

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

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

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

INSTRUCTIONS: Chairman Daniels called the public meeting to order at 5:25 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. – Review and Approval of Fee Schedule Changes – Fire Department. Fire Chief Jack Kelly and Captain Jason Smedick were in attendance to review the proposed fee schedule changes, which have not been changed for quite some time. The costs were reviewed and compared to fees collected by other towns and also compared to the costs actually incurred to process permits, and it was decided there would be some slight increases in the fees. Captain Smedick indicated the fees have not been updated since 2006. There has been some feedback from the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) about calculating the processing and then comparing those fees to other similarly sized towns (Bedford, Goffstown and Amherst). It is felt it is time to update the fee structure in fire prevention. Selectman Putnam moved to approve the proposed changes as presented. Selectman Bauer seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0. Vice Chairman Fougere asked about the fee system for false alarms asking if that is still in place? Chief Kelly responded that it is and for three false alarms there is a fine of \$100 that was looked at but it does not get enforced that often, so it was left alone. Captain Smedick only remembers it happening twice, to which Chief Kelly noted that it is actually a town ordinance.

5:45 p.m. – Capstone Project – 5k Race to Benefit Wounded Warrior Project (WWP). Emily Yurcak was in attendance to present this project. Chairman Daniels asked for Emily to explain the project for the Board and for the public. Ms. Yurcak explained she is a senior at Wilton-Lyndeborough Co-operative High School, and for her senior Capstone Project she would like to bring a 5k race to this area, proceeds to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP). Although she attends a Wilton school, Ms. Yurcak feels bringing the race to Milford would positively benefit the project better by bringing in runners from the surrounding areas. The proposed day for the event is May 23, 2015 and any runners from local towns can participate. Ms. Yurcak is asking for approval from the Board for her to host the race; she has a map of the route for members to review; choosing a low traffic route from Milford High School (MHS) down to Osgood Road and back. This route is best for the runners and their safety and the drivers as well. Local businesses would also benefit. The race will start at MHS and end at MHS. Mark Bender asked about wheelchair entries. Ms. Yurcak said they can also enter; a guest speaker will also visit her school to welcome participants. Selectman Bauer thanked Ms. Yurcak for heading this up. Selectman Putnam moved to approve the request. Selectman Federico seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0. With this approval tonight, Ms. Yurcak said she will talk to the Milford Police Department about the route and date.

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

4. DECISIONS.

a) **CONSENT CALENDAR.** Chairman Daniels asked if there were any items to be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion. Item 4a4 was removed for discussion by Vice Chairman Fougere. Selectman Putnam moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented with the exception of item 4a4. Selectman Bauer seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.

1) Request for Waiver of the Towns Hawkers & Peddlers Ordinance for MIT's Milford Arts Festival Scheduled for May 30 and 31, 2015. The request for a waiver of the Hawker & Peddler's ordinance

1 for the Milford Arts Festival was approved; to be held May 30 and 31, 2015, utilizing the Town Hall Audi-
2 torium and the Oval Green

3 **2) Request for Approval of Certificate of Adoption Hazard Mitigation Plan 2015 Update.** The Re-
4 quest for approval of the Certificate of Adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update was approved.

5 **3) Request for Re-appointment of Granite Town Media Advisory Board Members, Tom Schmidt and**
6 **Joe Kasper.** The re-appointments of Granite Town Media Advisory Board members Tom Schmidt and Joe
7 Kasper were approved through March 31, 2018.

8 **4) Request for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Milford – NHDOT Project No.**
9 **29509 – Jones Road Crossing Bridge.** Vice Chairman Fougere indicated the Memorandum of Agreement
10 has a stipulation that has nothing to do with the green bridge that requires an engineering report for the
11 swing bridge; which is an important historical structure in town but Vice Chairman Fougere questions why
12 it ended up in this memorandum of agreement at all. Town Administrator Mark Bender indicated the only
13 connection is from the advisory council, given the historic nature of the Jones Bridge, so it seems they
14 seized the opportunity to have the town take some proactive step to protect the swing bridge by having a
15 preservation and engineering study for the swing bridge written in. Chairman Daniels said he was not in on
16 the meetings and the State mitigation of the green bridge includes the mitigation of other historical bridges.
17 It was felt that we knew we wanted to keep the swing bridge. The State wants to keep doing the historic
18 reports. Vice Chairman Fougere remembers the previous Town Administrator wanting to look at the swing
19 bridge, but those plans now cannot be found, but we should take a look since it has a long history in the
20 community. The engineering report must be done within a year according to this Memorandum of Agree-
21 ment. Some bids will need to go out for the engineering report. Another idea Chairman Daniels would like
22 to pursue is to have a granite plaque installed where the green bridge exists to commemorate the historic
23 nature of the site. Selectman Putnam moved to approve the MOA. Selectman Bauer seconded. All were
24 in favor. Motion passed 5/0.

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26 **b) OTHER DECISIONS.**

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28 **5. TOWN STATUS REPORT**

29 **a) Update of Pipeline Task Force Committee Meeting.** Town Administrator Mark Bender indicated the
30 Pipeline Task Force had its initial meeting March 4, 2015 and on March 11 another meeting will be held. Steve
31 Duncanson was nominated as Chairman of the Task Force. On Wednesday, the priority of the discussion will be the
32 impacts of a pipeline to the town. A report will be generated for the Board to review, out of that discussion. Mark
33 Bender attended a Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) meeting about the pipeline, a group of items are
34 being identified for the group to work on including environmental, construction, economic, historical, infrastructure
35 and safety; different individuals will start to look into those topics.

36 **b) Update on Savage Well.** On Friday, Mark Bender participated in a conference call with EPA and DES;
37 there has been no change in the status of the Savage Well; the contamination is in the bedrock hundreds of feet down
38 and we can continue with the current treatment. EPA and DES are considering infusing chemicals into the OUI
39 area of it and they are also talking about a Technical Impracticability (TI) waiver, which means they have done eve-
40 rything that can be done and that is where it stands. The next step is for a meeting to be held to present this infor-
41 mation to the Board of Selectmen and schedule a public hearing on it. Vice Chairman Fougere asked if it is seen
42 that they are waving the flag, that this is all they can do and will not do anymore. Mark Bender said that is what he
43 sees, they are 30 years into the process and it is what it is. Vice Chairman Fougere commented it is such a shame.
44 Mark Bender asked if the Town of Milford was ever compensated for the loss of that well. Selectman Putnam does
45 not believe so.

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47 **6. DISCUSSIONS**

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

50 **a) FROM PROJECTS, SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES.** Selectman Federico
51 indicated that Granite Town Media is reviewing the look and feel of the town website, looking for improvements
52 and suggestions to make things better. If you have any feedback, please forward it to Selectman Federico, including
53 technical input and overall appearance. Chairman Daniels asked about the Granite Town Media meetings not being
54 televised. Selectman Federico explained they have been floating the meetings from one room to another and every-
55 one that is at the meeting would be the one recording the meeting. Selectman Federico will talk to the group again
56 about recording those meetings. Chairman Daniels added that it also applies to other committees; if a committee
57 meets, it should be broadcast so the public knows what is going on in town. Vice Chairman Fougere wished to
58 again extend the Board's gratitude to Walter Smith, who is ending his tenure with the Milford Recreation Commis-

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1 sion after having spent ten years as a volunteer in this capacity. A lot of things have gotten accomplished in Milford
2 during his time on the Commission.

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

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5 **8. APPROVAL OF FINAL MINUTES.** Selectman Bauer moved to approve the minutes of February 9, 2015
6 and February 23, 2015 as presented. Vice Chairman Fougere seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.

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

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

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12 **11. NON-PUBLIC SESSION.** Selectman Putnam moved to enter into non-public session at 5:50 p.m. for ap-
13 proval of non-public minutes and for RSA 91-A:3,II(a,d) Personnel & Land Acquisition discussions. Vice Chair-
14 man Fougere seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0. Vice Chairman Fougere moved to approve the
15 minutes of non-public session of 2/23/15 as presented. Selectman Federico seconded. Vice Chairman Fougere,
16 Chairman Daniels, Selectman Federico and Selectman Bauer were in favor with Selectman Putnam abstaining. Mo-
17 tion passed 4/0/1.

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19 **12. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this meeting, Vice Chairman Fougere
20 moved to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Selectman Federico seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.

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