

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

April 8, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Present: Board of Selectmen: E. Bernard Plante; Francis B. King; Brian M. Ashmankas; Mary Krumsiek; Town Manager, Bob Spain; Tom Reilly, *The Millbury-Sutton Chronicle*; Edd Cote, Doreen Thornburg and other concerned citizens.

Absent: Sandra J. Cristo

Recycling Center Rules and Regulations- *attached. DPW Director, Robert McNeil said that as they have done for the last three years they are now presenting an update to the rules & regulations. The only change is the name to Recycling Center to encourage the continuance of recycling. The rules have stayed the same. We are trying to find a vendor that will for a small fee take away our household construction material. Mr. McNeil is hoping to be back in June with more solid information on that.

Selectman Krumsiek asked if we could implement one free furniture dump a year. Mr. McNeil said that is up to the Board but the numbers do speak for themselves. There is a massive drop in the furniture going through the window and he doesn't think it is because of the fee he thinks it's because of the other options available to them and their out of town friends are not utilizing the free through away. She also asked if he would consider a "re-use" area. Right now there is no space, but with the improvement plan and compactors there may be added space. She then asked where you would throw away your broken dishes, porcelain or things like that. He's not sure, but Wheelabrator does not accept them because they do not burn.

Motion to accept the FY2015 Recycling Center Rules and Regulations made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman King.

Motion carried unanimously.

Town Clerk, Jayne Davolio showed the new stickers, they are stop sign shaped and blue; next year they will change shape and colors. The Town Clerk office will be open Saturday morning's in June for sticker sales until noon.

Tomorrow is the last day to register to vote for the town election and her office is open until 8 pm.

One Day Liquor License- Pepper's Catering

April 13, 2014 at the Asa Waters Mansion.

Motion to approve the One Day License made by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Motion carried unanimously.

Close and Approve 2015 Warrant

Selectman King asked how you determine to use a debt exclusion or put it on the warrant. There is not enough money in the budget to do the projects that need to be done so we use debt exclusions (borrowing) to get them done. This is very unusual for us to do; it is a function of continually less state aid catching up with us. All of the projects will cost \$1.3 million and we will not have that money next year in free cash. Selectman King is against debt exclusions; it is a band aid for an override. Mr. Spain did say that this is an unusual circumstance, with this many debt exclusions. If the debt exclusion fails they will not get them done. The projects are must do, not just nice to have done.

Mr. Spain went through each warrant article. *see attached. A debt exclusion is a temporary override of the 2 ½ limit; an override is a permanent override of the 2 ½ limit.

1. Increase in programs and 200 slots at BVT.
2. Price to replace HVAC system at town hall; it is a very inefficient system and costing us more money to fix it; it is as old as the building and tire-it isn't a matter of if we replace it, it is when.
3. To replace SCBA for the Fire Department; their equipment is 16 years old and they cannot get replacement parts for them. This is a huge safety item that they need. We have applied for a grant for this amount and hopefully we will get it and have to rescind the amount approved.
4. Replacing the underground storage tanks at the DPW; if we buy it retail it will cost .40 - .50 more per gallon; we would lose control-each person has to have a key and code to activate the system and it keeps track; it does not make sense to go to a retail station; it is in a very unsafe area where you have to go up hill to get to it.
5. Transfer Station improvements; will cut down on back and forth flow of people and easier traffic flow for disposal as well as installation of compactors.

Mr. Spain explained Articles 6 – 48.

Bert Kupcinkas, Finance Committee member, read Article 46 relating to lowering the borrowing to only \$1.58 million for Ramshorn Dam repairs, recommendation from FinnComm which is to indefinitely postpone this article as work has already started on this project and it was already voted on last town meeting.

Motion to close the FY2015 Warrant made by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the FY2015 Warrant made by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Motion carried unanimously.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of March 25, 2014

Motion to approve the minutes made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Motion unanimously.

Minutes of the meeting of March 27, 2014

Motion to approve the minutes made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Motion unanimously.

Town Manager Report:

Mr. Spain is appointing Mary Krumsiek and Bob Hiser to the Butler Farm Re-Use Committee.

Motion to concur with the appointments made by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Motion carried 3-0-1 (Selectman Krumsiek abstained)

Through the bidding process and aggressive actions we did save over \$400,000 on health insurance and have received an additional \$42,518 from State Aid. We were able to meet the budget this year; if they do not start giving us more state aid soon it will be disastrous. Selectman King asked how long this insurance will be for. We try to keep it at least 2 years but if they come in with an outrageous price raise we will have to look elsewhere. We are going to Fallon from Tufts, we do look at disruption rates for our employees and try to get to 98% employees with no disruption.

Transfer station tonnage was the lowest on record. We are on pace for a two year decrease to over 800 tons. We are on course to get a rebate for \$80,000; a couple of years ago it was around \$13,000. Tonnage for recycling is up as well too. Please throw the metal in the metal container; it is money in the bank.

SEIU negotiations are done; this is the quickest contract they have ever done.

Mr. Spain is just waiting for the finalized contract with MedStar for our ambulance service. It is better numbers than we currently have.

Mr. Spain would like clarification on question one of his goals and objectives of the wording of 'executable'. If the money is not there, it may not be able to be done. There is a comprehensive plan that we will update; so there is a plan in play. The executable part is not necessarily doable without money. Selectman Ashmankas explained that as long as the plan was done and trying to be implemented is what it means. Selectman Ashmankas said that executable does not mean 'funding', it means how are we going to do it.

Chairman Plante read dates to Remember

Sunday April 13th at 8 AM - Millbury Parents Club 5K & Fun Run

Saturday, April 19, 2014- "Millbury Day" at MA Audubon-free admission

Tuesday April 29, 2014 – 7 am – 8 pm – **VOTE**- High School

Tuesday May 6, 2014 – 7 pm – **Town Meeting**- High School

On a Good Note

Selectman Krumsiek reported it was a great job by cast and crew of the Millbury High Drama Group who put on Man of La Mancha.

Remember motorcycles are everywhere; please look twice!

Chairman Plante said that Selectman Cristo spoke to Wheelabrator who will supply the bags and pick up the trash that is picked up for Earth Day.

Chairman Plante said that the Brainy Bunch from Shaw Elementary came before the Board with their Destination Imagination project- they raised \$2000 for the Millbury Youth Group and placed 2nd in the DI Tournament and have won a spot at the World Tournament in Tennessee- the cost is \$6000 for the team to participate. Please donate if you can to DI-team manager- Kristen Gleason. These kids came up with a plan and executed it perfectly!
We wish them the best of luck.

Old/New:

Selectman King asked if there is an update to the mechanics position. It is still posted and may have someone interested.

Selectman Ashmankas asked why there is more traffic at the junk yard on McCracken Rd.

Mail:

Letter from Laurie Connors asking to accept donations in the amount of \$1,765 for the Butler Farm Bark Park.

Motion to accept the donations made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman King.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion made by Selectman King to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.
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