin Festival. He also stated that the DPW budget was currently overrun by about \$107,000, and that he had about \$770,000 left in his budget for this year. Former Town Administrator Guy Scaife had previously informed the Board of this, but also stated that there were enough underruns in other department to cover the DPW overrun. Chairman Daniels will ask Finance Director Jack Sheehy to send a detailed budget to each Board member.

6:00 p.m. – Green Bridge Discussion with DPW Director. The Board unanimously feels that the State and the Town collectively spending \$298,000 to stabilize the Jones Crossing Bridge (aka Green Bridge), so that it can be torn down is a waste of State and Town money. Milford's share of this is about \$70,000, which is vitally needed to assess and repair bridges that are being used. The Jones Crossing Bridge has been closed for a long time. DPW Director Riendeau stated that the State Department of Historical Resources still has not made its position known regarding the bridge. There will be a discussion on this bridge at a NHDOT Natural Resource Agency Coordination meeting this Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at the John O. Morton Building in Concord. DPW Director Riendeau is planning to attend this meeting. The Board will also try to be represented at the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (regarding items that are not on the agenda). There were no public comments.

4. DECISIONS

- a) **CONSENT CALENDAR.** Chairman Daniels asked if any items need to be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion. No items were removed. Selectman Putnam moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Selectman Bauer seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.

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- 3 **1) Request for Approval of Ambulance to Conduct a Duck Race and Raffle (RSA 287-A:7) at the Pump-**
- 4 **kin Festival.** The Board approved this request.
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- 6 **2) Request of Primary 9-1-1 Dispatch Agency Confirmation.** The Board approved this request.
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8 **b) OTHER DECISIONS.**

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10 **5. TOWN UPDATE.** Police Chief Mike Viola reported that there have been no problematic issues brought to

11 his attention.

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13 **6. DISCUSSIONS.**

- 14 **1) Board of Selectmen Goals Review 2014.** Chairman Daniels will update the goals and distribute to mem-
- 15 bers. In light of the Town Administrator leaving employment with the Town of Milford, the Board may
- 16 wish to revisit the goals and revise them.

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

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- 20 **a) FROM PROJECTS, SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES.** Vice Chairman
- 21 Fougere noted that the RFPs for Brox had gone out and that Fieldstone Engineering had been selected. The
- 22 cost would be \$19,800. Vice Chairman Fougere hoped that the funds could be found in the budget so that
- 23 this project could go forward and enable the Board to better prepare for a warrant article at the next Town
- 24 Meeting.

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26 Vice Chairman Fougere also stated that he had received a request for information from Dale Riley. Mr. Ri-

27 ley had some tree cutting done on his property and subsequently the Assessing Office sent out a forester to

28 check out the property. Mr. Riley would like to know why the forester was sent out and what the cost was

29 to send the forester out.

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31 Granite Town Media is continuing to work on its policy for the Public Access Channel. It is expected that

32 the policy will be completed in 30-60 days.

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34 The Traffic Safety Committee will be meeting on September 29 to discuss issues forwarded to it by the

35 Board of Selectmen.

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37 With the first round of budget discussions completed before former Town Administrator Scaife left

38 employment with Milford, Chairman Daniels suggested that the Board set up a budget work day on which

39 Department Heads could meet with the Board to further refine the proposed 2015 budget.

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41 Chairman Daniels will distribute to Board members a summary of projects obtained in his meeting with

42 former Town Administrator Scaife.

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

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46 **8. APPROVAL OF FINAL MINUTES.** Selectman Putnam moved to approve the Board of Selectmen minutes of

47 July 28, 2014 as presented. Selectman Bauer seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.

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

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51 **10. NOTICES.** Notices were read by Chairman Daniels, who was then excused.

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53 **11. NON-PUBLIC SESSION.** Selectman Putnam moved to enter into Non-public session at 7:08 pm in accord-

54 ance with RSA 91-A:3 II (a & b) personnel. Selectman Federico seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.

55 Subsequent to a discussion regarding personnel, Selectman Putnam moved to seal the minutes of the non-public

56 session. Selectman Federico seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 4/0. Selectman Putnam moved to exit the

57 non-public session. Selectman Federico seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 4/0 and the Board exited non-

58 public session at 7:13 p.m. Vice Chairman Fougere announced that in non-public session the Board addressed two

59 personnel issues, and that the minutes of the non-public session were sealed.

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12. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this meeting, Selectman Putnam moved to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Selectman Federico seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 4/0.

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