

APPROVED  
MINUTES OF THE MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
July 12, 2021

**PRESENT:** Gary Daniels, Chairman John Shannon, Town Administrator  
Chris Labonte, Vice Chairman Tina Philbrick, Executive Assistant  
Laura Dudziak, Member Nate Addonizio, Videographer  
Paul Dargie, Member  
David Freel, 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.

Chairman Daniels welcomed members of the public accessing this meeting remotely. He intends to continue using zoom at the Board meetings because there is more participation using this tool.

**2. APPOINTMENTS – (Approximate times)**

**5:30 p.m. – Granite Town Media Overview – Tim Finan, Chairman and Tom Schmidt, Member.**

Tim Finan provided a powerpoint of how Granite Town Media works. The GTM Committee consists of 8 members, 1 Board of Selectman Representative, 2 Department Staff, and multiple Milford High School Students used as videographers.

GTM Covers Comcast Cable TV channels (PEG) (Public, Education, Government) 22, 20, 21, and high definition 1071. Streaming/On Demand and Podcasts. Tom Schmidt said High Def. was negotiated in the last contract. They also have viewers from YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter. GTM is funded through Cable Franchise Fees at 3%, the Revolving Fund covers 85% of the Media Manager's salary/benefits and 100% of the Assistant Manager's salary/benefits, 100% of the videographers pay, and 100% of the equipment and maintenance. The general fund covers the remaining 15% of the Manager's salary/benefits and website maintenance.

The current revolving fund balance is \$307,903.70. In the future GTM would like to expand streaming platforms, increase content, encourage more public content, have a dedicated studio, as well as more podcasting, include FM radio, zoom and upgrade equipment and maintenance. They are sustaining themselves. Tim Finan commended Chris Gentry for setting up and maintaining the zoom platform for both the town and school.

Chairman Daniels asked if there is a charge for putting content on the public site. Chris Gentry said no, as long as you are a Milford resident or a non-profit that serves the Milford community, if someone wants to post a yard sale they can't unless it's a non-profit. Chairman Daniels asked if there were rules if someone wants to determine if their information can be published. Chris Gentry said there are rules in the by-laws. Tim Finan said they are in the process of updating their policy and procedure manual.

Chairman Daniels asked if the franchise fee could be brought down to 2% if they meet a certain threshold. Tim Finan said if anything it would increase. Chairman Daniels asked if GTM pays for any of the production equipment at the high school. Chris Gentry said no, he helps them out a lot but we don't purchase anything for them.

Selectman Freel asked what "other professional services" were. Chris Gentry said it was used to get a subcontractor in to run cables. Selectman Freel asked about Telephone Cellular and Telephone Data charges. Chris Gentry said the cellular is the town phone that he has which is also used to stream when he's on location. The data is the Comcast route modem for the town and the high school. Tom Schmidt said it's used for us to upload all the streaming. Chris Gentry said we need an internet account dedicated to 4 streaming devices while it's video on demand. It needs to be big enough to send a 1080 high bandwidth stream anywhere we are broadcasting. This also includes a special IP address. We do it here and at the school, because his servers are located at the school, the town is used mostly for web site based services. Selectman Freel asked why we are at the school. Tim Schmidt said the school has a TV studio and when this started there was more room at the school versus the Town. Chris Gentry said eventually they want a studio to have everything in one place, it's a big project and they don't want to do it twice. Chris Gentry explained the details. Selectman Freel asked if many other towns have this infrastructure. Chris Gentry said yes, most of the other towns do. They have a goal to get everything in place.

**5:45 p.m. – Milford Historical Society Historic Highway Marker – Mark Genovesi**

In Summary: On June 9, Mr. Genovesi met with Peter St. Pierre from NH DOT to examine the proposed location for a Historic marker for Bernice Blake Perry. They would like to put the marker at Rte. 101- A/Elm St. The location is within the jurisdiction of Milford. As you drive from the 101 by-pass intersection east on 101-A, the location is on the right almost

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directly across from the Centurywood Plaza. The marker would be placed by DOT between two telephone poles in a spot suitable. Mr. Genovesi is asking for the Board's permission to approve the location of the marker.

Chairman Daniels asked how big the sign was. Mark Genovesi said it has about 130 characters on it. Chairman Daniels asked if there was anything that requires it to be on a highway. Mark Genovesi said DOT considers it a "roadside marker" and this donation is coming from the roadside marker program. There was additional discussion of other places the sign could go that would be in locations so that the public can see better.

Selectman Freel said it should be near a street light or stop sign, he doesn't think anyone will stop and read it. Mark Genovesi said DOT was clear about where they wanted it and they liked that location because there was a good line of sight. The site selected was driven by the safety criteria from DOT. The sign will be created in August. He would take suggestions if anyone wants to suggest another area. Selectman Dudziak asked if the sign needs to be on a state road. Mark Genovesi said yes, the state is paying for this.

Administrator Shannon said he could work with Mark and the state to get more detail about their criteria. Chairman Daniels said he thinks if it isn't on a state road, the state won't pay for it.

Chairman Daniels asked if it could be connected as part of a virtual tour. Selectman Freel asked if we had other signs like this in town. Selectman Dargie said yes, on Emerson Road. There was more discussion on other potential locations. Administrator Shannon said they would let the Board know what location is chosen.

**Selectman Dargie made a motion to approve the location for a historic marker in honor of Bernice Blake Perry at the discretion of Mark Genovesi and Town Administrator Shannon. Seconded by Selectman Dudziak. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (regarding items that are not on the agenda)**

Katherine Kokko, a Milford resident, asked when the discussion will take place about communications with 2 Way regarding the Crown Castle solution. Chairman Daniels said it will be in non-public later this evening. Katherine Kokko asked what the basis was for a non-public session. Chairman Daniels said the figures that 2 Way is presenting, they don't want to disclose their numbers publicly. Katherine Kokko asked if it was possible to discuss the solution without discussing the money so part of this can be discussed publicly. Chairman Daniels asked Mr. Bartlett and he responded yes. Chairman Daniels said this would be discussed later in the evening under communications.

Mr. Bagley, a Milford resident, complained that the letter from the AG's office, introduced at the last meeting was not attached to the minutes. The AG's office made a decision and it needs to be made public. Chairman Daniels said they would make the letter public on the town's website.

### **4. DECISIONS –**

#### **a) CONSENT CALENDAR**

1) N/A

### **5. OTHER DECISIONS**

1) N/A

### **5. TOWN STATUS REPORT – Town Administrator, John Shannon**

#### **1) Oval Elm Tree Donation -**

Administrator Shannon received an e-mail from Kent Chappell about a maple tree on the Oval. After the removal of a huge branch, the tree has become problematic. The tree is extremely lopsided at this point. Mr. Bob Kokko and Mr. Kent Chappell are willing to get another Elm to go along with the others that have been planted in the last few years. The other trees are doing nicely and it would enhance the look of the Oval. Public Works Director Rick Reindeau is willing to facilitate this project. They are asking the Board for permission to do this.

**Selectman Dudziak made a motion to proceed forward with the Elm Street Tree Donation. Seconded by Selectman Labonte. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.**

Selectman Labonte followed up about the volunteerism at the Transfer Station from the last Board meeting. Administrator Shannon said they are still working the process out. There was some discussion on the types of volunteerism, ie; communi-

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ty service (court-mandated), welfare (workforce), and just coming into volunteerism. Administrator Shannon will check further into it.

Administrator Shannon said the town responded to the AG's office regarding electioneering, specifically a public employee asking people to vote yes on a specific warrant article. The town response included a remediation plan and training slides. AG's office accepted the information and the case is now closed.

### 6. DISCUSSIONS

**1) American Rescue Plan Act Funding (ARPA)** – Administrator Shannon said the state will be giving the town approximately \$1.7 million. We will receive half of the money in about a week, and the other half next year. A committee was formed to see where it would be best suited. The scope was narrowed on what we could spend the money on. Money doesn't have to be obligated until the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026. This is a needs list. Water Utilities has the most items which could result in warrant articles. You don't have to commit the total amounts, and this list can change. There is a scope of what the money can be spent on. Information has already been sent to the Board and there is more information available in his office. No decisions have to be made tonight. We have an annual reporting requirement of what the project is, and how it was spent.

Selectman Labonte asked if it has to be accepted. Administrator Shannon said it has to be applied for. Paul Calabria said yes. Administrator Shannon said some of the items on the list are time-sensitive. Selectman Labonte asked how they determine what meets the criteria. Administrator Shannon said all items submitted meet the criteria, we are not going to give you a list that doesn't meet the ARPA Project criteria.

#### Proposed Milford Projects (Preliminary List)

1. Admin/Fire/Police/Ambulance	1 of 1	Crown Castle Emergency Mgmt Communications Antenna	\$ 130,000
2. Ambulance/Fire	1 of 1	N95 & SCBA Quantitative Fit Testing Device	\$ 19,110
3. Community Dev.	1 of 1	MSRF & GAP Fund Programs	\$ 300,000
4. Fire Dept.	1 of 1	Health/Environmental Officer	\$ 313,096
5. Human Resources	1 of 1	Manpower, Wage & Benefit Survey	\$ 40,000
6. IT Dept.	2 of 2	Fiber Run Town Hall to Water Utilities	\$ 55,000
7. IT Dept.	1 of 2	Cyber Security Eval, Install & 1 Year	\$ 87,000
8. Wadleigh Mem. Library	1 of 1	HVAC System	\$ 750,000
9. Water Utilities	1 of 4	Wastewater Treatment FAC Nutrient & Metals Upgrade	\$ 510,000
10. Water Utilities	2 of 4	Brookiew Water Booster Pump Station Upgrade	\$ 250,000
11. Water Utilities	3 of 4	WWTF Influent Pump Station Screenings Upgrade	\$ 390,000
12. Water Utilities	4 of 4	Pennichuck Interconnection Improvements Design	\$ 100,000
13. Recreation Dept.	1 of 1	Recreation Revolving Fund – Lost Revenues	\$ 86,987
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED</b>			<b>\$3,031,193</b>

Dale White, Water Commissioner, and Bob Courage, Water Commissioner said they included 4 projects. They asked their engineering firms to look at what could be best used for the Town of Milford. The first would be Wastewater Treatment FAC Nutrient & Metals Removal Upgrade for \$510,000. EPA has mandated that we clean up our nutrient discharge. There are also three other projects which are numbers 9, 10, and 11 in the above chart. Without this money, we would have to present these items in a warrant article.

Bob Courage gave a timeline that some of these things have to be completed by EPA. The Pilot Study needs to be completed in 2021. The Design work has to be done by 2022. The Aluminum Project has to be completed by 2023. The phosphorus problem has to be addressed by 2024. It's about \$7 million to do all of this. They have applied for grant funding. They are a high priority by DES.

Selectman Freel asked if there would be any money leftover from the pilot and design to go towards the construction loan. Bob said no. Chairman Daniels asked if the requirement was that they take all the money at once. Administrator Shannon said they will receive half of the money this year and half next year.

Selectman Freel asked how long it would take for the pilot and design. Dale White said 3 months for the pilot and about 6 months for the design. Chairman Daniels feels that anything that is a mandate from the state or federal government should be funded. Selectman Freel asked if this would show the EPA that we working towards the issue so that if we are a little late on the construction, we are moving in the right direction. Dale White said it would send the right message. Bob Cour-

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age said we may need to get permission from EPA to extend the timeline. We could be fined if we are not in compliance. Dale White said one of the reasons for the pilot study is that if they can find an application or design with the study to find a way to remove nutrients at a better design, the price may be reduced.

Selectman Freel asked about making a motion but Administrator Shannon said they have to wait for the money to come in first. They assume it will hit before the next Board meeting. Tina Philbrick, Executive Assistant said the Board can't publicly accept this money at the next meeting. It has to be noticed in the paper and that takes time and the earliest it could be accepted would be August.

Bob Courage said once the project is completed, the first payment of the SRF funding, with an interest rate of 1%, isn't due until 2025 or 2026 but we put the money upfront. Selectman Labonte asked if they are looking to get all the projects funded. Dale said they would like to do them all, but the first one is the most important.

Chairman Daniels said it would be helpful to the Board if dates could be added to the list so they can see when things are needed.

Lincoln Daley, Community Development Director, said tonight is just to present a list of projects for consideration. There were five categories that the criteria is geared towards. The economy faced a negative impact over the past 18 months. He mentioned the Main Street Refund program and the General Resistance and preservation program. This provides small businesses or non-profits small loans or grants due to hardship and a decline in revenue. Some Milford businesses have received funds in the past 18 months to help keep them going. This idea is to offer micro-grants of about \$20,000 to businesses that apply. We are asking for \$300,000. This is a lifeline for some businesses/non-profits.

Selectman Labonte asked how come there wasn't a page in the packet for item number 1 on the list. Administrator Shannon said it's a placeholder and they will be talking about it in non-public tonight.

Director Schelberg talked about his request of \$19,110 is a joint request between Ambulance and the Fire Department. There would be annual savings of about \$2,500 and will pay for itself in about 4 years. Chairman Daniels asked how often this equipment is needed. Director Schelberg said fit testing for the Fire Department is annually and the Ambulance Department is about the same.

Katherine Parenti, Library Trustee, said if they receive any money it would go towards the HVAC warrant article. Their air was tested and it shows that they have bad air circulation and there is mold and mildew throughout the building. They will have it tested again when the heat is on.

Selectman Freel asked how this list was determined. Administrator Shannon explained the process that was sent to the Department Heads to put this list together. Everyone had the same information. A committee was formed to review the documents. Everyone used the same form and received the same information. All of these items fit the ARPA language. The money is for economic recovery from COVID. Some examples are: to re-hire people who may have been laid off, respond to a public health emergency, Water/Sewer and Broadband infrastructure, revenue replacement, etc. Selectman Freel asked how the Library could qualify for the HVAC system. Administrator Shannon said that comes under the lost revenue part.

Lynn Coakley, Library Trustee, said the COVID crisis allowed them to be more aware of the air quality and circulation issues that they have in the Library that are not working as well as they should protect the safety of the staff and patrons, especially the small children and elderly which make up a majority of the visitors. They are also used as a heating and cooling place for people who lose power and they don't have that available right now.

Selectman Labonte asked about the auditing process for these funds, what happens if we appropriated money for something that didn't fall into these categories. Administrator Shannon repeated that they have already looked into these projects and they qualify. They won't spend any money unless they know it can be used. If for some reason they did, they would have to pay it back. He explained the reporting requirements.

**2) Communications Troubleshooting Process** - Chairman Daniels made some changes to Selectman Labonte's troubleshooting process.

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This process shall be used by the respective emergency service and MACC Base in any instance where there is a communication failure, whether the source of the failure is equipment or personnel, including the ability to talk, hear and understand the communicating parties:

**1. Document the issue.**

- a. Date
- b. Time
- c. Location
- d. User (individual, not department)
- e. Communication equipment used
  - i. Battery Level (if applicable)
  - ii. Antenna Type (if applicable)
- f. Description of failure

**2. Send failure report to:**

- a. MACC Base BOG
- b. Town Administrator
- c. Town Board of Selectmen

**3. Failure Analysis**

- a. Isolate Failure to the Town or MACC Base
  - i. Can failure be replicated with other, fully-charged equipment from the same location?
- b. Corrective action taken by the responsible entity

Administrator Shannon said he will oversee this and if any had suggestions, please send them to him. Katherine Kokko said there needs to be clarity as to what constitutes a failure and restrict the failure reports and investigations to the things that truly are issues. Chairman Daniels said he expanded upon that and he read the first part.

**3. Communications – 2 Way (NOTE: NOT ON THE AGENDA, ADDED DURING THE MEETING)**

Captain Frye said that Bill Bartlett, 2 Way Communications, put together a plan and pricing to upgrade portables and mobiles and identified ways to increase safety.

Bill Bartlett said the plan is to start updating the portables and mobiles and increase safety with a plan to integrate vehicular repeaters. It makes sense to rethink how they approach the project and invest that same amount of money into some infrastructure. They want to increase the footprint and capabilities of the fixed infrastructure in the town. They came up with a plan for a single site system to address the four disciplines within the Town of Milford, Police, Fire, Ambulance, and DPW. They want to leverage the success of the current Fire repeater system that's on Federal Hill. They know that a single site serves the Fire Department better than what the Police were experiencing. Their plan is to establish a repeated single-site system at the available Dram Cup Site. The plan will afford us better communication in the field, unit to unit communications will benefit from it. It will also give us the current type of accepted repeaters and other technology that can be leveraged from this infrastructure. Their thought was, "what can we do with the least amount of money that will make the most dramatic impact on coverage and communication at the street level".

Captain Frye said this has nothing to do with walking away from MACC Base. Between 2 Ways plans and the price, there is equipment for MACC Base and no cost to MACC Base for the changes that will take place that will be hooked in so that we stay with MACC Base, we pay for our infrastructure so that we better ourselves communication and safety-wise.

Bill Bartlett said part of the concern was the compatibility with MACC Base and making sure they can continue with the interchange. The Police have a desire to go to P25 digital so they factored in the control equipment for all 4 disciplines to be located at MACC Base.

Chairman Daniels said, since you are establishing a tower where you don't have one now for better coverage, is the strategy to establish that first then check out the various pieces of equipment? How do you establish what gets done first?

Bill Bartlett said part of it is that fixed infrastructure and the location of Dram Cup was chosen because it takes care of the largest coverage. The other part will be to start the life cycle replacement of portables and mobiles. This will get us out of the danger zone of devices no longer supported, gets everyone on a common platform, and makes us all P25 compliant. It's



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a complete plan and a foundation for what could be a much larger picture. It's an expandable system and just to serve Milford there is some expansion down the road.

Chairman Daniels asked what percentage of coverage it would handle. Bill Bartlett said it depends on what you are using to qualify that coverage. The RFP published certain criteria and a single site at Dram Cup would meet those criteria.

Selectman Labonte asked about the single site. Bill said Dram Cup is the single site they are proposing. Selectman Labonte asked about going off the tower on the town hall. Captain Frye said things will be put on the town hall tower and be hooked up to MACC Base. Bill said the system will be controlled from the town hall. Bill Bartlett explained how that would work. The system he is proposing for Dram Cup will support what they need.

Selectman Labonte asked if this was a phased approach and how many phases would it be. Bill Bartlett said yes on the phased approach and the real answer is that it will never stop evolving. The system will always be expanding and improving. He sees it at least a two-site system, one on Dram Cup and one downtown. If the system was controlled by MACC Base and there was a desire for it to be outside of Milford, it would have to be expanded to meet those coverage needs.

Captain Frye said we are not giving up our footprint on Federal Hill so that could be a second or third site. Once you leave it, it's hard to get back. Selectman Labonte asked if it would be digital. Bill Bartlett said digital capable but everything would be P25 compliant, most of the disciplines would remain analog. The system would be capable of going P25 phase I and later P25 phase II.

Selectman Labonte asked if it would still be the frequencies we have now. Bill Bartlett said they would have to add frequencies, what you have now wouldn't support this. Each discipline would require two frequencies. Selectman Labonte asked how it would affect us as far as communications with other municipalities. Bill Bartlett said the duplex issue wouldn't be a concern. The concern would be P25 compliant but most of the agencies are P25 compliant and capable of talking on that system. The state has all but mandated that everyone is P25 compliant and to receive funding from the state you have to be P25 compliant. Selectman Labonte asked about grants that the PD could apply for to recover some of the cost. Bill Bartlett said grants are difficult when it's singular. Grant funding typically needs to benefit more than one agency. Captain Frye said regionally there are lots of grants we can apply for but most of them are closed until next year.

Katherine Kokko clarified that homeland security puts out a grant for dispatchers. MACC Base doesn't qualify directly for any of that funding but if one town wanted to put in for grant money on a regional basis on behalf of all of the towns participating in MACC Base that grant money could be available. The Board of Governors is also asking the state to explain why MACC Base doesn't qualify for grant money.

Selectman Dargie asked Bill what the major differences were between his design and CTA's design and what does the CTA system gets you that your design doesn't. Bill Bartlett said CTA's assessment was thorough and involved a high caliber of expectations. It's sophisticated high-tier equipment. The real answer is that this is a boiled-down piece or segment of that project. This is the phase I of that project. Selectman Dargie said it's consistent with CTA's design, just a subset. Bill Bartlett said yes.

Katherine Kokko asked Bill if it was possible, in finding a solution, to start with the radios and then look at the infrastructure. Why are we doing both at the same time? Bill Bartlett said because the timing is right. We are at end of life for almost everything. He feels the more important piece is the infrastructure. Replacing it will buy us more than we can get by just replacing subscribers. The subscribers are not perfect, but they are healthy and intact. Having tunnel vision over the subscribers makes us miss the bigger picture. Even with new subscribers, we have deficiencies. We have an infrastructure that needs to be updated.

Katherine Kokko asked Bill to speak to redundancies. What happens if we are running off this system, now that's it's Milford-based and separated from what was built into MACC Base. Bill Bartlett said we haven't talked about redundancies with this plan. It would make sense to retain some capabilities from MACC Base to communicate directly from MACC Base to the end units, which is done today. The fallback could be simple like reverting to the way things are today.

Katherine Kokko said she isn't clear about how this radio system affects what MACC Base has in place in terms of a Microwave system, does this separate Milford's ability to be part of that? Bill Bartlett said it isn't in play, it would be separate. MACC Base would subscribe to this site. Certainty some type of wireless connectivity such as Microwave would be to

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their advantage. It would give MACC Base command and control of the site, having a physical connection to it. At this stage, the plan is for it to be stand-alone and subscribed to by MACC Base.

Selectman Dargie asked if these changes would largely fix the current Police problems. Bill Bartlett said it would address a lot of them. One of the biggest downsides now is the current configuration is the ability for one unit to communicate with another unit, not necessarily with MACC Base, although there are deficiencies communicating with MACC Base. Those are far less than the ability to communicate between officer to officer on the street because there is no infrastructure that is helping that conversation take place. A portable radio can only talk so far. They can talk to MACC Base, but the unit a few miles away has no situational awareness, this system would address that deficiency. It will not cure everything but it's a step in the right direction.

Selectman Labonte clarified that if you have two radios that can't hear each other that wouldn't necessarily become a radio issue. Bill Bartlett said yes. Selectman Labonte asked if they can do the tower before the radios. Bill Bartlett said yes, he would lean more towards the infrastructure. Captain Frye said they have mobile issues and he's doing a spreadsheet to document them, he's only in the year 2017. You see a trend that no matter where we are, the portable can't reach MACC Base, it has nothing to do with talking to other officers. With the prices and equipment list, you will see that we are not replacing everything; we are replacing what needs to be replaced to talk to the new system. It's a boiled-down price, still a big price ticket but not compared to what was proposed. Selectman Freel said it's a start.

Selectman Labonte said he's going after the immediate need, you have to start on the threshold. We could put a department on the tower, instead of all of them at the same time. Bill Bartlett said it's hard to develop the line to phase something. Dram Cup could be phased, it's difficult because you need licensing to get the filtration and design done and if you don't build and construct them, the FCC takes it away, you have to occupy license. Dividing the site becomes complex and he is not sure it's feasible. There is a major component to the piece and that is what ties them together in one antenna system. If you look for another way to phase what we put together now, it would come down to an assessment to the portable and mobiles and which ones are in more dire need. We have a large segment of radios that work but if they break tomorrow, we can't support them. That is a red flag.

Katherine Kokko said she repeatedly hears that MACC Base can't hear the officer, she hasn't heard the reverse. She said it's happening on two different frequencies, so what is getting out isn't getting to MACC Base but what is coming from MACC is getting to the officers. Bill Bartlett said the scenario you are talking about could be different based on the system. In the case of MACC Base, it's a simplex channel. It's the difference in power. MACC Base has a large amount of power, a portable radio is 5 watts or less. To make up for that we do systems that can be expanded with multi-site methodology. We don't have that today. MACC Base has multiple receive points which are leveraged.

Jason Johnson, MACC Base Director, said Dram Cup has always been seen as the best site in town for Milford and surrounding communities. He's been after his board to spend money to put licensing at that site. In 2015 we offered the Town of Milford's Police Department a solution similar to Milford's Fire which was a single site repeater with plans to expand. At the time, the argument by the Police Chief was that they wanted to stay on the same channel. What's being proposed is a lot of the same idea he has been bringing to his Board of Governors for several years. Licensing is a big component and the Town of Milford has already expended funds to license frequencies over there. He encourages Milford to speak to the other towns because it's an opportunity to leverage the infrastructure. A single site system also brings a single point of failure. If something goes wrong at that site, you can go back to the old system but it's moving the units to other frequencies that they haven't been on for a while and if you have pagers, you will need to replace them if you don't have those frequencies. This would be a good time to utilize the ARPA funds for all communities to participate. As far as in-car repeaters, those are successfully used by two other communities and they have made a good difference for them. The biggest issue is the large buildings in Milford, they are not RF friendly. He's looking forward to seeing the public portions of 2 Ways proposal.

### 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS. (Regarding items that are not on the agenda)

Chairman Daniels said the state is giving an adequate education grant to the Town of Milford for \$10,594,539. From the increase in rooms and meals revenue sharing, we are getting \$809,795 for Milford's share in 2021, \$1,088, 671 in 2022, and \$ 1,125,156 in 2023. This will go between the school and this Board. In addition, there is \$100,000,000 coming back to New Hampshire and this can go towards property tax relief. It's the local Boards that will decide if this will be used for taxes or something else, but the legislature intends that it goes towards property tax relief.

Chairman Daniels asked if for those who have fireworks leftover from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, please be respectful and don't shoot them off late at night. He received comments from people for changes in that area. Years ago this Board felt that the town

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was responsible enough so that they didn't need ordinances in place limiting what was reasonable for fireworks and he still feels that way. We would rather not take away your liberties for this.

### 8. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS

#### FROM PROJECTS, SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

##### a. OTHER ITEMS (that are not on the agenda)

9. APPROVAL OF FINAL MINUTES - Selectman Dargie moved to approve the minutes of June 28, 2021, as amended. Seconded by Selectman Labonte. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

### 10. INFORMATION ITEMS REQUIRING NO DECISIONS.

1. N/A

### 11. NOTICES. Notices were read.

Prior to going into non-public Katherine Kokko questioned the RSA for legal. Chairman Daniels said they would get clarification from the Town Attorney. The Board voted 3/2 to go into non-public because they had other things to discuss that weren't under legal.

12. NON-PUBLIC SESSION a motion made by Selectman Dudziak to enter into a non-public session in accordance with (RSA 91-A:3, II(a)) Personnel, (RSA 91-A:3, II(b)) Personnel, (RSA 91-A:3, II(e)) Legal and approval of non-public minutes in accordance with (RSA 91-A:3, II(e)) Legal – June 28, 2021. Seconded by Selectmen Freel. A roll call vote was taken with Selectman Dargie no, Selectman Dudziak yes, Selectman Labonte no, Selectman Freel yes, and Chairman Daniels yes. All were in favor. The motion passed 3/2.

In non-public, the Board approved the minutes for June 28, 2021 made three decisions. They did not enter into (RSA 91-A:3, II(e)) Legal pending legal counsel. A motion was made by Selectman Dargie to seal the minutes. Seconded by Selectman Dudziak, because it is determined that the divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Dargie yes, Selectman Dudziak, Selectman Labonte yes, Selectman Freel yes, and Chairman Daniels yes. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Freel moved to adjourn at 9:00 pm. Seconded by Selectman Dudziak. A roll call vote was taken with Selectman Dargie yes, Selectman Dudziak yes, Selectman Labonte yes, Selectman Freel yes, and Chairman Daniels yes. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

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Gary Daniels, Chairman

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Paul Dargie, Member

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Chris Labonte, Vice-Chairman

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David Freel, Member

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Laura Dudziak, Member