

TOWN OF MILLBURY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM

March 8, 2016

7:00 pm

Present: Francis B. King, Sandy Cristo; Mary Krumsiek, Brian Ashmankas, William Borowski, Town Manager, Bob Spain, Edd Cote, and other concerned citizens

Chief Desorcey wanted to let the public know that if they get a phone call from the “IRS” that it is fraudulent; do not send any money. West Main street construction will be overnight from 7pm-5am.

Sign and Approve Ch.90 Bond Anticipation Note – correct amount is \$708,362.26

Motion made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Cristo to sign the Chapter 90 Bond Anticipation Note for \$708,362.26.

Motion carried unanimously

2016 Drainlayer Renewal-Woodridge LLC-Russell DeDomig-Boylston

Motion to approve the 2016 Drainlayer renewal for Woodridge LLC made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

One-Day Liquor License-Millbury Women’s Club-Asa Waters Mansion-4/9/2016

Motion to approve the one day liquor license made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously

Millbury Board of Health-Opioid Program- Ron Marlborough and Chief Desorcey appeared to inform the board about a substance abuse awareness program that will be at the high school on April 27th from 5pm – 8 pm. Chris Herren a former Celtics player and addict is the keynote speaker; his message is very powerful. There will be a panel for questions after the speaker. Cassandra Andersen from the Central Ma Regional Public Health Alliance. There will be a panel of speakers to answer any questions concerning the opioid epidemic, for teens, families, and anyone effected. Selectman Ashmankas was happy with the progress this town was making on this crisis and spoke about having a citizen’s committee for their input and research in matters that affect them, what resources Millbury has and challenges we have. Cassandra thought that was a great idea, they would attend the meetings as well but she would like to stress that the group needs to be active, but to have citizen’s input would be very helpful to their process; they have similar groups in Shrewsbury and Grafton.

Ron Marlborough said that the board of health office has a lot of resources and information for citizens; come to the office or call anytime.

Chief Desorcy spoke about information that they have business cards made up so the officers and paramedics can give out for more information. Chief Desorcy doesn't want to make a committee that sits around and makes small talk. In 2015 there were 27 overdoses and 3 deaths. We are trying to get grant money to get our officers trained in the use of narcan. The program on the 27th is just a piece of the 10 step process that we are trying to implement. He wants people to show up; it is lost if only 10-15 people show up. This problem did not happen overnight and the solution isn't going to come quickly.

Senator Michael Moore wanted to stress that people think that there is a stigma attached to showing up; that is not the case, you need to get information and help from the professional people who can support.

Selectman Ashmankas made a motion to create a Opioid Task Force with the following charge: The Opioid Crisis Task Force shall assess the characteristics and extent of the opioid crisis in Millbury, review the MMA's report, "An Obligation to Lead", on opportunities and recommendations for municipalities to address the issue, work with and review information from the Central MA Regional Public Health Alliance and recommend solutions adapted from the report specific to Millbury's situation and character to the appropriate boards, department heads and/or local leaders, seconded by Selectman Borowski.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Michael O. Moore- spoke about the Governor's FY17 budget. Unrestricted General Aid is up \$70,194 which is still 41.4% lower than FY01 figures. He explained the Ch.70 funding for FY17 increased 1.6%. *see attached

Selectman Cristo asked if we will see Chapter 90 money by April. It all depends on how the revenues come in. We will not have the leeway in the budget this year that we had last year to increase the funding.

On another note: The Senator had a report released today regarding legalizing marijuana; he was part of a committee that studied the issues in the states of Colorado and Washington and this report outlines those problems that have come up and there are many. It is very hard to control and there is not a "breathalyzer" type system to identify the imparity.

Chairman King thought it would be difficult to police this issue. Mr. Spain asked what the consensus of the committee was. They are not for legalizing marijuana, there are too many cons. Selectman Cristo asked if he would be willing to speak out against the legalization.

Mr. Spain thanked the Senator for co-sponsoring the substance abuse event on April 27th at the high school with the Board of Health, Spectrum Health, Adcare Hospital and Worcester DPU.

Previous Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2016 selectmen meeting made Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2016 selectmen meeting made Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Borowski.

Motion carried unanimously

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2016 selectmen meeting made Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously

Town Manager Report

Mr. Spain is appointing Andrew Borus to the Master Plan Committee

Motion to concur with the appointment made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Borowski.

Motion carried unanimously.

The planning position has been posted and it looks like it's going to be very hard to fill; we are working with CMRPC for temporary help for 20 hours a week.

Negotiations are still ongoing; clerks postponed the March 1st meeting; teachers are wrapped up.

Mr. Spain said that he sent to the board the explanation for the overage for the repairs for Ramshorn Dam. Selectman Borowski asked to explain the need. Mr. Spain thinks that they will need an additional \$600,000 to complete the dam, he's hoping to only spend \$250,000; there already has been money spent. There might be more change orders so he wants to be covered. He thinks total cost will be \$2.7. There are three things that are driving up the cost; replication of wetlands, we wanted to do that onsite but DEP is making us do Jacques Park-that alone is \$150,000 extra; they have to bring in more fill so the town will not make a credit on it; and the control of the water. The valve broke when overturned by someone so they had to repair that to lower the water and fix the gatehouse that we have to take out, we had to do extra engineering that the residents requested and then the appeal process slowed us down; we started this project in 2013 so prices have gone up. Mr. Spain explained that we are going to end of spending the money one way or another, we are under orders from DEP to fix it; it is a huge liability issue and we will be getting fined until it is fixed.

Selectman Borowski asked what the official bid is? \$2,276,100; then he asked if the project can go over that. Yes, if they find something that couldn't reasonably have expected it may go up. Is the 10% contingency high enough?

Selectman Krumsiek asked how the bid process works and why we didn't put the bid out we asked for the borrowing. The engineers put together specs that are developed based on the project at hand, whether it is a fire truck, a copier or a dam.

Selectman Borowski thinks we should look into other funding other than borrowing. He thinks we are just kicking the can down the road. Selectman Ashmankas didn't agree, he thinks there can be responsible borrowing so we wouldn't have to come up with the money and/or cuts all at once. Selectman Borowski said he could cut the budget by \$100,000 with the political backing if he had to. He stated the three options were borrowing, debt exclusion or make additional cuts to pay it. He thinks we need to have the conversation of deep cuts instead of borrowing. Mr. Spain said it comes down to the town's priorities. Chairman King said he thinks we should borrow the money and stay within the levy limit, Selectman Krumsiek, Cristo and Ashmankas agreed. Tim Cluett asked for clarification on the amount of money that will be needed for the dam repair; he asked why Sutton is not pitching in to fix the dam. It is owned by the Town of Millbury.

Mr. Spain said that the HVAC project is wrapping up; it's not too warm in here and it's not too cold in here. There was a pipe issue that was caused by the contractor but it has been fixed.

Mr. Spain thanked MedStar for servicing the town hall AED

Selectman Krumsiek asked for an update on the Village Knoll no parking spot-a sign has been ordered.

Selectman Cristo asked when the warrant closes? Warrant articles were due March 7th; the warrant will be closed on April 5th. We have to reject two citizen petitions because they did not come in on time.

Selectman Ashmankas asked what the final cost was for HVAC

Selectman Cristo asked if there were any plans for Earth Day. Rob McNeil is working on that.

Chairman King read dates to remember

Tuesday March 15th at 7 PM Millbury 2030 Visioning Workshop at the Senior Center

Saturday March 19th at 7 PM Dollars for Scholars 10th Annual Trivia Night at Millbury High School

Month of March --Millbury Music Parents Association "Note Your Name" Fundraiser

On a Good Note

Good luck to Lady Woolies Basketball in the district semi-finals
Happy St. Patrick's Day

Citizen Speak

Linda Donovan – She believes that because of the sheet pile wall may have to be done in steel instead of pvc and then it will make it over \$3 mil project; Mr. Spain explained that they have to subtract the pvc price if they use the steel. Also she said the valve wasn't fixed by the town in a timely fashion.

Fran DeSimone spoke about how he doesn't want to pay any more money; He doesn't want any more taxes.

Tim Cluett – On March 18th the Youth Commission is having a benefit dance for to raise money for Ella Grace who has leukemia, it will be at the Elmwood Street School. We need support from the town. The dance is grades 1-6 for the dance, inviting everyone for donations. Wear orange in support of Ella.

Motion made by Selectman Krumsiek to adjourn at 9:40 p.m., seconded by Selectman Cristo.
Approved by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Tish Hayes, Secretary

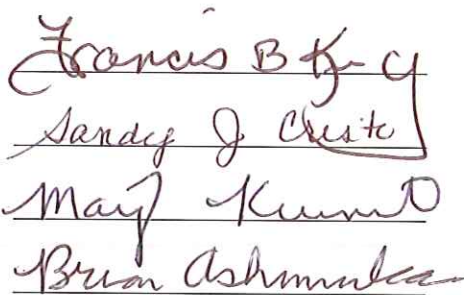
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Mary Krumsiek

Brian Ashmankas

William Borowski



Robert McNeil

From: Allen Orsi <AOrsi@parecorp.com>
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2016 5:13 PM
To: Robert McNeil
Cc: Jeffrey Costa; Matthew Dunn
Subject: 13072.00 OPC Comparison
Attachments: 2014 OPC v 100% OPC.pdf

Rob,

See attached. Some of the numbers appear off; however, a lot of this is due to the way the OPC was revised between 50% and 100%. The three big items seem to be Control of Water, Imported Fill, and Jacques Park.

Control of water was revised to reflect added duration and rental for the portadam that we had not previously accounting for.

Imported fill was increased due to recent project experience where reuse was much lower than anticipated. We wanted to have a reasonable value in here for the final quantity and the Town would only pay for what was imported. However, due to the pennyning of the bid item by Ricciardi, the Town won't see any credit for volumes not used. (FYI: If total volume was a considerations, we would be more aggressive in reuse. However, since it won't matter for much here, we will plan to import more and reuse less.)

Let me know if you would like to see anything presented differently.

Thanks
Allen

Allen R. Orsi, P.E.
Managing Engineer



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As of December 8th our suite number is SUITE 210.
Our street address and phone numbers remain unchanged

RAMSHORN POND DAM REHABILITATION

Millbury, MA

Bid Tabulation - February 18, 2016

#	Bid Item	Bid Unit	Bid Qty	Pare Corporation Opinion of Probable Cost		2014 OPC	
	QUALIFICATIONS						
	5% BID BOND						
	CERTIFICATE OF VOTE						
	NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT						
	ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT			Unit Prices		Value	Difference
1	Contract Bonds & General Requirements	LS	1	\$74,827.00	\$74,827.00	\$175,680.00	\$100,853.00
2	Mobilization & Demobilization	LS	1	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$60,000.00	(\$10,000.00)
3	Traffic Control	LS	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$2,000.00
4a	Straw Bales	LS	1	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$1,920.00	(\$680.00)
4b	Silt Fence	LS	1	\$5,100.00	\$5,100.00	\$3,600.00	(\$1,500.00)
4c	Turbidity Barriers	LS	1	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,600.00	\$600.00
5	Control of Water	LS	1	\$117,960.00	\$117,960.00	\$59,460.00	(\$58,500.00)
6	Clearing, Grubbing, and Stripping	LS	1	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$31,356.00	\$18,356.00
7	Site Features Demolition	LS	1	\$27,603.00	\$27,603.00	\$26,445.60	(\$1,157.40)
8	Upstream Riprap Removal	SY	750	\$50.00	\$37,500.00	\$76,224.00	\$38,724.00
9a	Upstream Wall Test Sections	LS	1	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	(\$8,000.00)
9b	Upstream Wall Installation	SF	16,200	\$24.34	\$394,300.00	\$434,592.00	\$40,292.00
10a	Excavation/Demolition	LS	1	\$174,610.00	\$174,610.00	\$122,892.00	(\$51,718.00)
10b	Backfill	LS	1	\$91,250.00	\$91,250.00	\$92,280.00	\$1,030.00
11a	Stone Processing	CY	1000	\$86.00	\$86,000.00	\$0.00	(\$86,000.00)
11b	Imported Stone	TON	200	\$25.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,008.80	(\$2,991.20)
11c	Imported Fill	TON	900	\$15.00	\$13,500.00	\$0.00	(\$13,500.00)
11d	Imported Engineered Fill	TON	15000	\$13.00	\$195,000.00	\$54,960.00	(\$140,040.00)
11e	Imported Fill Diaphragm Fill	TON	110	\$20.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	(\$2,200.00)
12	Low Level Outlet Abandonment	LS	1	\$6,700.00	\$6,700.00	\$8,040.00	\$1,340.00
13a	Low Level Outlet Riser Structure	LS	1	\$36,400.00	\$36,400.00	\$43,680.00	\$7,280.00
13b	Low Level Outlet Piping	LS	1	\$71,030.00	\$71,030.00	\$76,200.00	\$5,170.00
14	Gates	LS	1	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$24,000.00	(\$6,000.00)
15a	Gatehouse	LS	1	\$34,000.00	\$34,000.00	\$40,800.00	\$6,800.00
15b	Gatehouse Electric	LS	1	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$6,000.00	(\$34,000.00)
16a	Cast-in-Place Spillway Control Section	LS	1	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$28,800.00	\$1,800.00
16b	Spillway Culverts	LS	1	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$17,280.00	(\$72,720.00)
16c	Cast-in-Place Spillway Chute	LS	1	\$76,500.00	\$76,500.00	\$61,200.00	(\$15,300.00)
16d	Cast-in-Place Stilling Basin	LS	1	\$37,500.00	\$37,500.00	\$54,000.00	\$16,500.00
17	Downstream Scour Apron	LS	1	\$5,440.00	\$5,440.00	\$4,536.00	(\$904.00)
18	Upstream Grading	LS	1	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,800.00	(\$1,200.00)
19	Toe Drain Installation	LF	280	\$60.43	\$16,920.00	\$23,846.40	\$6,926.40
20	Stormwater System Installation	LS	1	\$51,050.00	\$51,050.00	\$58,320.00	\$7,270.00
21	Pavement	SY	1650	\$24.05	\$39,680.00	\$46,560.00	\$6,880.00
22	Concrete Sidewalks and Access Ramp	LS	1	\$45,250.00	\$45,250.00	\$95,100.00	\$49,850.00
23	Site Finishing's	LS	1	\$126,830.00	\$126,830.00	\$110,730.00	(\$16,100.00)
24a	Imported Loam	CY	650	\$25.00	\$16,250.00	\$0.00	(\$16,250.00)
24b	Loam and Seed	SY	4500	\$8.00	\$36,000.00	\$21,600.00	(\$14,400.00)
25	Replication Area	LS	1	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	(\$15,000.00)
26a	Jacques Park Driveway Culverts	LS	1	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	(\$12,000.00)
26b	Jacques Park Driveway Reconstruction	SY	2450	\$40.00	\$98,000.00	\$0.00	(\$98,000.00)
TOTAL BASE BID					\$ 2,246,000.00	\$ 1,879,510.80	\$ (366,489.20)

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8/2/2013	02.410.5200.02043.2008.530	MILLBURY POLICE REVOLVING ACCT	\$990.00	88275
8/30/2013	02.410.5200.02043.2008.530	PARE CORP	\$10,423.86	88754
9/27/2013	02.410.5200.02043.2008.530	PARE CORP	\$2,000.00	89294
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6/30/2014	02.410.5200.02043.2008.530	MILLBURY POLICE REVOLVING ACCT	\$704.00	94759
6/30/2014	02.410.5200.02043.2008.530	PARE CORP	\$15,610.12	94774

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4/10/2015	37.420.5800.37005.0000.530	PARE CORP	\$5,617.50	99676
4/24/2015	37.420.5800.37005.0000.530	O'HARA-BUTHRAY ASSOCIATES	\$4,300.00	99891
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 Pare Corporation (Contract through Amendment #5) Engineering \$11,803.41 Outstanding Expected Expense
 BK Tree Service, Inc. (Contract) Tree Removal \$ 9,500.00 Outstanding Expected Expense

\$ 2,000,000.00 Original Authorization

\$ 1,734,308.17 Expected Balance

\$ 500,000.00 EOEA Dam Grant

\$ 2,234,308.17 Funding Sub-Total

\$ 2,242,278.61 Low-Qualified Base Bid Construction Cost

\$ 780,030.00 Alternate #1 - steel sheeting

\$ 2,401,605.61 Worst-case construction Budget (Steel Sheeting minus Vinyl Sheeting and 10% cn

\$ 1,500.00 Anticipated Change Orders

\$ 240,310.56 10% Contingency

\$ 186,350.00 Field Engineering - Construction Phase Services

\$ 2,829,766.17 Total Construction Budget

\$ 595,458.00 Expected Funding Shortfall

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\$ 9,500.00 Outstanding Expected Expense

\$ 2,000,000.00 Original Authorization

\$ 1,734,308.17 Expected Balance

\$ 500,000.00 EOE Dam Grant

\$ 2,234,308.17 Funding Sub-Total

\$ 2,242,278.61 Low-Qualified Base Bid Construction Cost

\$ 780,030.00 Alternate #1 - steel sheeting

\$ 2,401,605.61 Worst-case construction Budget (Steel Sheeting minus Vinyl Sheeting and 10% cn

\$ 1,500.00 Anticipated Change Orders

\$ 240,310.56 10% Contingency

\$ 185,350.00 Field Engineering - Construction Phase Services

\$ 2,829,766.17 Total Construction Budget

\$ 595,458.00 Expected Funding Shortfall

MEMORANDUM

SENATOR MICHAEL O. MOORE
SUBJECT: MILLBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN FY17 BUDGET MEETING
DATE: MARCH 8, 2016

MILLBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	
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General Local Aid

Unrestricted General Government Aid		
<i>Town of Millbury</i>		
<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>
FY17	H2 Governor	\$1,702,613
FY16	Final	\$1,632,419
<i>Difference</i>		<i>+\$70,194</i>

The Governor's FY17 budget (H2) proposes to increase Unrestricted General Government Aid (UGGA) by \$42 million over current FY16 levels to \$1.02 billion, an increase of 4.3%.

The states' ability to fund general local aid has been impacted by a series of significant state-level tax cuts during the 1990's and 2000's combined with the Great Recession. While over the past several years, general local aid funding has increased with or slightly above inflation, it still remains 41.4% below FY01 figures.

Some cities and towns receive other forms of non-education local aid, but these categories represent much smaller total amounts and only go to a subset of qualifying cities and towns. For example, local aid programs for libraries were level-funded, as was payments in lieu of taxes to communities with state-owned land that is not subject to local property taxes.

The Governor's proposed budget would reduce funding for the Municipal Regionalization and Efficiencies Incentive Reserve to \$5.6 million.

- This marks a 48.1% reduction from the amount that had already been reduced by \$3 million as a result of the Governor's 9C budget. In doing so, the FY 2017 budget proposal would increase available funds from \$2 million to \$2.65 million for the Community Compact program's incentive program to support best local practices.

	FY2016 Cherry Sheet Estimate	FY2017 Governor's Budget Proposal
General Government:		
Unrestricted Gen Gov't Aid	1,632,419	1,702,613
Local Sh of Racing Taxes	0	0
Regional Public Libraries	0	0
Urban Revitalization	0	0
Veterans Benefits	106,450	106,450
State Owned Land	7,942	7,877
Exemp: VBS and Elderly	75,780	90,170
Offset Receipts:		
Public Libraries	17,839	17,658
Sub-Total, All General Government	1,840,430	1,924,768

Chapter 70 Aid

Statewide, the Governor's FY17 budget proposal increases Chapter 70 aid by \$72 million to \$4,584,008,961 which reflects an increase of about 1.6%. The Governor's budget is based off of a \$20 minimum per pupil increase—a reduction from the \$25 per pupil minimum increase secured by the Legislature in FY16.

<i>Chapter 70 Town of Millbury</i>		
<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>
FY17	H2 Governor	\$6,958,043
FY16	Final	\$6,922,983
<i>Difference</i>		<i>+\$35,060</i>

The Governor's Fiscal Year 2017 budget (H2) places the Millbury Public School enrollment at approximately 1,753 students which marks a continuing trend in decreasing enrollment size—down as many as 232 students from FY07.

Dollars Per Foundation Enrollment

	Foundation Budget	Ch 70 Aid	Actual NSS
FY07	7,720	3,220	9,000
FY08	8,100	3,386	9,620
FY09	8,583	3,217	10,132
FY10	8,830	3,527	10,401
FY11	8,764	3,500	10,834
FY12	8,860	3,577	11,324
FY13	9,297	3,692	11,853
FY14	9,403	3,746	12,512
FY15	9,572	3,862	12,704
FY16	9,750	3,940	13,413

The Governor's FY17 budget sets the Millbury Public School's foundation budget at \$17,429,845 which is a \$298,896 increase over FY16. The District's net minimum contribution within H2 is set at \$10,571,252 which is a \$39,607 increase over FY16.

H2 Chapter 70 aid to the District, however, is expected to rise by \$35,060 over FY16 to \$6,958,043. This reflects a continuing trend in gradual increases over the last several years. The District has not experienced a decrease in Chapter 70 funding since FY11.

- Dollars spent per enrollment continues to increase at a modest rate. In FY16, \$13,413 was spent per enrollment— \$3,940 of which was subsidized through Chapter 70 state funding.
- Required net school spending for FY17 is set at \$17,529,295 which is a \$74,667 increase over FY16.
- In FY16, state education dollars funded approximately 40.4% of the District's *foundation budget* which translates to about 29.4% of the District's *actual* net school spending.
- Throughout the state, districts' foundation budgets were calculated by using updated enrollment and inflation data. Notably, the key inflation factor for Chapter 70 in FY 2017 was slightly negative (-0.22 percent) and enrollment is also down slightly (-0.21 percent.)

Increasing Chapter 70 Aid

The Governor's FY17 budget proposes increasing Chapter 70 aid by \$72.1 million which is 1.6% over last year to \$4.58 billion. This proposed increase is 35% less than the \$111.2 million increase from FY15 to FY16.

I recognize that school districts, including Millbury, face rising expenses every year just to maintain existing services. Most of these cost drivers, including energy and health care rates, contractual obligations and testing mandates, are beyond the control of local districts.

As such, recently I signed onto a letter to the House and Senate Chairs of the Committee on Ways and Means requesting an increase in the Chapter 70 minimum aid increment from \$20 to \$50 per pupil. This increase would provide a minimum increase of \$52,590 over the Governor's current FY17 budget.

FY17 Chapter 70 Increase		
Per Pupil Increase	\$20 (H2)	\$50 (Sought)
Millbury	\$35,060	\$87,650

Town of Millbury

Chapter 70 Aid – A Historical View

FY07 –FY16

	Required			Required			Actual		
	Foundation	Pct	Foundation	Local Con-tribution	Chapter 70	Chapter 70	Net School	Net School	Pct
	Enrollment	Chg	Budget	Chg	Aid	Aid	Spending (NSS)	Spending	Chg
FY07	1,985	0.2	15,323,374	7.2	9,000,628	6,392,219	8.5	15,392,847	4.9
FY08	1,962	-1.2	15,891,804	3.7	9,533,703	6,643,067	3.9	16,176,770	5.1
FY09	1,935	-1.4	16,607,444	4.5	9,835,784	6,225,068	-6.3	16,060,852	-0.7
FY10	1,933	-0.1	17,069,156	2.8	10,132,004	6,817,527	9.5	16,949,531	5.5
FY11	1,866	-3.5	16,354,316	-4.2	10,084,315	6,531,884	-4.2	16,616,199	-2.0
FY12	1,836	-1.6	16,266,575	-0.5	10,291,233	6,566,950	0.5	16,858,183	1.5
FY13	1,798	-2.1	16,716,298	2.8	10,391,532	6,638,870	1.1	17,030,402	1.0
FY14	1,801	0.2	16,935,436	1.3	10,537,672	6,745,942	1.6	17,283,614	1.5
FY15	1,781	-1.1	17,048,501	0.7	10,443,623	6,879,058	2.0	17,322,681	0.2
FY16	1,757	-1.3	17,130,949	0.5	10,531,645	6,922,983	0.6	17,454,628	0.8
								23,566,626 *	4.2

Career Vocational Technical Education Funding

The Administration has recently announced \$83.5 million for vocational equipment. This will help offset costs for member towns within vocational school districts. The funding is derived from a mix between FY17 budget funding and bond funding authorized by the Legislature that would provide:

- \$75 million over five years: new capital authorization to fund grants for equipment to expand and improve career technical education programs, building on a \$9.2 million Skills Capital grant program announced this year.
- \$7.5 million: work-based learning grants, including nearly doubling support for school-to-career connecting activities to \$5.5 million, and doubling support for Dual Enrollment to \$2 million, to expand and replicate STEM-focused early college career pathways, including middle school curriculum and workplace experience and learning.
- \$1 million: new Career Technical Partnership Grants, funded through federal Perkins Act grant funding, to strengthen relationships between vocational schools, comprehensive high schools, and employers.

Other Education Points

- The Governor's budget uses a new "economically disadvantaged" measure for counting low-income students. This measure essentially uses the number of kids directly certified for school meals instead of using the free and reduced price meal headcounts used to date. However, this new "economically disadvantaged" measure identifies many fewer low-income students than does the traditional free and reduced price meal application process.
- The Governor's FY17 proposal consolidates three K-12 initiatives, Programs for English Language Learners in Gateway Cities, Bay State Reading Institute, and Literacy Programs in the into a new line-item called Early Literacy Initiatives. Also, one early education and care account is merged into this program. Collectively these accounts would receive 1.5% less funding than current FY16 levels.

Charter Schools

The Governor's FY 2017 budget includes significant policy changes to Charter School Reimbursements. When students enroll in charter schools, the public school district they leave is required to pay tuition to the receiving charter school on their behalf. The Commonwealth sets charter school tuition rates each year, based roughly on average per-pupil spending in the sending district. The Charter School Reimbursement program provides some of this outgoing funding back to districts in the years after students leave for a charter school.

The current system reimburses 100% of outgoing student funding in the first year and 25% of this amount for each of the subsequent five years. Under current rules, reimbursements are available to all school districts that lose new students to charter schools. However, the present formula is not being fully funded (it is only 63% funded for FY 2016).

The Governor's FY 2017 budget would alter the reimbursement schedule to provide school districts with 100%, 50%, and 25% of outgoing student tuition in reimbursements during the 3 years after a student enters a charter school from a traditional district. It would also eliminate all reimbursements in the 4th, 5th, and 6th years after students depart. The proposal also limits reimbursements in the 2nd and 3rd years to the lowest performing districts in the state, which have a larger number of charter school seats, and therefore lose a disproportionately large share of their funding to charter schools.

This proposal would likely shift Charter School Reimbursements funding to the primarily urban communities with a large share of charter school seats and away from a larger number of suburban and rural towns with more limited charter enrollment.

The Governor also proposes close to full funding of the revised system compared to current 63% funding of the existing reimbursement formula. These changes result in a FY 2017 proposal of \$101.0 million, \$20.5 million (25%) above current levels. This level of funding should allow funding of the newly proposed reimbursement formula, for charter school seats in their 1st and 2nd years, with some funding available for those in their 3rd year.

My Efforts in the Senate

Aside from local home rule petitions from the eight communities I represent, several pieces of legislation that I filed have been signed into law, including:

- ***Title Clearing:*** Passed legislation, in the form of a title clearing, that provides relief for homeowners who have purchased foreclosed properties or homes where there were prior foreclosures in the chain of title.
- ***Veteran Grave Marker Bill:*** Prohibits the unauthorized sale of veterans' grave markers in Massachusetts. (Jointly Filed by Sen. Moore and Rep. Frost).
- ***Streamlining Business Registration:*** Included in the FY15 budget, this provision requires the Office of Innovation to evaluate the possibility of increasing information-sharing among state agencies to streamline the registration process for new businesses.

Also, I was able to secure several important provisions within the Senate's opioid and substance abuse prevention bill (currently in Conference Committee) that would:

- Prohibit the possession, sale or manufacturing of powdered alcohol which has become a growing issue across the country.
- Establish a commission to study a standard roadside evaluation to determine whether a driver is under the influence of drugs, similar to the current sobriety tests used for alcohol intoxication.

I am also working with the local Millbury School Department, Board of Health and other partners to coordinate a Substance Abuse Awareness Fair and Speaking Panel with former Celtics player Chris Herron on Wednesday, April 27th at the Millbury High School.

Campus Sexual Assault Prevention: I have also filed legislation to help curb college campus sexual assaults. My bill would help to prevent future incidents

of sexual assault and would establish a framework for schools to properly manage a sexual assault complaint. The legislation includes student education, and faculty and administration training on preventing sexual assault and recognizing and responding to it when it occurs. It also seeks to clarify the relationships and options among the campus, rape crisis centers and law enforcement agencies.

- One in 5 women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college.
- More than 90% of sexual assault victims on college campuses do not report the assault.
- 63.3% of men at one university who self-reported acts qualifying as rape or attempted rape admitted to committing repeat rapes

Charter Schools: I have also sponsored **S.321**, *An Act relative to local approval for charter schools*, would require local approval body to authorize local funds being allocated for a charter school. The bill only applies to charter school applications submitted after the date upon which the law becomes effective.

It received a public hearing last October and is currently before the Joint Committee on Education awaiting a recommendation and report before the Joint Rule 10 deadline on March 16th of this year.

Other Bills

➤ I co-sponsored **H.3391**, *An Act related to unfunded mandates on public schools*. This legislation requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to conduct an analysis of all new state laws, regulation, or administrative directives. DESE would then file its findings with the legislature which would include:

- the cost these laws and directives have on school districts and its employees; and
- the impact they have on learning in the classroom and overall impact on improving student achievement.

It received a public hearing and is currently before the Joint Committee on Education awaiting a recommendation and report before the Joint Rule 10 deadline on March 16th of this year.

- I have co-sponsored **H.402**, *An Act relative to school foundation budgets*, which would add current and retiree healthcare costs into the calculation of school districts foundation budget.

It received a public hearing last October and is currently before the Joint Committee on Education awaiting a recommendation and report before the Joint Rule 10 deadline on March 16th of this year.

- I have co-sponsored **S.253**, *An Act relative to universal pre-kindergarten access*. The benefits of early education, in both human and fiscal terms, are enormous. The need is clear— 43% of our third graders are not reading at grade level. Research has consistently shown that early education greatly improves educational and social outcomes, while yielding a \$7-\$17 return on investment for each dollar spent.

It received a public hearing last September and is currently before the Joint Committee on Education awaiting a recommendation and report before the Joint Rule 10 deadline on March 16th of this year.