

APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
December 28, 2015

PRESENT: Mark Fougere, Chairman
Kevin Federico, Vice Chairman
Gary Daniels, Member
Katherine Bauer, Member
Mark Bender, Town Administrator
Darlene J. Bouffard, Recording Secretary
Niko Giokas, Videographer

EXCUSED: Mike Putnam, Member

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

INSTRUCTIONS: Chairman Fougere 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 Fougere 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:

5:30 p.m. – Certificate of Achievement – Zach Tripp – Zoning Board of Adjustment. Chairman Fougere explained that Zach Tripp has served for many years on the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) and he thanked Mr. Tripp for his many years of service to the committee. Without volunteers, this community would not be as great as it is. The ZBA is a very challenging board and it is very difficult for those that have jobs and also contribute to the town. Mr. Tripp said it has been a pleasure and it is interesting, he thanked everyone for their support and thanked the Community Development department support staff and Bill Parker, they have always been very helpful. Mr. Tripp noted it has been a privilege. Selectman Bauer thanked Mr. Tripp for his service; noting it is a lot of work. The ZBA is not a typical board that people volunteer for; it takes an enormous amount of preparation. Chairman Fougere noted that the town is looking for volunteers on the ZBA. Selectman Daniels very much appreciates Mr. Tripp's work.

5:40 p.m. – Presentation to Bill Parker – Retirement. Chairman Fougere said the Board would like to recognize Bill Parker who has been the Community Development Director since 1993. Mr. Parker actually replaced Mr. Fougere in that position in 1993. It is difficult in the director position to deal with both the Board and the public. Mark Fougere presented an award to Mr. Parker who said it has been an honor and a privilege. Selectman Bauer wished Mr. Parker good luck in whatever he will do. Vice Chairman Federico thanked Mr. Parker for assisting in his education in the planning area and thanked him for all of the information he provided every day. Selectman Daniels commented that Mr. Parker has done a great job and he hopes he has a restful retirement. Town Administrator Mark Bender said his transition to Town Administrator was assisted by Mr. Parker's knowledge in learning the ways of the town and he has been helpful and valued and he hopes to stay in touch. Chairman Fougere noted that Bill Parker always has a positive demeanor, it is challenging day to day and he has done it with class.

5:50 p.m. – Elm Center Review / Street Crossing Flags. A letter of concern was received from the Administrator of The Elms regarding the pedestrian crosswalk in front of The Elms and Ambulance Facility. Brian Murphy, The Elms representative, explained this is an ongoing concern. At the beginning of December an employee of The Elms was hit by a vehicle in the crosswalk. This crosswalk presents a danger to the employees crossing for work. The employees and other people using the crosswalk are at risk. From his office, Mr. Murphy said he sees drivers not stopping or going around the crosswalk. The visual signs are not adequate and it is hoped that the town can do something more. Signs with words, not only pictures, might be considered. The Elms is coming to the Board to ask for help; it happens all day long, not just during commute hours. The road is heavily travelled. Selectman Bauer asked if it is felt that more signage might help. Mr. Murphy said it is hard to say, the drivers are not looking at the signs that are there. Chairman Fougere asked if The Elms has an agreement to have employees park in their lot. Mr. Murphy said that is correct, The Elms pays them for parking for three shifts of employees.

Barbara Seluus was hit while crossing and she has had close calls there before. She can foresee someone getting killed there. It is a dangerous crosswalk. Cara Reynolds has seen two employees get hit and it is terrifying.

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1 It is terrifying to cross. She has been in the crosswalk and cars go by, including the police. When it is dark, she uses
2 a flashlight. It is every day and people fly down the street. When the first person got hit, we were told something
3 more would be done. The safety issues have also limited what we can do with the residents. Kristen Albanese, said
4 that last summer there was a truck that was very brazen about not letting her cross. Last week, the same thing hap-
5 pened. People are just not heeding the signs. No one is monitoring it, when she complained about the first driver, a
6 sign was added but then the sign was gone. Dawn Barnhill, said both of the people that got hit were from people
7 coming out of the SHARE parking lot. We would prefer a traffic light, but at a minimum, could the crosswalk be
8 moved? Donna Norcross, said the day one employee got hit, one car stopped for her and another car went around
9 that car. Today about six cars passed before she could get across. There were no other comments.

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11 Vice Chairman Federico wants to take action. Selectman Bauer asked if Police Chief Viola could com-
12 ment. Police Chief Viola said we do not want anyone to get hit. We can have more presence in that area (foot pa-
13 trol) but there will be an issue when we are not there. We can try heavy presence and work with The Elms when the
14 bulk of employees are crossing. We have people (drivers) waving people around. We can see if that makes a differ-
15 ence. Another option is crossing at West Street where there is a light. Since this issue came up, Selectman Daniels
16 asked if people have used through that other intersection. The crosswalk by ExtraMart or Smith & Heald might be
17 safer. At the ambulance facility crossing, there are multiple things going on. Selectman Daniels does not want to
18 try to fix a problem that cannot be fixed. He thinks maybe having people go to a safer crossing might work.

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20 Audrey Fraizer, Conservation Commission, said a town in Rhode Island has orange flags for pedestrians to
21 carry across the crosswalk when crossing. That might be a short term solution until a decision is made. Ms. Fraiz-
22 er agrees a long term solution needs to be made. Town Administrator Mark Bender said we have had staff discus-
23 sion about this intersection and other intersections in town. Rick Riendeau has looked at solutions and some cost
24 \$21,000 and some solutions cost \$350 (signs). When we start looking at crosswalks, we need to follow the stand-
25 ards. That intersection has a lot more traffic since the ambulance facility went in there. Mr. Riendeau is not a big
26 supporter of signs, we need to look at it; the signs in the middle of the street have been tried, but Milford went
27 through fourteen during the summer and they cost \$350 each.

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29 Selectman Bauer asked about doing away with that crossing. Mr. Riendeau said maybe now is the time to
30 eliminate it; there is a signalized crossing at West Street. Vice Chairman Federico said the number one user of the
31 crosswalk is The Elms employees; he asked what The Elms administrator thought about just adding time to walk
32 down to West street and then back up on Elm to the facility. Chairman Fougere suggested that this will be sent to
33 the Traffic Safety Committee to look at and come back to this Board with recommendations. The costs range from
34 simple solutions (\$350) up to \$20,000. The street is more active. Chairman Fougere would like the police to moni-
35 tor that area more to start with. Selectman Bauer moved to send this request to the Traffic Safety Committee and
36 notify The Elms of the date of that meeting. Vice Chairman Federico seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed
37 4/0.

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39 **6:05 p.m. – MACC Board of Governors Appointment.** Selectman Putnam would like to continue to serve as the
40 Board of Selectmen representative on the MACC Base Board of Governors. Selectman Daniels moved to appoint
41 Selectman Putnam as the Board of Selectmen representative for Milford. Vice Chairman Federico seconded. All
42 were in favor. Motion passed 4/0.

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44 **6:15 p.m. – Open Space Access - Conservation Commission Warrant Article.** Audrey Frazier, Conservation
45 Commission Chair, introduced Alec Buchanan, attorney; Milford Conservation Coordinator Chris Costantino and
46 Sara Brown, owner, to discuss this topic, which is a lot owned by the Brown's, on North River Road, that has open
47 space on the Falcon Ridge subdivision. The Milford Conservation Commission discussed this and can negotiate
48 with the Browns to allow them an easement in trade for eight acres of conservation easement access to their drive-
49 way in the form of a warrant article. Chairman Fougere asked if there are trails out there that people could access.
50 Ms. Fraizer responded that there are. Chairman Fougere asked what type of challenges are there and asked Mr. Bu-
51 chanan if there will be any issues with bringing this before voters. Attorney Buchanan noted this is one requirement
52 for the Board to grant the easement, this is just the beginning, we have to go to the Attorney General office because
53 the open space was tied to the town held in a charitable trust so you have to do it with their permission. We have a
54 very good shot at getting it; that is another step that needs to get going. Chairman Fougere asked if there is anything
55 in the easement document that might be a hurdle that cannot be overcome. Ms. Fraizer said attorney Drescher has
56 the same opinion that the abutters need to be made aware. Attorney Buchanan said where the Brown's want to have
57 the access, the public can get access there as well, it is taking land that might be used for access and using it for their
58 lot as well, they will be responsible for maintaining it. The public access rights would remain, they use it and the

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1 public uses it. Selectman Daniels said for the land swap, is that part of the deal for doing this? Could it be done
2 without taking the eight acres? Attorney Buchanan said it might not happen without the swap, the AG wants to see
3 the town give something up. The AG will look at that. It would be difficult to get the AG to grant it without any
4 exchange. Chairman Fougere asked if the Planning Board has looked at this. Ms. Fraizer said Bill Parker looked at
5 it before he left and Janet Langdell is fine with it. The Planning Board has not discussed it yet. Lincoln Daley is in
6 support of it. Chairman Fougere would like for a similar discussion to be had with the Planning Board. It is an in-
7 teresting solution. Ms. Fraizer said the MCC has already voted on this. Vice Chairman Federico moved to support.
8 Selectman Daniels seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 4/0.

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10 **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS. (items not on the agenda).** There were no public comments this evening.

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12 **4. DECISIONS.**

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14 a) **CONSENT CALENDAR.** Chairman Fougere asked if there were any items to be removed from the
15 Consent Calendar for discussion. Item 4a1 was removed for discussion by Selectman Daniels. Vice Chairman Fed-
16 erico moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented with the exception of item 4a1. Selectman Daniels se-
17 ceded. All were in favor. Motion passed 4/0.

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19 1) **MIT – Waiver of Overage from the Warrant Article Amount for the Pumpkin Festival.** Select-
20 man Daniels removed this item from the Consent Calendar for discussion, noting that the warrant
21 amount spent was just under \$2,300 over the amount of the Warrant Article, this seems to be pretty
22 consistent, is this expected every year? Wendy Hunt, Milford Improvement Team (MIT) Director,
23 said it is just a little over the Warrant Article but is less than last year. Selectman Daniels asked if we
24 should ask for more in the warrant article. Ms. Hunt said this is for the town services; we do not set
25 the rates, the town does. She expected it to be higher but they kept costs down. Selectman Bauer
26 thanked Ms. Hunt for heading up MIT and for doing a great job. Selectman Daniels moved to grant
27 the waiver. Vice Chairman Federico seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 4/0.

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29 2) **Request for Approval of Donation to the Conservation Commission in the amount of \$401.53**
30 **from Eagle Scout David Spaulding.** Eagle Scout David Spaulding raised funds to create a mountain
31 bike trail at Mile Slip Town Forest as his Eagle Scout project and with the monies remaining wished
32 to donate to the Conservation Commission, this item was approved.

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34 3) **Request for Approval of Donations to the Heritage Commission “Save the Swing Bridge” Fund**
35 **in the amount of \$995.00.** The Heritage Commission requested the Board to accept the donations of
36 \$995.00 toward the Swing Bridge fundraiser. This item was approved.

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38 4) **Request for Approval of Tax Abatement for 127 Elm Street.** After the town purchase of 127 Elm
39 Street, it was requested and approved to abate the outstanding taxes in the amount of \$94,737.40.

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41 5) **Request for Approval of Loan Agreement with Lake Sunapee Bank.** The Board approved the
42 loan agreement with Lake Sunapee Bank for the bonds approved at town meetings in past years.

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44 b) **OTHER DECISIONS.**

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46 **5. TOWN STATUS REPORT.** Nothing new to report.

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48 **6. DISCUSSIONS**

49 a) **Key Dates for SB2 March Town Meeting.** Mark Bender reviewed the key dates for town meeting.

50 b) **Budget Review.** Mark Bender said this was finished at the last meeting, and asked if there were any other
51 thoughts. There was nothing new to discuss.

52 c) **Library Warrant Article.** Selectman Daniels moved to not support. Vice Chairman Federico seconded for
53 discussion. The concerns of Vice Chairman Federico are with the three large warrant articles (two town and one
54 school) and if they all pass. The tax impact would be huge; he has mixed feelings knowing the town will put two
55 large warrant articles on the ballot at the same time. If we removed the Library warrant article, it would be put back
56 on by petition. Vice Chairman Federico does not think we should remove it; we put together the road warrant article
57 which he is not wanting to remove either but he would like to know if we know anything about the school discussion
58 about their school warrant article. Chairman Fougere said the school is considering dropping the school warrant

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1 article down to \$3 million. Mark Bender talked with Bob Marquis (Superintendent of schools) and he did not have a
2 definite answer yet, but that warrant article will be between 2 and 3 million. Chairman Fougere said we do not
3 know for sure but people are concerned and the school board is just as concerned as the town, they will be going
4 ahead with multiple issues at the school. It looks like they are trying to reduce the number. Selectman Bauer would
5 like to go against Selectman Daniels' motion because she would like to let the people vote on the Library. Select-
6 man Daniels understands the frustration people have who support the Library, but we look at what needs to be done.
7 It was hoped the Library would be the one big warrant article in 2016, but things change, \$5 million for roads is a
8 large warrant article. Selectman Daniels wishes he could pave the town and let other things lay dormant to deal with
9 roads, but it comes down to priorities. Selectman Daniels asked how much money was put in the default budget to
10 fix repairs at the library; it appears the Library runs very well but patrons do not see the behind the scenes things, he
11 would be willing to put more into the Library budget to fix some of the deficiencies that were not addressed. Se-
12 lectman Bauer agrees with that but thinks the Library Trustees does not want to fix things one project at a time.

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14 Debra Faucher, Library Trustee and Jennifer Hanson, Library Trustee were in attendance to support Library
15 Director Michelle Sampson, but are not here to debate whether or not we are going to make repairs. We do have an
16 estimate for costs of repairs to be done, we are elected and have determined that was not the best route for the Li-
17 brary. The repairs would not give the town what is needed for the community. Jennifer Hanson said it does not
18 solve the problems that the Library is too small to meet the needs of the community. It is just not the right solution.
19 Research has been done for two decades about this. If you vote to take this off the ballot, we would bring it back
20 under petition. The roads did not get bad overnight and neither did the Library. Vice Chairman Federico under-
21 stands what is being said, the Board looked at town hall renovations a few years ago for and we were surprised at the
22 cost. Overall, it would cost more in the long run because the facility would be in a state of disruption all of the time.
23 Ms. Hanson explained the plan is to keep the Library open during renovations. Selectman Daniels asked if any of
24 the deficiencies would cause the Library to be shut down. Michelle Sampson answered no.

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26 Selectman Daniels did not know if any of the issues are health concerns. Ms. Sampson said all of the town
27 facilities are inspected annually and code enforcement is on that committee, so if there was anything to that extent,
28 we would be notified. If there was a health code violation it would have been brought to the attention of the Library
29 Trustees. The Department of Labor (DOL) also had an inspection. Chairman Fougere knows what is involved, and
30 understands a renovation is very expensive. The cost to build new is less expensive than a renovation. Chairman
31 Fougere's concern is the aesthetics. A new building would be a very prominent building on Nashua Street and it is a
32 lot of money; that is his personal view, and getting a consensus of the Board is difficult. Ms. Sampson said Chair-
33 man Fougere is not the only one that feels that way; it would be impossible for everyone to like the design. There
34 were focus groups about the Library and they were a part of the planning process. Representatives from all walks of
35 life were involved. There were three meetings with the public. The statistics that came out of all of that were taken
36 into consideration in the design. That includes what it would look like, down to the brick. We moved to a more
37 modern look, but also kept it a classic New England look. In 2007, our project was sent to the American Institute of
38 Architects. Some designs were very different; people do not like change, so we tried to become more modern but
39 keep some things the same.

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41 Selectman Daniels moved to table this warrant article vote until the town roads warrant article has been fin-
42 ished. Vice Chairman Federico seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 4/0.

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44 **d) Warrant Article Review.**

45 Reconstruction of Town Roads Bond - \$5,000,000 – Mark Bender indicated the first of two phases would
46 be approximately 25 miles. This bond is for \$5,000,000. It can be spread out over a period of time. Chairman
47 Fougere asked Jack Sheehy about financing. Mr. Sheehy responded it is about a one percent difference to finance
48 twenty or ten years; you do not want it to be too long. Chairman Fougere said this warrant article is needed, the tax
49 rate keeps going up. Maybe we could consider dropping this to \$3 million. Selectman Bauer would vote for part of
50 this warrant article. Vice Chairman Federico said financing it in ten years is too long. Mr. Sheehy said the town can
51 look at different ways of bonding this; like a construction type loan, or borrow all at once.

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53 Selectman Daniels asked if the 65 average road condition from Cartograph could be used to identify which
54 roads are good and which are bad? Rick Riendeau, DPW Director, explained that the OCI is rated on each road; that
55 65 is the average for all the town roads altogether. Chairman Fougere asked if the entire list could be sent to Board
56 members electronically. Mr. Riendeau responded that each segment of road has an OCI. Some roads have twelve
57 segments and each one can have a different OCI. Selectman Daniels said if we set a target of 50 for the index, how
58 much would we need to spend to get roads to 50? Mr. Riendeau said he would have to run a report on that. Mark

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1 Bender responded that we do not want to let the roads deteriorate to 50. Selectman Daniels just thinks if we take
2 those roads that might be 55 and leave them alone and then take up the roads that are 20 or 30 and raise them up to a
3 better condition. What is being proposed here is to get all the roads over 65. Mr. Riendeau said the 65 is an overall
4 index. The cartograph report does a report for roads that are in all different areas. If you look at the roads that are in
5 the lowest category, they cost more. The best thing to do is to do some that are good and some that are bad and
6 some that are in the middle to strike a balance. Mark Bender said we had one road that is 76 but we are not going to
7 do a re-grade on that road, it will be an easy fix. It does not cost a lot to bring up a good road to a better rating. Se-
8 lectman Daniels had concerns about spending beyond our means. Vice Chairman Federico would be willing to re-
9 move this warrant article completely and look at it again another year. Vice Chairman Federico realizes what needs
10 to be done, roads are his priority but we need to look at bringing costs down. We need to do more to bring more
11 revenue into town. Selectman Bauer wants to support the Library and does not know if she will support the roads
12 warrant article. Library Trustee Debra Faucher, said as a voter, she appreciates what Vice Chairman Federico said,
13 about the roads warrant not being in front of the CIP committee, which the Library has been for many years. Six-
14 teen times it has been presented for consideration. This is the first time the roads have been brought up. Selectman
15 Daniels asked what the worst road is in town. Mr. Riendeau said he does not have that information with him to-
16 night. Selectman Daniels will not support this warrant article.
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18 Selectman Daniels moved to NOT support the Reconstruction of Town Roads Warrant Article. Vice
19 Chairman Federico seconded for this discussion. Vice Chairman Federico asked if this is not supported by the
20 Board of Selectmen, would it come off the warrant articles. The work needs to be done, but it is not the right time
21 for it. Mr. Riendeau said the town never had the data before, now we have the data; it is not last minute for DPW, it
22 is last minute for the CIP. Chairman Fougere said we have a plan now. All were in favor of the motion, with Se-
23 lectman Bauer opposed. Motion passed 3/1.
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25 Chairman Fougere agrees that this warrant article should be taken off the warrant articles, to which Select-
26 man Daniels agreed. Vice Chairman Federico moved to take the Reconstruction of Town Roads warrant article off
27 the 2016 warrant. Selectman Daniels seconded. All were in favor, with Selectman Bauer opposed. Motion passed
28 3/1.
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30 Library Building Project Warrant Article - \$5,628,000 – Vice Chairman Federico is still not sure if he sup-
31 ports this. Selectman Bauer said this has been on the warrants fifteen times and she wants to keep it on the ballot.
32 Vice Chairman Federico moved to not support the Library warrant article. Selectman Daniels seconded. Vice
33 Chairman Federico, Selectman Daniels, Chairman Fougere were in favor with Selectman Bauer opposed. Motion
34 passed 3/1.
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36 Wastewater UV Disinfection Replacement – Bond - \$950,000 – This requires a Board of Commissioners
37 vote, not Board of Selectmen.
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39 Town Operating Budget - \$14,087,413 – Selectman Daniels asked if we should still consider buying en-
40 gines instead of buying new vehicles. Vice Chairman Federico is not in favor of that; the emergency vehicles need
41 to respond quickly and safely, Vice Chairman Federico does not think this is a cost effective way to save money.
42 Selectman Daniels would want to do it as a trial. Vice Chairman Federico does not want to go down that road be-
43 cause he does not think it will save money. Selectman Daniels would like to also find out why DOT is charging the
44 town more for gasoline than what it is at the pumps. Jack Sheehy stated the Board should have a vote prior to
45 Budget & Bond on January 11; as the financials get closer, we can get a final number. It was agreed to wait on the
46 vote for now.
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48 Sidewalk Tractor Plow w/Sander - \$41,000 – DPW Director Rick Riendeau noted the price of a used side-
49 walk tractor plow is \$99,500 and it is available now. Vice Chairman Federico asked if we can do it in 2015. Mark
50 Bender said we are within \$200,000 of default right now, we could encumber the money but we cannot give the
51 vendor a decision until town vote. Vice Chairman Federico suggested if that is do-able, we should encumber it in
52 2015 and save the town \$90,000. Chairman Fougere said we can only tell them we would like to buy it but cannot
53 give an answer until town vote. Mr. Riendeau told him that already. Vice Chairman Federico said we should try to
54 save that money. Mark Bender said we should prioritize the plow and the cruiser so that we can encumber them
55 both but based on how the year ends, we might not be able to purchase both. Keep in mind, no warrant articles can
56 be added or taken away after the Budget & Bond Hearing on January 11. Vice Chairman Federico suggested leav-
57 ing the plow in the warrant and if we can get it in 2015, we can take it out of the warrant. Vice Chairman Federico

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1 moved to encumber the \$99,500 in 2015 for the refurbished sidewalk plow. Selectman Daniels seconded. All were
2 in favor. Motion passed 4/0.

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4 Front End Loader 2-3 CY Bucket - \$29,900 – Chairman Fougere spoke with the Water Utilities Superin-
5 tendent who said the town could use their front end loader this winter. Mr. Riendeau, DPW Director, met with the
6 Water Superintendent to work out the details so that he is comfortable with the arrangement. Mr. Riendeau said a
7 six-month lease was entered for the equipment for the winter.

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9 Kinder Morgan Pipeline Legal Fees - \$40,000 – A briefing was held a few weeks ago with the attorney.
10 Mark Bender said that \$40,000 is Milford’s portion of legal fees and was presented to the coalition, and is an analy-
11 sis of the costs. Selectman Daniels asked why it is believed an attorney will make a difference. Mark Bender said
12 the lawyer representing the towns has been before FERC in the past. We have had conversations with FERC but
13 nothing to the extent that the lawyer or experts would provide. Selectman Daniels asked if we have any information
14 that shows that lawyers have made a difference with FERC? Chairman Fougere said it is a hard fight, the Hollis
15 attorney explained that they have their lawyers, but without having some counsel, it makes it more challenging.
16 Milford has clear opposition to this pipeline. If we are going to fight it, we need representation. Mark Bender
17 agreed, without a lawyer, Milford does not have a chance. Selectman Daniels suggested that is just speculation.
18 Vice Chairman Federico said Milford is part of the coalition and this is the next step to not support the pipeline. We
19 should move forward with this warrant article. Selectman Bauer agreed with Vice Chairman Federico. Vice Chair-
20 man Federico moved to support this warrant article. Selectman Bauer seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed
21 4/0.

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23 Social Services - \$35,000 – All members received the detailed information from Susan Drew, Welfare Di-
24 rector. Selectman Daniels asked why the Red Cross was not on the list. Susan Drew, Welfare Director, explained
25 the Red Cross did not provide much information about how much they provide support to Milford. Vice Chairman
26 Federico said at Deliberative Session, this warrant article is always brought up as to where the money is used. The
27 new committee has explained where the money will be used if this warrant article passes. Vice Chairman Federico
28 moved to support the Social Services warrant article. Selectman Bauer seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed
29 4/0.

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31 Non-Emergency Community Transportation Bus Service - \$27,700 – Selectman Bauer moved to support
32 this warrant article. Vice Chairman Federico seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 4/0.

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34 Architect Fees for Fire Department Expansion Project - \$25,000 – This is for a future Fire Department Ex-
35 pansion. Vice Chairman Federico moved to support this warrant article. Selectman Bauer seconded. Vice Chair-
36 man Federico, Selectman Bauer, Chairman Fougere were in favor, with Selectman Daniels opposed. Motion passed
37 3/1.

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39 Conservation Lands Fund - \$20,000 – Vice Chairman Federico moved to support this warrant article. Se-
40 lectman Bauer seconded for discussion. Chairman Fougere believes the Milford Conservation Commission does not
41 have any specific properties in mind, but wants to have a healthy balance so that if something becomes available, it
42 can be purchased. Selectman Bauer and Vice Chairman Federico were in favor with Selectman Daniels and Chair-
43 man Fougere opposed. Motion failed 2/2.

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45 Pumpkin Festival, Holiday Decorations and Plantings - \$20,000 – Selectman Daniels is not sure how they
46 can reduce spending by \$2,000 to avoid the overage every year; this warrant article is the use of the town depart-
47 ments during Pumpkin Festival as well as holiday decorations and oval plantings. Vice Chairman Federico moved
48 to support this warrant article. Selectman Bauer seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 4/0.

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50 Summer Band Concerts - \$9,000 – Selectman Bauer moved to support this warrant article. Vice Chairman
51 Federico seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 4/0.

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53 Fireworks - \$8,500 – Selectman Bauer moved to support. Vice Chairman Federico seconded for discus-
54 sion. Selectman Daniels said that two or three years ago the town was able to have fireworks for less than this
55 amount proposed. Arene Berry, Recreation Director, stated that several years ago, the Fireworks failed at town
56 meeting and a deal was struck with Atlas, who gave Milford a deal that lasted three years to bring the amount back
57 up to the original amount of \$8,500. If Fireworks failed at town meeting, none were displayed, but if the warrant
58 article passed, the town would use Atlas – the first year it was a lesser amount, the second year it was more and the

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1 third year it was back up to the original amount of \$8,500, which is what is proposed this year. Vice Chairman Fed-
2 erico, Selectman Bauer and Chairman Fougere were in favor, with Selectman Daniels opposed. Motion passed 3/1.
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4 Funding of the Annual Labor Day Parade - \$7,500 – Vice Chairman Federico moved to support this war-
5 rant article. Selectman Bauer seconded for discussion. Selectman Bauer asked why the parades are presented sepa-
6 rately. Jack Sheehy, Finance Director, explained the \$7,500 is to fund the Labor Day parade, which started as a Pe-
7 tition Warrant Article, this specific funding goes to the VFW, who puts on the Labor Day Parade. The other warrant
8 article is just for town support for use of town personnel for all of the parades. Selectman Daniels would like to
9 check with the VFW if they would still need \$7,500. All were in favor. Motion passed 4/0.

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11 Memorial, Veterans & Labor Day Parades and Recognition – Town Support - \$6,000 – Vice Chairman
12 Federico moved to support this warrant article. Selectman Bauer seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 4/0.
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14 Teamsters Union Collective Bargaining Agreement - \$ TBD – This warrant article was tabled, pending
15 negotiated amount.
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17 Gravel Pit Reclamation/Restoration & Sale or Other Disposition of Resources - \$0 – Chairman Fougere has
18 revised this warrant article. This Board needs to get the word out to voters again. Selectman Daniels moved to sup-
19 port this warrant article. Selectman Bauer seconded for discussion. Vice Chairman Federico would like to take a
20 look and be sure that the wording is clear to voters. Do we put any revenue into the General Fund or will it be ear-
21 marked for something specific? When we say “reclaim” we need to let people know what that means and when will
22 the reclamation be done? Let’s make it clear. All were in favor. Motion passed 4/0.
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24 Modify Solar Exemption - \$0 – Vice Chairman Federico moved to support this warrant article. Vice
25 Chairman Federico seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 4/0.
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27 Adjustment to Exemption Amount for Elderly Exemption - \$0 – Vice Chairman Federico moved to support
28 this warrant article. Selectman Bauer seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 4/0.
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30 Discontinuation of Linden Street Extension - \$0 – Mark Bender explained that Attorney Drescher did a
31 presentation to the Board on this several weeks ago; it is a paper street, and there was a water and sewer easement.
32 Vice Chairman Federico moved to support this warrant article. Selectman Bauer seconded. All were in favor. Mo-
33 tion passed 4/0.
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35 Discontinuation of a Portion of Scarborough Lane - \$0 – Chairman Fougere explained this is because the
36 road has been extended. Rick Riendeau explained how this was extended. Vice Chairman Federico moved to sup-
37 port this warrant article. Selectman Bauer seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 4/0.
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39 Hitchiner Town Forest Conservation Easement - \$0 – Vice Chairman Federico moved to support this war-
40 rant article. Selectman Bauer seconded for discussion. Selectman Daniels said he will oppose this as written be-
41 cause if we could state in the article that it would be for 25 years, he would support it so that in 25 years, the Board
42 at that time could review to determine if the easement is still necessary. Vice Chairman Federico, Selectman Bauer
43 and Chairman Fougere were in favor with Selectman Daniels opposed. Motion passed. Vice Chairman Federico
44 withdrew his motion, all concurred. Vice Chairman Federico moved to table this warrant article, Selectman Bauer
45 seconded in order for Mark Bender to obtain additional information.
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47 Open Space Access - \$0 – Vice Chairman Federico moved to support this warrant article. Selectman Bauer
48 seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 4/0.
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50 Pipeline Authorization Consent - \$0 – (by petition) Vice Chairman Federico moved to NOT take a position
51 on this petition warrant article, as it is a confusing warrant article. Selectman Daniels seconded. All were in favor.
52 Motion passed 4/0.
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54 Sale of a Portion of the Brox Property - \$0 – (by petition) Vice Chairman Federico moved to NOT support
55 this petition warrant article. Selectman Bauer seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 4/0.
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57 These warrant articles will be reviewed once again in order to get the position of Selectman Putnam, who was ex-
58 cused from tonight’s meeting.

APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING - 12/28/2015

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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 Bauer moved to approve the minutes of December 7, 2015 as presented. Selectman Daniels seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 4/0.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS REQUIRING NO DECISIONS.

10. NOTICES. Notices were read by Chairman Fougere.

11. NON-PUBLIC SESSION. There was no non-public session this evening.

12. ADJOURNMENT: Vice Chairman Federico moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Selectman Bauer seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed 4/0.

Mark Fougere, Chairman

Kevin Federico, Vice Chairman

Gary Daniels, Member

Katherine Bauer, Member

Mike Putnam, Member