

APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
March 11, 2019

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

1. CALL TO ORDER, BOARD OF SELECTMEN INTRODUCTIONS & PUBLIC SPEAKING
INSTRUCTIONS: Chairman Federico called the public meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., introduced Board members and then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Prior to the public meeting the Board entered into a non-public meeting in accordance with (RSA 91:A:3, II(e)) for Legal, no decisions were made. Chairman Federico 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)

5:00 p.m. – Non-Public in accordance with (RSA 91:A:3, II(e)) - Legal

5:30 p.m. – Review and Approval of Three (3) Property Abatement Applications - Map 48 Lot 48-C-67, Map 11 Lot 19 and Map 47 Lot 5-3.

Map 48 Lot 48-C-67 - Abatement #1801 reflects corrections to the property record information that resulted in a net downward adjustment for the assessment.

Selectman Putnam made a motion to approve the Property Abatement Application for Map 48 Lot 48-C-67. Selectman Daniels seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed 4/0.

Map 11 Lot 19 - Abatement #1807 reflects corrections to the property record information that resulted in a net downward adjustment for the assessments.

Selectman Putnam made a motion to approve the Property Abatement Application for Map 11 Lot 19. Selectman Daniels seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed 4/0.

Map 47 Lot 5-3 - Abatement #1803 is vacant land adjusted for value due to a right of way that cuts the parcel in half and is based on a recent arms-length sale.

Selectman Putnam made a motion to approve the Property Abatement Application for Map 47 Lot 5-3. Selectman Daniels seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed 4/0.

5:40 p.m. - Mile Slip and Hitchner Easement – Andy Huges and Chris Costantino - CANCELLED

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS. – Suzanne Fournier, Milford Resident asked if she could speak when the Board gets to Town Status 5. d). Chairman Federico said yes.

4. DECISIONS.

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

1) Request for Approval to re-appoint Melissa Sherman, Scott Hembrow and Lena Labour as Full Members to the Recreation Commission.

2) Request for Approval to re-appoint Kierstyn Williamson as an Alternate Member to the Recreation Commission.

3) Request for Approval to change Zach Williamson from an Alternate to a Full member of the Recreation Commission.

4) Request for Approval to change Liz Snell from a Full member to an Alternate member of the Recreation Commission.

5) NH RSA (31:95(b)) Request for Acceptance and Appropriation of Unanticipated Revenues under \$10,000 – Donation to the Milford Police Departments K-9 Unit - \$41.24.

6) Request for Approval of Intent to Cut – Map 53 Lot 29

b) OTHER DECISIONS.

5. TOWN STATUS REPORT – Administrator Bender

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a. **McGettigan Road Land Sale Update** - On advice of Town Counsel and as allowed on the sealed bid notice, the town is rejecting all bids due to recently discovered errors and omissions on deeds related to the property. Bidders were notified.

b. **Eversource Transmission Line Maintenance** - This is just information for residents. Eversource is planning work on two lines running through Milford during 2019:

- 367 Line – Continuation of work last year in Mile Slip area of Milford then into Brookline and back into Milford in Federal Hill and Ponemah Hill area and then into Amherst. They will be replacing about 14 poles.
 - 314 Line running through Heron Pond.
- Abutters will be notified by Eversource.

c. **Drainage Improvement and Paving Project** - This project has been in development for several years, ever since the South Street Improvement Project. It will encompass South Street, Webster Street and Prospect Street. We secured an easement from a property owner and have detailed engineering plans to address severe drainage issues on all three streets involving blocked and capped drain lines and inadequate drainage. We specifically want to thank Brent Ouellette who has been very patient and helpful through this process. Rick Riendeau, Public Works Director provided details on the plan: There are several issues within the area that need to be fixed.

- Broken line south of the tracks on South Street about 78 feet down just before Lincoln Street. It's been broke about 9 years. They found contaminated soil under the gas station. They will put in an overflow going into Railroad Pond.
- Prospect Street has a broken line.
- There are issues with manhole covers popping up and water coming down the street.
- They discovered a capped line while investigating issues on Webster Street. It was capped during a sewer installation. .
- They also found a plugged line and issue with a manhole at the intersection of Webster Street and Gilson Street.

Because of the complexity of the issues, we are staying with CLD because they have a lot of information from the work they previously did on South Street. We will have to go between two duck banks which limit the size of the pipe we can use. We should gain longevity after all of the improvements. We would like to put this out to bid on March 13th, have it back by April 3rd, notice of the award by April 10th, sign the contract by April 17th and have a substantial completion by August 9th (95% of the project) with a contract end of August 23rd. The Engineering estimate for the project is \$433,000. This will complete the drainage issues, adds 8 or 9 structures and fix the curb and sidewalk along Prospect Street.

Selectman Daniels asked if this was totally Milford or are there grants available. Rick replied, totally Milford. Administrator Bender said this will eat into our 2019 paving plan, but with the money we set aside for paving, the money in the budget for drainage, plus year 3 of the paving plan, we will still be able to do some reconstruction. The Boards consensus was for Rick to go out to bid.

d. **Sand and Gravel Project Phase II** - The operator has started reclaiming the pit area and Phase I of the Gravel Removal Area. To date we have removed approximately 90,000 cubic yards generating revenue to the town of \$130,000. The operator has additional contracts lined up and expects activity to increase. This spring we will cut timber to prepare for the next phase of the operation.

Suzanne Fournier, Milford resident repeated what the Town Administrator stated earlier. The total that was expected was supposed to be 638,000 cubic yards for 24 acres. It should be an average of 27 cubic yards per acre not the 9,000 that we received from the first 10 acres. It should have been 270,000 not 90,000. She asked where the cubic years went and asked if North East Sand and Gravel ran into trouble. She spoke about reclamation and stated that they were supposed to be reclaiming 5 acres of any new activity at a time. She's shocked. They only have 33% of the 10 acres completed, if in fact they are done. She asked the Town Administrator if they were done. He replied that he didn't say they were done. She asked the Board to look into it and stop all operations until all questions are answered.

Chris Labonte, Milford resident asked when they would have an update posted on the web for the expenses and income of the gravel operation. Chairman Federico said he would ask the Town Administrator to update it this week.

e. **Melendy Land Transfer, Lot 52-4-1** - Attorney Tom Quinn, representing the Melendy land owners association, approached the Town about a transfer of title to Lot 52-4-1 (approximately 2.5 acre, land locked parcel adjacent to the rail trail) in exchange for the release of Land Use Change Tax due of \$13,570. The Planning Board and Conservation

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Commission have both reviewed the transfer. Copies of the letter from Attorney Quinn, the Tax Map and Planning Board and Conservation Commission recommendations were distributed for your review. Staff is proposing we schedule the 1st Public Hearing on March 25. Attorney Quinn will present additional details. The 2nd Public Hearing would be on April 8 followed by the Selectmen vote on April 22. Selectman Dargie asked what the assessed value of the lot was. Marti said \$1,000 because its land locked.

6. DISCUSSIONS: N/A

7. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS.

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

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

8. APPROVAL OF FINAL MINUTES. Selectman Putnam moved to approve the minutes of February 25, 2019 as amended. Selectman Daniels seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed 4/0.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS REQUIRING NO DECISIONS.

10. NOTICES. Chairman Federico read the notices.

11. NON-PUBLIC SESSION. Selectman Putnam made a motion to enter into a non-public meeting in accordance with (RSA 91-A:3, II(c)) Reputation. Selectman Daniels seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed by roll call vote 4/0. Chairman Federico – yes, Selectman Dargie – yes, Selectman Daniels – yes, and Selectman Putnam – yes.

12. ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Putnam moved to adjourn at 6:27. Selectman Daniels seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed 4/0.

Kevin Federico, Chairman

Excused
Laura Dudziak, Member

Gary Daniels, Vice Chairman

Paul Dargie, Member

Mike Putnam, Member