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## MINUTES OF THE MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING January 11, 2016

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**PRESENT:** Mark Fougere, Chairman

Kevin Federico, Vice Chairman

Gary Daniels, Member Mike Putnam, Member Katherine Bauer, Member

Mark Bender, Town Administrator
Darlene J. Bouffard, Recording Secretary

Niko Giokas, Videographer

## 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. – NRPC Overview – Tim Roache.** Chairman Fougere introduced Tim Roache and Jen French as the Director and Assistant Director of NRPC. Mr. Roache indicated that NRPC is a resource for the town of Milford. NRPC can support and bring concerns to regional forums and be a voice for local issues. The electrical aggregation is an 8 month contract under which Milford has saved about \$63,000. The household hazardous waste program is another program Milford can participate in. The Hazard Mitigation Plan was updated in 2014 and this helps keep Milford eligible for FEMA funds and also assists with the Blue Bus program. NRPC is always looking for new ideas for new programs to get group rates on things such as road salt by working together for a better price. By sharing equipment between towns, land use programs, the South Street Project and oval project, NRPC can help towns navigate and keep track of funding. It can administer DOT transportation program funding. Chairman Fougere said that is a great example of what NRPC can do for Milford.

Mr. Roache continued by stating NRPC can assist with traffic count data and modeling as well as assisting with location of emergency departments the best way for the town. NRPC has GIS data and live maps on the website. Milford has a good investment with GIS and NRPC also has good GIS data. NRPC does tax mapping, there is an initial fee then NRPC does updates from that point. As far as school projects, NRPC is working on a model that can be used to determine future enrollment for schools. Jen French indicated the regional plan from one year is still applicable and there is good information provided. Over 100 events across the region have been done including Pumpkin Festival or Old Home Days, NRPC has more public input than you can imagine. All of this information is pulled together and can be used for Master Plans. Mr. Roache said NRPC tries to be the voice for the region, the pipeline is a big one right now. NRPC is the representative for communities to convey concerns of local planning boards, keep lines of communication open, and we know we can get your concerns heard at the state level. Chairman Fougere said that NRPC has always been valuable to the town.

Selectman Daniels said enrollment in schools is going down, has any data been collected in order to connect schools for fiber optic class rooms? Mr. Roache said NRPC has not, but we could put something together. Selectman Daniels said the money received from the state goes to bricks and mortar, but some students need to be more challenged. If a virtual classroom can be created for those students, they can be used for towns around the state to challenge those students. Mr. Roache said the broadband study might be a good source for that. Ms. French said they looked at the availability of that. Selectman Daniels suggested if that can be pulled together, that might be helpful; more at the high school level than at the lower levels.

**6:30 p.m. – Budget and Bond Hearing.** See separate set of minutes.

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

4. DECISIONS.

Mark Fougere, Chairman	Kevin Federico, Vice Chairman
Gary Daniels, Member	Katherine Bauer, Member
Mike Putnam, Member	

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