

APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
March 26, 2018

PRESENT: Kevin Federico, Chairman
Gary Daniels, Vice Chairman
Mike Putnam, Member
Laura Dudziak, Member
Paul Dargie, Member
Mark Bender, Town Administrator
Tina Philbrick, Recording Secretary
Mitchell Hemmer, Videographer

1. CALL TO ORDER, BOARD OF SELECTMEN INTRODUCTIONS & PUBLIC SPEAKING INSTRUCTIONS: Town Administrator Mark Bender called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., introduced Board members and then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mark Bender indicated this is the one time every year that he opens the Board of Selectmen meeting for the swearing in of new selectmen and the selection of Chairman and Vice Chairman. Mark Bender 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: (Approximate times)

5:30 p.m. – Swearing in of New Selectmen/Selection of New Board of Selectmen, Chairman and Vice Chairman. Town Administrator Mark Bender requested that Town Clerk Joan Dargie please step up to swear in newly re-elected Selectman Gary Daniels and newly elected Selectman Paul Dargie. Ms. Dargie swore in Mr. Daniels and Mr. Dargie. Town Administrator Mark Bender then asked for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Daniels nominated Kevin Federico for the position of Chairman. Selectman Dudziak seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0. Mark Bender handed over the meeting to Chairman Federico. Chairman Federico then asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Putnam nominated Gary Daniels as Vice Chairman. Selectman Dudziak seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0. This concluded the swearing in ceremony and the selection of Board of Selectmen Chairman and Vice Chairman.

5:40 p.m. – Proclamation: Purple Heart Community – requested by Kevin Willette – Kevin asked the Board to approve a proclamation making Milford a Purple Heart Community. Kevin gave a brief overview of what the Purple Heart was, and a summary of the Purple Heart Highway Trail that encompasses 45 states. If approved, Milford would be the second Purple Heart community in New Hampshire, New Ipswich being the first.

Chairman Federico thanked Kevin for bringing this before the Board and asked if there were any questions from the Board. Selectmen Daniels also thanked Kevin and asked if there was a web site that they could go to see who the Purple Heart recipients in our community are. Kevin said MOPH.org. There is a link for the national archives on that site, but if the soldier wasn't interviewed or uploaded into the data base, then it isn't publically known. It is up to the individual, their family or a local organization to go into the community and seek out the individuals.

Selectman Daniels asked if the order has any type of flag that they use so that it can be flown on August 7th if we held a ceremony. Kevin said all those flags and signs designating Milford as a Purple Heart Community will be provided at no cost to the town. He or the local Military Order of the Purple Heart chapter would provide them to the town. He said that when you drive through New Ipswich, the signs are a nice reminder. Selectman Dargie asked if Kevin would envision putting up one or multiple signs. Kevin said that it was up to the town. They are usually placed in common entrances and exits of the town. He would be willing to speak and work with the Zoning Board about the signs if needed.

Selectman Daniels move to proclaim August 7th as Purple Heart Day in Milford New Hampshire and pass the proclamation that has been given to us. Selectman Putnam seconded. Chairman Federico said that a motion was

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made and seconded and asked if there were any other questions from the Board. Hearing none, the motion passed 5/0.

Chairman Federico read the Proclamation as follows:

THE TOWN OF MILFORD NH

Whereas, the people of the Town of MILFORD have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the citizens of our community who have selflessly served in the Armed Forces that has been vital in maintaining the freedom and the way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

Whereas, citizens of our community have been killed in action while serving in the Armed Forces and have been posthumously awarded the Purple Heart for their ultimate sacrifice; and

Whereas, citizens of our community have been awarded the Purple Heart for their bodily sacrifice of being wounded by the hand of the enemy while engaged in combat; and

Whereas, the Purple Heart is the oldest American military decoration and was created as The Badge of Military Merit, made of purple cloth in the shape of a heart with the word “Merit” sewn upon it, on August 7, 1782 in Newburgh, New York by General George Washington; and

Whereas, the heritage it represents is sacred to those who know the price paid to wear the Purple Heart; and

Whereas, August 7th is nationally recognized as Purple Heart Day; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, We the Milford Board of Selectmen hereby proclaim MILFORD, New Hampshire a Purple Heart Community, honoring the service and sacrifice of those from our community who were awarded the Purple Heart while serving in our Nations wars; and

ALSO, BE IT PROCLAIMED, We the Town of MILFORD, New Hampshire will recognize August 7th annually as Purple Heart Day, and urge the people and organizations of MILFORD to display the American Flag as well as other public expressions of recognition of our Purple Heart recipients.

Chairman Federico thanked Kevin for coming in and said that we would put the proclamation on the web site.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS. (Items not on the agenda). There were no public comments.

4. DECISIONS.

a) **CONSENT CALENDAR.** Chairman Federico asked if there were any items to be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion. Suzanne Fournier, Brox Environmental Citizen asked that item 4. a) 1) be removed from the consent calendar because she would like to speak to the Board about it. Selectmen Putnam moved to remove item 4. a) 1) from the consent calendar for further discussion. Selectman Putnam moved to approve items 2 through 7 on the Consent Calendar as presented. Selectman Daniels seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.

- 1) Request Approval to re-appoint Andy Hughes and David Bosquet as Full Members and Chris Costantino as an alternate member to the Conservation Commission.
- 2) Request for Approval to re-appoint Patricia Kunselman and Liz Snell as Full Members and Heather Romeri as an alternate member of the Recreation Commission.
- 3) Request for Approval of Annual Parade Permits: Memorial Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day.
- 4) Request for Approval of NH DRA Form MS-232 (formerly MS-2), “Report of Appropriations Actually voted”.
- 5) Request for Approval of Gravel Tax Levy, Map 50-4 Lot 4.
- 6) Request for Approval to Re-appoint Tim Finan and Jacob LaFontaine as Full Members, and Veeral Bharucha as an Alternate member to the Planning Board.
- 7) Request for Approval to use a Town Owned Municipal Parking Lot for a Children’s Bicycle Safety Bike Rodeo.

Suzanne Fournier, Brox Environmental Citizens said that she believes that Andy Hughes and Chris Costantino are not deserving of being re-appointed to the Conservation Commission. She feels that both were instrumental in the, (her words), “colossal disaster of the Fall drawdown of Heron Pond”. She said that the Town was warned by NH Fish & Game not to do it in the Fall because of the impacts to the endangered and threatened turtles that use the pond. Suzanne said that there wasn’t an emergency for the drawdown. She said that Andy Hughes demonstrated his lack of understanding of the pond habitat, ecology, and the turtles. The pond is vital for these turtles to survive over the winter. Ms. Costantino, who is also the coordinator of the Conservation Commission researched and provided the Commission with bad faulty information which

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contradicted NH Fish & Game, that's how confident she was in her opinion. Suzanne feels that both Andy Hughes and Ms. Costantino are responsible for misleading the other members of the Commission who believe that the drawdown of Heron Pond in the Fall was safe, and it wasn't. Suzanne said that this is just her opinion. Suzanne then read parts of a letter sent to the town on December 4, 2017. She also provided the Board with a copy. Suzanne requests that the Board take a look at the roles that Andy Hughes and Ms. Costantino played in the drawdown of Heron Pond and that they consider that before re-appointing them. When she finished speaking, Selectmen Putnam made a motion to approve 4. a) 1) as presented. Selectmen Dudziak seconded. Chairman Federico said that there was a motion on the table and opened it up for discussion. Selectman Daniels asked if Fred Elkind, Town Environmentalist ever gave a response to this letter. Administrator Bender said yes and the town worked closely with NH Fish & Game to adjust the beaver pipe after it was installed so that the water level would go up close to the level it was before. Selectman Daniels asked if we would have this problem again. Administrator Bender said no, with the beaver pipe installed we can control the water levels. Chairman Federico asked if the state was comfortable with the level. Administrator Bender said yes. Chairman Federico said that a motion was made and seconded and asked if there were questions from the Board. Hearing none, the motion passed 5/0.

b) OTHER DECISIONS.

1) Request for Input & Approval of 2018 – 2019 Board of Selectmen's Meeting Schedule (draft calendar).

Chairman Federico said that after reviewing the information, he would like to go with Tina's Suggestions: Having a meeting on December 17th and cancelling the December 24th Christmas Eve meeting. Having a meeting on January 7, 2019 and cancelling the December 31st 5th Monday Forum. This would insure that we have plenty of time for warrant articles before the Budget and Bond Hearing on January 14th. He asked the Board if they had any input.

Selectman Dargie said that the alternate dates are on the nights that the School Board meets and we try to avoid scheduling meetings at the same time, although it might be unavoidable in this situation. Selectman Putnam said that it's only this one time for this calendar year. Selectman Dargie said that it's at a time that people are interested in both the school board and town budgets. He said that if someone is interested in budgets from both sides, they have to choose which one they want to go to. Chairman Federico said that they don't want to double book people, but the Board meeting starts at 5:30 and the School meeting starts at 7:00. As long as we keep our Budget and Bond hearings and Deliberative Sessions separate, we will be ok.

Jack Sheehy, Finance Director said that they have to be mindful that there are things that need to be signed, and decisions that have to be made prior to the end of the year. It may be a problem making the meetings too early in the month. If something needs to be done before the end of the year, there may need to be a special meeting. Selectman Dargie said that we could change the meeting from December 17th to Thursday, December 27th instead. Selectman Putnam said that he agrees with Jack, that we could have a special meeting if needed. Selectman Dudziak said that she would rather keep the meetings on Mondays and if we need a special meeting then we can schedule it.

Chairman Federico said that we can go with these changes and as we get closer to December, we can make additional changes if needed, as long as it's posted in the appropriate amount of time. Selectman Daniels said that the calendar has some flexibility to it. Typically during the summer when the load is lighter we tend to take a meeting day off. Selectman Daniels moved that we accept the calendar as presented with the alternate dates. Selectman Putnam seconded. Chairman Federico said that a motion was made and seconded and asked if there were there any other questions from the Board. Hearing none, the motion passed 5/0.

2) Request for Update to the Board of Selectmen's Representatives Listing 2018 – 2019 Boards, Commissions, etc. (draft listing).

Selectman Dudziak, Putnam and Daniels said that they were happy with the Boards and Commissions that they already serve on. Selectmen Dargie will now be Selectmen's representative for EDAC, Planning Board (alternate), Recreation Commission and TIFF. Selectman Dargie will now be the lead on the Manifest sign

off with Selectmen Putnam remaining as an alternate. Selectman Putnam will now take the lead on Payroll sign off with Selectman Federico as an alternate.
Arene Berry, Recreation Director informed the Board that the Recreation Commission would be changing their meeting nights back to the 2nd Wednesday of the month starting in May.

5. TOWN STATUS REPORT – Administrator Bender thanked the voters for approving the Operating Budget, Fire Station and other Warrant Articles.

1) Hitchiner Manufacturing Update – Administrator Bender said that the Hitchiner Board of Directors met on March 15, 2018 to decide on a future manufacturing plant. Site locations were Milford, NH and a city in Tennessee. He received a call from Mark Damien, Hitchiner President and COO, early that afternoon to advise that they had selected Milford. This represents an investment of over \$45 million dollars in facility and equipment, the addition of 80 jobs and great news for our community! The State of NH, Governor and the Town of Milford worked closely with Hitchiner to present a case to build here. Voter approval of Warrant Article 23 granting industrial development tax relief played into their decision to stay in Milford. This will have long-term advantages to our community and we should thank the owners and executives at Hitchiner Manufacturing for this investment. Construction should start in June or July.

2) DPW Equipment: Backhoe: Administrator Bender said that during prior Board and CIP meetings we discussed using some of the additional highway block grant funds from SB 38 to purchase a backhoe. **SB 38 funds “can be used for equipment necessary and totally dedicated to maintenance of local highways”**. We received \$278,331 from SB38 in 2017 and expended \$68,676 for paving projects on McGettigan Road and Scarborough Lane, leaving a balance of \$209,655. The backhoe would cost \$110,000. The backhoe currently used by Public Works is inadequate for highway maintenance and would be moved to the Transfer Station to replace a backhoe that has required significant maintenance over the past few years. The Transfer Station machine will be used as a trade in for a new backhoe. Voters rejected this purchase by a narrow margin 844 to 925 in 2017. Rick is available to field questions about the backhoe and its use. Staff supports the purchase of the machine using SB38 funds and requests authorization from the Board to purchase it.

Chairman Federico clarified that the SB38 is a onetime award. Administrator Bender said yes. It’s a non lapsing fund and we can use the monies over multiple years until it’s expended. We also receive annually highway block money which is around \$300,000. The \$300,000 has always been part of our paving plan. Voters approved \$2,000,000 last year, and we planned to spend roughly \$3,000,000 over three years on different paving projects. We will be putting the list together in the next few weeks for this year’s projects.

Selectman Dudziak asked if the trade in of the old backhoe will go towards the new one. Rick said yes. Selectmen Daniels said that he didn’t recall the exact language of SB38. If we follow the same process that we usually do when something like the backhoe gets old and you move it to the transfer station, would that break the requirement that it has to be used on highways? Rick said he didn’t think so. It put’s two backhoes into Public Works whether it’s in the Transfer Station, Highway, cemetery or parks. We could use those unilaterally. Selectman Daniels said he was looking about 15 years down the road, when we’ve worn the new one out and we are looking to get another backhoe. Normally we would take the worn one and replace something that was at the Transfer Station, if this block said that it’s totally dedicated to the maintenance of highways, are you going to be able to do that? Rick said he didn’t think that the wording was that deep to clarify that part. As long as the most exclusive use of it is highway, that’s its purpose and that’s what it does. Selectmen Daniels asked if the warrant article for \$110,000 or did we have one this year. Rick said we didn’t have a warrant article for the backhoe this year. Administrator Bender said that the no means no clause which would have applied to last year has lapsed.

Chairman Federico said that Selectmen Daniels brings up a valid point about the funding. He would like to make sure that we are doing what we should be doing with the money from the state. He would like additional clarification on this. Chairman Federico asked if anyone had any questions.

Chris Labonte, Milford citizen said that the last time the backhoe was put in front of the voters, they voted it down. He questions if this is just an alternative way of getting it. He understands that the tax payers are not paying for it because it's coming out of State money, but we are losing money on road maintenance. He thinks the money should go on road maintenance. Chris asked Rick what else is the DPW backhoe used for. Rick said road maintenance, digging graves and park maintenance. Chris said then the new backhoe would not be able to be used for digging graves because it said **SB 38 funds "can be used for equipment necessary and totally dedicated to maintenance of local highways"**. He doesn't think digging graves is included. Administrator Bender said that he reads it the same way. Chris asked Rick how we would address that. Rick said that the current backhoe that would be moved to the Transfer Station would be the one used for digging graves. Rick said that it makes it easier having two backhoes within the department, he started to say more, but Chris interrupted him and asked how old the DPW backhoe was. Rick said about 5 or 6 years old. Chris asked what has changed in Milford where that backhoe has become inadequate, why did we buy an inadequate backhoe 6 years ago.

Administrator Bender said that he's asked that same question, and he would try to answer Chris's question. The decision on which backhoe we bought was made by overruling the recommendation of the Public Works Director. It is not heavy enough to install a manhole structure; it physically won't pick it up safely. In rectifying that and making this recommendation to transfer the current machine over to the Transfer Station, Public Works under Rick's direction thoroughly tested 5 different machines and set up very specific test to insure that the new backhoe would be adequate to do all of the work that would be need to do for highway maintenance. They felt that this backhoe was the most superior. Chris said that he's more concerned with taking the money out of the SB38 funds because of the road conditions. Chris asked Rick, in 6 years how many structures have they have set back with the backhoe. How many structures would we have set if we could? He assumes we can set the structures with the cat loader. Rick said that they have used the cat loader to set them. We haven't set any in 6 years because we can't set them with the current backhoe. Chris said that he feels as a town, we have to crack down on equipment. We have a backhoe that sits in the shed during a snowstorm and we rent a loader to move the salt pile. What do we spend on renting the loader, \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year? We know that we have equipment that we have to replace from dump trucks, one tons and all this other stuff; we are not paralyzed as a community because we can't set these structures, we don't have a way to do it. We just don't have that "gravy" way of doing it where we might bring that second machine out instead. The \$110,000 could be spent better on our roads. Rick said he wouldn't call it gravy. He calls setting a structure with a backhoe a lot safer than setting it with a loader. With the apparatus that we have that attaches to the front of the loader, he would call a backhoe being much safer for his guys to setup the structure. Chris asked how many structures are set a year with the loader. How many have we subbed out with contractors in the last 6 years? Administrator Bender said that we did two on South Street that they contracted out last year to Leighton White. Chris said that they were there anyway. Administrator Bender said no, that was separate from the South Street project. Chris said that if you can find a subcontractor that can set a structure; you're going to pay less than \$110,000 over 5 or 10 years. We know we have major problems in town with our roads.

Rick said that the other part of it is the backhoe at the Transfer Station, he started to say more, but Chris interrupted him and said that the last time it was put out to voters, if it was such a big need, how come we didn't have a warrant articles for it at the Town vote. We all have this thing about letting our voters decide and we have to go with majority rules whether we like it or not. Rick said that it was his decision not to put it on for a warrant this year and before the CIP. He has had multiple pieces of equipment in the past on the CIP and it doesn't fly. He did something different this year and put one piece on. Chris asked if we would be better off instead of renting a loader in the winter for 6 months, renting it in the summer for 6 months and we could set structures with that.

Chairman Federico said that those are things that can be debated but we are not going to get into that right now. He understands Chris's point and what he is saying, he started to say more, but Chris interrupted and said that we have this whole thing that we are trying to push for road maintenance, and he's

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1 an advocate for road maintenance and an advocate for Rick, but he's looking at money better spent. He
2 said that we have a Sterling Dump Truck that was sidelined by the previous Board in April. We ran it
3 until December but we have an immobile truck that doesn't run on the road now and we are replacing a
4 backhoe that's fully functional. He thinks the Board needs to strongly consider looking at our needs be-
5 fore they approve this. If it is approved and we get rid of the other backhoe at the Transfer Station, will
6 we trade it in? Rick said yes. Chris clarified that it won't go to auction. Rick said it will be traded in.
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8 Chairman Federico asked if there were any other thoughts from the Board. Selectman Daniels asked if
9 we took \$110,000 out of the road maintenance, how does it affect the road maintenance plan and what
10 doesn't get done. Rick said that the \$278,000 was above and beyond what we even planned on as part of
11 our road maintenance. His personal feeling is that the \$278,000 doesn't have as much as an impact as if
12 you would have taken it out of the regular block grant money. It's above and beyond and a onetime deal,
13 and to be able to purchase a piece of equipment that doesn't have an impact to the tax payer it's a good
14 deal.
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16 Administrator Bender asked Rick if he thought we were getting the most bang for the buck buying the
17 backhoe or should we buy a truck. Rick said that we need both and that's the problem with not getting a
18 piece of equipment replaced on a schedule. It's time for the backhoe at the Transfer Station to go. It's
19 cost us a lot of money. We have spent over the cost of the backhoe in maintenance since we've had it.
20 Administrator Bender said that is really the biggest driver of this. The one at the Transfer Station is just
21 too expensive to maintain. Chairman Federico said that in reading the memo that was put out, the one
22 part of it that stuck with him was that statement that said "this is for unintended expenditures". They
23 want the money to be utilized under that stipulation and their list of what it can and can't be used for.
24 You can't use this for anything that you've already planned, this supplemental funding for above and be-
25 yond. He would like clarification on SB38 in reference to Selectman Daniels on what does this look like
26 when we are replacing one piece of equipment and taking the replaced equipment, moving it to the
27 Transfer Station, and buying a new one for the Highway Department. We also need to make this decision
28 based on the fact that we are going to take \$110,000 out of the SB38 money and use it to purchase a
29 piece of equipment as opposed to putting this money into something new. Selectmen Dargie said that the
30 CIP committee discussed at length as one of their main topics, and they were 100% behind this approach.
31 Chairman Federico asked if there were any other questions.
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33 Bob Labonte, Milford citizen asked what roads would be affected by not using the \$110,000 and how
34 much money is appropriated for doing roads this summer. Chairman Federico said we are working on the
35 second \$950,000 plan. Bob said you could be \$2,000,000 and it wouldn't be enough. Whatever money
36 you can keep in that fund for roadwork is a good way to go. That's his opinion; you people have your
37 opinion. If you are taking \$110,000 away from \$900,000, that's a lot. Chairman Federico said that the
38 \$950,000 was, he started to say more, but Bob interrupted him and said that it was appropriated for road
39 work and the \$300,000 that you are taking the money from could be used for road work. Chairman Fed-
40 erico said it could be added onto it. Chairman Federico said that they want to make sure he understands
41 that they are not taking it away from the \$950,000. Bob said the more that's in that pot, the more benefi-
42 cial it's going to be for road work. Chairman Federico said that Bob is entitled to his opinion and he isn't
43 going to discourage him from speaking. We approved a warrant article last year for \$2,000,000 to go into
44 roads over the next 3 years including the \$300,000 each year that we budget in the highway budget for
45 road maintenance, for a total of 2,900,000. It's great that we are spending almost \$3,000,000 on our roads
46 over three years but what are we doing in the meantime to be able to maintain that \$3,000,000 worth of
47 road work, if we don't have the appropriate equipment. Bob said that he understands that but a backhoe
48 isn't going to keep the road nice and smooth. Chairman Federico said no it's not, but in his opinion this
49 backhoe is part of what keeps the road maintained. Bob asked how many hours were on the backhoe at
50 DPW? Rick started to speak and Bob said 1,000. Rick said more than that. Bob said 15,000? Before
51 Rick could speak again, Bob said 15,000 out of 6 years is peanuts for a machine.
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1 Administrator Bender said that the other question is how much have we spent on the Transfer Station
2 backhoe in repairs, because that's money we are just throwing away. Rick said that we have spent about
3 \$120,000 since we've owned it in the last 16 years. Chairman Federico said he was wrapping up the con-
4 versation and asked if there was anything else from the Board. He asked for a motion to either table, ap-
5 prove or not approve. Selectmen Daniels moved to table the backhoe decision until the next meeting so
6 we can get answers to the questions asked. Selectmen Dudziak seconded. The motion passed 4/1.

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8 **DPW Equipment: Sidewalk Plow:** Administrator Bender said that a few weeks ago, voters approved
9 the purchase of an additional sidewalk plow. Specific machines were discussed during Budget Advisory
10 Committee and Selectmen meetings leading up to the vote. Staff has a preference for a new plow, but
11 will be very happy with either machine. Some individuals expressed strong feelings about the plows, so
12 we wanted to give the Board a brief presentation of both machines to see if the Selectmen had a prefer-
13 ence and wanted to provide guidance on the purchase or defer to staff to make the decision. He asked
14 Rick to give a basic presentation of the machines. Our preference is the Prinoth plow, it was tested exten-
15 sively. Rick said that we have been trying to replace the sidewalk plow for a while. We tried out 5 types.
16 The problem that we have with Milford is that our sidewalks are about 48" wide. We tried them in the
17 winter and summer. Three different machines we tried in the summer for multitasking but our intent is to
18 not use it as a multitask vehicle, but mainly sidewalks. The Prinoth model has been around for a while,
19 but under a different name and goes back 30 to 40 years. We tried them out in actual conditions to see
20 how they were. The Prinoth is a good machine. He went through the specs., and is impressed with the
21 hydraulic capacity. The pump is twice what the Holder is. There are no drive shafts on it. The difference
22 between the Holder and Prinoth is tracks or wheels and if you use it in the winter, it goes away. It's a bet-
23 ter for stability on the sidewalks with wider tracks. He e-mailed several towns and received good re-
24 sponses back. Some of the towns responded on the other machines that we tested where some of the
25 towns used them and had problems with them. The last e-mail that came in about the Holder with break-
26 downs, repairs and productivity costs, which is the model that we currently have. Holder has been decent
27 to Milford, he still likes it but he thinks that the Prinoth would be better for Milford.

28 Chairman Federico clarified that Rick is looking for consensus from the Board about which piece of
29 equipment to purchase. Rick said just their input. Chairman Federico said that, strictly as his opinion, he
30 gets aggravated when people are on these committees and they think they know better than the DPW Di-
31 rector. He isn't saying that he or Rick are geniuses, but Rick is the DPW Director for the Town of Mil-
32 ford. That's what we hired and pay you for and your opinion is what I'm going to go with because
33 you're the Director of our Department. He asked if the other Board members had any questions.

34 Selectman Daniels asked if the accessories from the Holder would fit the Prinoth? Rick said that some of
35 them will. Selectmen Daniels and Selectmen Dudziak are fine with the Prinoth based on the information
36 provided. Rick said that he tried to do his due diligence and you can see that from the backhoe that we
37 put the machines through and the equipment we tested. He doesn't just try the machines with one opera-
38 tor, he had multiple people test both the sidewalk plows and the backhoes. Selectmen Daniels asked if
39 there was anything that we do in the summer with the Holder that we are not going to be able to do with
40 the Prinoth because of the track? Rick said only the sidewalk sweeping. You can always get a broom at-
41 tachment for it, but he doesn't plan on doing that. The current Holder should be fine taking care of the lit-
42 tle bit of sidewalks that we do. We basically sweep sidewalks twice during the year. Administrator Bend-
43 er asked if the Holder was used to mow lawns. Rick said they use to, but not anymore. Selectmen Dan-
44 iels asked if they were trading the Holder in towards the Prinoth. Rick said no, this is to get us back up to
45 two plows. Selectmen Putnam asked how much the Holder and Prinoth were. Rick said that the Holder
46 was \$172,000 and the Prinoth was \$155,000. Administrator Bender said that the price really didn't drive

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the decision but it's a nice bonus that it's less. Selectman Putnam said he watched it working for about 1 ½ hour and it's very easy to maintain with not much to really go wrong on it. Selectmen Dargie said that both the CIP and Budget Committees talk at length about this and although most were in favor of the Holder the consensus was to have the DPW Director chose what he wants and he agrees.

Chris Labonte, Milford citizen asked how they were going to dispose of the old one and where will it be disposed and will it be posted. Chairman Federico said they don't have the specifics yet, but we have to put it out to bid. Chris asked if it would be possible to put it on the town website whether it goes to local bid or the national website. The grader went on govdeals.com and there were a lot of people in Milford that would have like to bid on it. Town's people should at least have first dibs in the bidding. Chairman Federico said that we would put it on the website. Selectmen Daniels asked if the 2001 was good for parts on the other one. Rick said that some parts fit, but others don't. It's a different model. Administrator Bender said that Rick did a nice job researching and reaching out to the other towns. He appreciates the work Rick did. Chairman Federico appreciates the fact that Rick did his due diligence on everything.

6. DISCUSSIONS – N/A

7. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS.

a) FROM PROJECTS, SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES.

Selectman Daniels said that the Recycling Committee met again last week and they still have room for people who are interested in recycling and advancing it. They always have room for more members.

Selectmen Putnam said that MRI started their study of the Communication Center on Tuesday and they will be back in a couple of weeks with questions.

Granite Town Media has their first draft of the Comcast agreement and they are reviewing it. They will send it to us when ready in a couple of months. Selectman Putnam asked if we have any alternatives to Comcast. Chairman Federico said, not hard wire cables through the town. Alternatives is dish and version still does phone.

Chairman Federico said that out of the 11,079 registered voters in the town, 1,919 or 18% showed up to vote. Feel free to call or e-mail him if you have thoughts on how to get more people to the polls. Selectman Putnam said he was talking to a citizen who said that the 1,919 was people just voting for the school ballot and less than that voted on the town ballot. He asked if we have the numbers for just the town ballots. Selectman Dargie said that anyone that walks into the polls and turns in their ballots are counted as part of the 1,919. Whether they take a ballot and turn it in blank, it doesn't matter. Selectman Putnam asked if they have to take the three ballots when they are handed to them or can they say they don't want the town ones. Selectman Dargie said he thinks they can probably not take them but it doesn't matter because it doesn't affect the total. Selectman Putnam asked if there still could be a difference between the school and town. Selectman Dargie said yes. Selectman Daniels said that he thinks that everyone that showed up would have to be given one of each because someone can claim that they were not given a ballot. Chairman Federico said that there were several ballots that came through that were blank or just had a write in on them. They still counted as ballots.

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

8. APPROVAL OF FINAL MINUTES. Selectman Putnam moved to approve the minutes of March 12, 2018. Selectman Daniels seconded. Selectmen Dargie abstained. All were in favor. Motion passed 4-0-1.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS REQUIRING NO DECISIONS.

APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING – 03/26/2018

1 **10. NOTICES.** Notices were read by Chairman Federico

2 Chris Labonte asked if there was a way the Board could add an additional public comments (Items not on the
3 agenda) also at the end of the meeting for those who show up late. Chairman Federico said that he can ask the
4 Board if they want to do that.

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6 **11. NON-PUBLIC SESSION.** Selectmen Daniels moved to enter into non-public meeting in accordance with
7 (RSA 91-A:3, II(a)) Personnel and (RSA 91-A:3, II(d)) Land and for Approval of Non-Public Minutes (RSA 91-
8 A:3, II(e)) Legal March 2, 2018. Selectman Dudziak seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.
9 Minutes were approved by roll call vote: Chairman Federico – yes, Vice Chairman Daniels – yes, Selectman
10 Putnam – yes, Selectman Dudziak – yes, and Selectman Dargie – yes.

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12 **12. ADJOURNMENT:** Selectman Daniels moved to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Selectman Putnam seconded. All
13 were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.

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19 Kevin Federico, Chairman

Gary Daniels, Vice Chairman

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22 Mike Putnam, Member

Laura Dudziak, Member

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25 Paul Dargie, Member