

APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN FIFTH MONDAY FORUM
January 29, 2018

PRESENT: Mark Fougere, Chairman - excused
Kevin Federico, Vice Chairman
Gary Daniels, Member
Mike Putnam, Member
Laura Dudziak, Member
Mark Bender, Town Administrator
Tina M. Philbrick, Recording Secretary
Mitchell Hemmer, Videographer

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

INSTRUCTIONS: Vice-Chairman Federico called the public meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. after the non-public session was completed. Vice-Chairman Federico announced that in non-public session there were no decisions made. Vice-Chairman Federico introduced Board members and then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice-Chairman Fougere 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. This meeting is to allow the public to come in to talk about any town issues in an open forum without an agenda.

2. APPOINTMENTS:

6:15 p.m. – Non-Public RSA 91-A:3II(a) Personnel. Vice Chairman Federico moved to enter into a non-public session at 6:15 p.m. for Personnel under RSA 91-A:3II(a). Selectman Putnam seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed 4/0. After discussion, the Board came out of non-public session at 7:05 p.m.

3. OPEN FORUM – 7:00 p.m.

Wade Scott Campbell and Carol Gates came up to discuss the future of the Pumpkin Festival. They are looking into ways to keep the Festival going. They are not sure how they will do this, but they know that they can do it. It won't be easy. Carol was on the Pepperell fireworks committee as President so she has knowledge of taking on a big task. We were thinking that after the Deliberative session we can start, but we need help. We are gathering information people throughout the town, Wendy and business owners about the wants and needs. Obviously, the amusement rides are not wanted by some people. We are not sure if we need to do three days or just one or two. Carol said that there are steps that we have to go by. One step is organizing this group. We originally started with just the fireworks, taking it off the warrants and making it a privately funded event and now it's grown into running the Pumpkin Festival. We need information about how its setup. It should be just plug and play after this many years. One of the challenges is that the group that we are forming is not a non-profit yet. MIT is non-profit. We received the paper that suggested the options to keep it going. My concerns from a fund raising stand point, is can we fund raise \$100,000 in 9 months, and the answer is yes. Can we do it legally, no. Vice Chairman Federico said he was glad that they brought this up. He thanked them for expressing interest in coming out. This town runs on volunteers and we are looking for some organization to be able to step in and run the Festival. It is a lot of work and you have to know the moving parts. Wendy is familiar with the parts and we are glad you are talking to her. There have been other organizations in town that have reached out about this and I told them to get their ducks in a row, like you are doing and come to the Board. Ideally it would be good if everyone could work together. He asked what help can we offer you at this point. Carol said that with the festival being nine months away, any person or organization that is going to do this needs to be able to start immediately. Nine months moves quickly. Forming a 501 3C isn't going to happen quickly. We would like to see if there is a group out there that is already established, or if the town is interested in forming a committee that can work under the town, that is not a private non-profit and can report back to the Board. Selectman Daniels asked them if they've done any research identifying how much seed money they would need. Carol said that they have MIT's budget from last year. It's breaking down what's going to stay and what's not going to stay. Selectman Daniels said that they need to understand that some of this is done on private land and you don't have any control over that. Some people love the amusement rides and some hate them but they usually have the longest lines. Wade said that is what draws people from out of town; it gives people something to do while they are waiting for their next event. It's a draw but also a draw back. Selectman Daniels said that it's always been an issue. Wade said it was the biggest complaint that he's heard so far. Carol said that in a town of 15,000 when you received 190 comments and maybe 40 said that they didn't like the rides, it's actually a small percentage. Administrator Bender thanked them for stepping up and expressing interest. We have had a few other people express interest

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in being involved. After the Deliberative session we can look into holding an informational/organizational session and try to get the other interested parties as well as the groups you mentioned that have been involved in the past to come. There are expenses and revenues from a sponsorship standpoint as well as booth rentals and ticket sales. There is an income side that will offset part of the expenses. Vice Chairman said that there are very few people that know how the festival runs so it will be nice to get everyone in the same room and on the same page.

Chris Labonte asked if they had an update on the gravel operation, where it stands and what they are doing. Vice Chairman Federico said that he didn't have one for this evening. Administrator Bender said that the operator will be installing the culvert for the species crossing this week, weather dependent. They will be bringing gravel in to work on the road. Chris asked if they have done anything about the bridge on Perry Road. Administrator Bender said they have a contract for an engineering firm to do a structural inspection. Chris asked who was paying for it. Administrator Bender said the contractor were. Chris asked when they will start maintaining Perry Road, the Class 6 section. Administrator Bender said they would start maintaining it when they start using it. Chris said they have already been using it. The loader has been going back and forth. He hasn't seen maintenance being done on it.

Vice Chairman read a letter from Reverend Dennis Baily that was sent to the DPW director. The letter thanked them for the work they have done this season. He expressed disappointment that the voters didn't vote for the equipment that was much needed last year.

4. DECISIONS:

a) CONSENT CALENDAR. Vice-Chairman Federico asked if there were any items to be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion. There were no items removed for discussion. Selectman Putnam moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Selectman Daniels seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 4/0.

- a) NH RSA (31:95(b)) Request for Acceptance and Appropriation of Unanticipated Revenues under \$10,000 –
1. Donation from HealthTrust to the Milford Fire Department for Fire Wellness Campaign - \$500.00
 2. Donation from HealthTrust to the Milford Administration Department and Police Department for the Town Wellness Campaign - \$1,000.00

5. NOTICES. Notices were read by Vice-Chairman Federico

6. ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Putnam moved to go back into non-public at 7:30 under **Non-Public RSA 91-A:3II(a) Personnel.** Selectman Dudziak seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed 4/0.

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