

APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

November 30, 2020

This meeting was conducted pursuant to the State of New Hampshire Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, temporary modification of public access to meetings under RSA 91-A. As such, the meeting was conducted online using these connection instructions that were listed on the posted meeting agenda: "The Public is encouraged to participate remotely, call in on your phone @ 1-646-558-8656 and enter the meeting ID# 83639779927 and the password is 144522 or join the Zoom Meeting @ <https://zoom.us/j/83639779927>. Please try to log in 5 minutes before the meeting's scheduled start time in case you run into any technical difficulties".

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| PRESENT: | Gary Daniels, Chairman (Zoom) | John Shannon, Town Administrator (Zoom) |
| | Paul Dargie, Vice Chairman (Zoom) | Andrew Kouropoulos, Videographer (Zoom) |
| | Laura Dudziak, Member (Zoom) | Tina Philbrick, Executive Assistant (Zoom) |
| | Chris Labonte, Member (Zoom) | |
| | David Freel, Member (Zoom) | |

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

Chairman Daniels declared that an emergency exists and he was invoking the provisions of RSA 91-A: 2, III (b). Federal, state, and local officials have determined that gatherings of 10 or more people pose a substantial risk to the community in its continuing efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19. In concurring with their determination, he also finds that this meeting is imperative to the continued operation of Town government and services, which are vital to public safety and confidence during this emergency. As such, this meeting will be conducted without a quorum of this body physically present in the same location. Information for accessing this meeting can be found on the Town web site in the red banner.

Chairman Daniels welcomed members of the public accessing this meeting remotely. Even though this meeting is being conducted in a unique manner under unusual circumstances, the usual rules of conduct and decorum apply. Public comments will be limited to three to five minutes per person. Any person found to be disrupting this meeting will be asked to cease the disruption. If the disruptive behavior continues thereafter, that person will be removed from the meeting.

All votes that are taken during this meeting must be done by Roll Call vote. Members were asked to state their name and state whether there was anyone in the room with them during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

Roll call attendance: Selectman Dargie, yes, (zoom) no one is present at this time. Selectman Dudziak, yes, (zoom) no one is present. Selectman Labonte yes, present in the BOS room, Selectman Freel, yes, (zoom) no one is present, and Chairman Daniels yes, (zoom) no one is present.

1. APPOINTMENTS: (Approximate times)

7:00 p.m. – Public Hearing for The Acceptance for Expenditure of Unanticipated Funds over \$10K NH (RSA (31:95)b) – Police Department Federal Grant: NH Highway Safety Project - \$10,878.

Chairman Daniels opened the public hearing. Chief Viola said this funding is for overtime for the Milford Highway Safety Grant FFY21 conducted from October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021. This grant consists of DUI Patrols (\$4,148), Distracted Driving Patrols (\$3,330), Join the NH Clique Patrols (\$850), Drive Sober or Get Pulled over Patrols (\$1,700), and U Drive, U Text, U Pay Patrols (\$850). These Patrols will be conducted on specific dates during the grant period.

Chairman Daniels closed the public hearing.

Selectman Freel made a motion to accept the NH Highway Safety Project for \$10,878. Seconded by Selectman Dargie. A roll call vote was taken with Selectman Dargie yes, Selectman Dudziak yes, Selectman Labonte yes, Selectman Freel yes, and Chairman Daniels yes. The motion passed 5/0.

7:05 p.m. – OPEN FORUM

Selectman Freel mentioned a fire at Badger Hill and he asked if anyone knew what happened. Chief Ken Flaherty said the fire was under investigation. The first fire was around 7:00 pm. The second time was around 6:00 am the following morning. Selectman Freel asked if this happened in the past where you put the fire out and it reignites. Chief Flaherty said yes it does. Selectman Freel asked if it was normal to keep a patrolman or someone to watch the house after a fire or if it up to the homeowner. Chief Flaherty said there were plans in place and we can talk about it some other time. The fire is still under investigation so he can't talk about it at this time.

Selectman Dargie said the procedure was changed at the Transfer Station so people can't walk from their cars to bring their trash to the bins. He referenced a letter that Primex sent three years ago, and asked why we are just implementing it now.

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The letter talks about children, but he hasn't seen any children walking around. Saturday, the traffic was backed up to North River Road and he is guessing that it's because people couldn't leave their vehicles.

Administrator Shannon said he will find out and have Tammy Scott, the Transfer Station supervisor to explain the change. Selectman Labonte said the letter didn't reference a policy change, so you are still allowed to walk your trash over. Administrator Shannon repeated that he would speak to the Transfer Station supervisor tomorrow.

Selectman Dargie said Primex recommended repainting traffic markings and put in moveable safety signs. Not allowing pedestrians wasn't a formal recommendation, although it was a concern. He feels that we should allow people to walk their trash in. Selectman Labonte asked if this change should go before the Board. Chairman Daniels said it should go through the Town Administrator and/or DPW and the Transfer Station.

Mike Thornton, Milford Resident, suggested allowing foot traffic at the entry to the right of entering the Transfer Station.

Selectman Labonte brought up paving projects around town. He said a pond was created with the paving on West Street and also by Bar Harbor Bank on Cottage Street and in front of Napa on South Street. He asked if this could be looked into.

Selectman Labonte asked about the light that is out at the Bales School. Administrator Shannon said it's in Eversource's hands, he will follow up again.

NOTICES. Notices were read.

3. NON-PUBLIC SESSION. N/A

4. ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Dargie moved to adjourn at 7:17. 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.

Gary Daniels, Chairman

Chris Labonte, Member

Paul Dargie, Vice Chairman

David Freel, Member

Laura Dudziak, Member