

**TOWN OF MILLBURY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING- SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM**

February 11, 2014

6:30 p.m.

Present: Board of Selectmen: E. Bernard Plante; Francis B. King, Brian M. Ashmankas; Sandra J. Cristo; Mary Krumsiek; Town Manager, Bob Spain; Susan Spencer, *The Telegram*, Tom Reilly, *The Millbury-Sutton Chronicle*; Edd Cote, Brian E. Turbitt, Karen McGovern, John Beligian, and other concerned citizens.

Executive Session

Motion made by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek to move into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. under Chapter 39, Section 23B, Paragraphs 1 and 6 to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health of an individual and to consider the purchase of real estate.

Selectman King	- Yes
Selectman Ashmankas	- Yes
Selectman Cristo	-Yes
Selectman Krumsiek	-Yes
Chairman Plante	-Yes

Chairman Plante announced the Board would reconvene in open session.

Reconvened at 7:05 pm

One Day Liquor License- Julio's Liquors/Assumption School as Asa Waters on March 1, 2014.

Motion to approve the one day liquor license made by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Previous Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the meeting for January 28, 2014 made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dates to Remember-Read by Chairman Plante

Open meeting law seminar will be on February 20, 2014 here- please attend

Youth Commission Valentines Dance is on February 14, 2014 6:30 pm-McGrath School

MA Legislative Breakfast at the Library-Friday February 21, 2014 at 8 am

On a Good Note

Selectman Krumsiek wanted to send

Congratulations to Emma Guyan and Gianna Borowski for making the all-state chorus

Congratulations to Tom Reilly for winning third place for “serious columnist”

Congratulations to Susan Spencer for winning the environmental reporting award

Mr. Spain told everyone that the new cameras are up and running, they are hd cameras and we have a projector in the ceiling. There are also mics in the ceiling so that we do not need to use the handheld mic. The old cameras were put in the small conference room so that room is up and ready to have meeting recorded. The money for this project came from the Charter and Verizon grants that we receive.

National Grid Pole Petition- Riverlin Street

Selectman Ashmankas read the public hearing notice into record at 7:15 pm

Alex Groshev who is a contractor with National Grid who is replacing underground wires at a condo complex in Grafton but they will have to make a cut into the street in Millbury, there is an existing line there now.

Motion to close the public hearing made by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the Electric Conduit Location made by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Motion carried unanimously.

Puffins Restaurant-Usage Hours

John Connell represents Karen McGovern, the licensee in this matter.

Chairman Plante stated that this is a yearly occurrence and we are concerned about the usage hours because she is holding a liquor license. She sent us a letter stating that she would be open evenings and we have received reports that she is not open.

Mr. Connell stated that they opened evenings in August and they decided to close evenings just before Christmas because it is not profitable to operate at night.

Selectman King said that they were not notified that the hours did change and the Board clearly stated that in June of 2012 that they were to be notified before any changes in hours occurred.

Mr. Connell said that they do regret not notifying the board but they want to only open until 2:00 pm every day. He would like to request today a decrease in those hours; to close every day at 2:00 pm.

Mr. Spain said that this is the crux of the problem that those hours are not sufficient to hold a liquor license and she can close at 2:00 pm but she should surrender the license.

Mr. Connell said that we have a difference of opinion on the legality of the hours and who can set hours.

Chairman Plante said that we feel that she should not hold the license if she is not open evenings.

Mr. Connell then asked if there is a sanction being handed down tonight he would like a stay of discipline pending a decision.

The Chairman asked for 2 min recess at 7:25 pm

Returned at 7:26 pm

Mr. Spain asked for a continuance to consult with our attorney until the next meeting.

Mr. Connell said that depriving her of the license during the appeal period is depriving her of activity.

Motion to continue to February 25th at 7:15 pm made by Selectman King seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Town Manager Report:

Based on the budgets presented and expected revenue the budget is \$1.7 short. The town manager budget presentation is March 6th. New growth is about \$125,000. 9.65% up in health insurance, we are trying anything-including self-funding; for the future looking we are looking at borrowing money to pay off unfunded liabilities, different ways of funding healthcare; we are trying anything to mitigate the pain. It is very very early in the process. BVT is up 10 students which will cost \$60,000 more. Selectman King thinks that it is worth it to have more students at BVT. He would also like to meet with finance committee and school committee sooner rather than later. March 20 or 27th. Mr. Spain is meeting with fincomm on March 15th with the larger budget departments.

Transfer Station-we continue the low number trends. We are now on pace to receive more than \$70,000 from Wheelabrator. We have been trying to install compactors with money from Wheelabrator but the lowest bid to install came in at \$396,050.

The ambulance contract is up-we were trying to keep our tri-town deal and were meeting with Sutton and Grafton but last Wednesday the chairman of the Grafton committee emailed him and told him they are going on their own. We've never had that happen!

Mr. Spain and Rob McNeil met with Mr. Scanlon from Brookfield. It is more of a sharing/borrowing system that we pretty much do anyway. They just keep in on a spreadsheet and charge for borrowing. If broken it is the town who owns it responsibility. We already do this kind of stuff. Basically they are paying a guy from a grant to make a spreadsheet. Selectman Ashmankas said that maybe their way does not work for Millbury but we can try to work on other options.

Selectman Krumsiek asked about the snow budget- Mr. Spain said that we fund at the same level every year because if we do not use the budget we cannot deficient spend. The winter is so bad right now that there is a salt shortage. We have already declared a snow and ice emergency. We now can transfer funds at town meeting and raise money on recap sheet which is less dollars for the next year.

She also asked why the transfer station was closed for the snow storm. We needed the bodies for plowing and taking care of the roads.

Selectman King said that the town was getting beat up on Mary's facebook page because the sidewalks were not plowed. We are down to one sidewalk plow which we had to rent.

Selectman Ashmankas asked what the process for going out to bid for insurance entailed. Our insurance consultant does this for us. It depends on how our claims are. We always look at all carriers to see what is best for all employees.

Selectman Ashmankas mentioned the economic development analyses the government will do- Thursday February 20th late morning or afternoon. Mr. Spain said that 1:00 pm February 20th.

Mr. Spain said that Secretary Bialecki came in today through CMRPC who contacted Town Planner, Laurie Connors for a meeting regarding economic development in Millbury and some of the sites with issues.

Selectman Ashmankas asked if there is an update on Ramshorn Dam. Mr. Spain is meeting with Rob McNeil tomorrow.

Selectman Ashmankas wanted to put forms online and streamline the process.

Citizen Speak:

John Adams said that he hears the town is \$1.7 mil short and said there is \$2 mil on the table for the Ramshorn Pond Dam; it appears that we went to Pare and said spend up to \$2million to fix it. We need to only fix it adequately. Why can't we get a quote from the Pare Corp. for a repair only option as we have asked for. We do not need a giant dam in Millbury. The voters of West

Millbury voted to have it repaired only. Selectman Ashmankas said that we need the analyses to see if we can spend less money.

Mr. Adams suggested outsourcing a human resource or saving money on outsourcing other employees.

Executive Session

Motion made by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Cristo to move into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. under Chapter 39, Section 23B, Paragraph 6 to consider the purchase of real estate.

Selectman King	- Yes
Selectman Ashmankas	- Yes
Selectman Cristo	-Yes
Selectman Krumsiek	-Yes
Chairman Plante	-Yes

Chairman Plante announced the Board would return only to adjourn.

Adjournment

Motion made by Selectman King to adjourn at 9:10 p.m., seconded by Selectman Cristo. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tish Hayes, Secretary

E. Bernard Plante	_____
Francis B. King	_____
Brian M. Ashmankas	_____
Sandy J. Cristo	_____
Mary Krumsiek	_____

The Board of Selectmen