

APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
February 24, 2020

PRESENT: Gary Daniels, Chairman John Shannon, Town Administrator
Paul Dargie, Vice Chairman Tina Philbrick, Recording Secretary
Mike Putnam, Member Tyler Berry, Videographer
Laura Dudziak, Member
Chris Labonte, Member

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

INSTRUCTIONS: Chairman Daniels called the public meeting to order at 5:30 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: (Approximate times)

5:30 p.m. – Public Hearing in accordance HB 480 – Sports Betting

Chairman Daniels opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public. Chairman Daniels closed the public hearing.

Selectman Dargie said this allows for sports betting in the state, part 1 is on-line betting and part 2 is allowing 10 locations throughout the state. It's unlikely that Milford will qualify for a location. Getting one in Milford would be good.

Chairman Daniels said we have to answer the question, "Shall we allow the operation of sports book retail locations within the town". A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Daniels – yes, Selectman Dargie – yes, Selectman Labonte – Yes, Selectman Putnam – yes and Selectman Dudziak – yes. The vote passed 5/0.

5:40 p.m. – Recreation Bus Quote Review and Approval – Arene Berry, Recreation Director, John Kohlmorgen, Recreation Coordinator and Zack Williams, Recreation Commission Chairman.

Arene referenced the letter that was submitted to the Board, and revised the donation amount to \$64,139 received for a Recreation Bus. The community has been extremely generous. They are now ready to purchase a bus and have received three quotes. The Recreation Department recommends that we buy the bus from Matthews Buses Commercial for \$60,546. They are a vendor for MHQ which has been a vendor for the Town for police cruisers. They were the lowest bid but they also have the exact floor plan, storage and seats that we were looking for. She is looking for the Board's approval.

Selectman Putnam asked if it was the same bus that they looked at. Arene said it was similar. This bus has two flip down seats so we don't lose a seat if we are transporting someone in a wheelchair. Selectman Putnam asked if the bus had a back door. Arene said she did not know.

Chairman Daniels asked what happens to the excess donated funds. Arene said some will be used for the lettering of the bus; the remainder will sit in the special purpose fund for needs of the bus and to start fundraising for a second bus. The first bus needed to have the ADA lift so they wanted a new bus with warranties for the lift. The second bus doesn't need an ADA lift so they will search for a used bus and try to keep the cost down.

Selectman Labonte asked if this bus would be the E-350 or E-450. Arene said E-350 and a 2021. Selectman Labonte asked why they went E-350 rather than E-450? Arene said no.

Selectman Putnam made a motion to go with the Recreation Committee's recommendation and buy the bus from Matthews Buses Commercial. Seconded by Selectman Dudziak. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no public comments at this time.

a) CONSENT CALENDAR. Selectman Putnam made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Seconded by Selectman Dudziak. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

1. Request for Approval for John Murphy to change from an Alternate Member to a Full Member of The Recreation Commission keeping his original Term until March 2021.

b) OTHER DECISIONS.

1. Osgood Pond Dredging Project Phase II – Decision

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John Shannon, Town Administrator said that during the last Board of Selectmen Meeting there were a number of questions pertaining to Phase II of the Osgood Pond Dredging Project.

- Phase II will remove around 24,000 cubic yards of material from the pond.
- The actual work should take approximately 6-8 weeks.
- Depending on the depth of the dredging, it will cover 3-4 acres.
- The material from the project will be taken to the BROX site following best management practices (transportation and storage).
- The Town is actively working to find other options for disposal of the dredged material.
- Phase II funding that was previously approved is \$320,000 with an additional \$30,000 for contingencies (Total cost of \$350,000).

Chairman Daniels would like to add, “to see if we could actively look at other companies that would be interested in taking the dredge. If the dredge is removed, the vendor won’t have to haul it and we may be able to dredge more.

Selectman Labonte clarified that the original area was over 30,000 yards, almost 40,000 yards. Lincoln said initially the next phase would have accomplished the same amount of materials and acreage, (about 6 acres) as Phase I. Selectman Labonte said in this phase, it’s 3 or 4 acres. Lincoln said it depends on the depth they are dredging. The more shallow the dredging means they can do more. Selectman Labonte asked how close to Phase II are we intending to stay. Lincoln said as close as what we proposed, we are just trying to accomplish a similar depth that is there currently. Selectman Labonte said the 24,000 acres noted in their packet is a lot lower than what is on the original plan so we will have to deviate somewhere. Lincoln said no. The original plan was for 4 phases and to accomplish 11 plus acres. Phase I actually combined Phase I and II of the original proposal. This next phase is trying to accomplish finishing Phase II and going to Phase III of the original proposal. It is meant to accomplish what was done in the first Phase in 2017.

Chairman Daniels said on the first phase we would have taken more dredge out but we dug to a deeper depth for fishing purposes. Lincoln said the goal of Phase I was to try to create a deep depression area for aquatic life to mature and flourish. It was stocked by Fish and Game with 5 different species of fish to accomplish that goal. This next phase won’t require as much depth.

Chairman Daniels said they need a motion to take this off the table. Selectman Dargie made a motion to take this off the table. Seconded by Selectman Dudziak. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

Chairman Daniels said we had bids and Mathewson Company came in as the recommendation on this. Selectman Dargie made a motion to move ahead with the low cost proposal which was Mathewson Company, to do the dredging of Osgood Pond Phase II. Seconded by Selectman Dudziak.

Selectman Labonte said he would feel more comfortable knowing if we had an alternative place to put the dredge and how many more yards we could do. If we could find someone to truck it away it won’t take as much money and allow us to dredge more. People who have spoken to him feel that they are only getting half of what they voted for. Chairman Daniels said that is why he asked Administrator Shannon to add another bullet to his list. Selectman Labonte said he would rather find out that answer before we approve this. Chairman Daniels said we don’t have that luxury as it was stated at our last meeting that we needed to start in March which is why we put it off last time.

The motion passed 4/1 with Selectman Labonte opposed.

2. Voting Day Scheduling for the Town Election – Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

There was some discussion on time schedules for the Town Election. Chairman Daniels will stay all day. Selectman Dargie will stay most of the day with a break for lunch. Selectman Putnam will take the same hours as last time and Selectman Labonte will get back to Tina on his hours. Selectman Dudziak can’t participate as she is running as an incumbent for a Selectman’s position

5. TOWN STATUS REPORT – John Shannon

a) Eversource Powerline Clearance -

The Town Administration met with representatives of Eversource on Friday, February 14, 2020, to discuss the ongoing Enhanced Tree Trimming and Hazard Tree Programs in and around Milford. Trees that may affect powerlines will be trimmed or in some cases removed in accordance with existing policies. The purpose of this meeting was to ensure that the citizens were aware of the work being done. Any questions can be answered by contacting the Town Administrator’s Office.

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6. DISCUSSIONS:

a) N/A

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments at this time.

8. SELECTMEN’S REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS.

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

Chairman Daniels said the recycling committee met last week with the DPW Director and the Town Administrator to discuss projects for 2020. They are working on a new brochure being done in alignment with some changes to the ordinance. It’s been challenging because things that were previously taken by China are no longer being taken. We need to find a way to educate people on reducing the solid waste. In May there will be a presentation on zero waste at the Boys and Girls Club.

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

9. APPROVAL OF FINAL MINUTES. Selectman Putnam moved to approve the minutes of January 20, 2020 and February 10, 2020 as amended. Seconded by Selectman Dudziak. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

Selectman Labonte wanted to add the words “for the lease and the PILOT” on line 49 of the minutes of February 10, 2020.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS REQUIRING NO DECISIONS.

a. Treasurers Report December 2019

b. Treasurers Report Year End 2019

11. NOTICES. Notices were read.

12. NON-PUBLIC SESSION. Selectman Putnam made a motion to go into non-public in accordance with (RSA 91-A:3, II (e)) – Legal and approval of non-public minutes (RSA 91-A:3, II(c)) Reputation, January 27, 2020 and February 10, 2020 (6:00). Selectman Dudziak seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0

13. ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Putnam moved to adjourn at 6:02. Seconded by Selectman Dudziak. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

Gary Daniels, Chairman

Laura Dudziak, Member

Paul Dargie, Vice Chairman

Chris Labonte, Member

Mike Putnam, Member