

**TOWN OF MILLBURY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM – 128 ELM STREET**

April 23, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Present: Board of Selectmen: E. Bernard Plante; Francis B. King; Brian W. Stowell; Brian M. Ashmankas; Sandra J. Cristo; Town Manager, Bob Spain; Finance Director, Brian Turbitt, Tom Reilly, *The Millbury-Sutton Chronicle*; Susan Spencer, *The Worcester Telegram & Gazette*, Edd Cote, and concerned citizens.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a moment of silence for those injured and deceased from the bombing at the Boston Marathon.

Town Boundary Walk Designations (MGL Ch. 42 sec. 2)

Auburn Selectman Stephen Simonian and Auburn historian Ken Ethier just finished the town boundary walk in Auburn, and brought a copy of the official report *attached* to be filed with the Auburn Town Clerk and the town clerks in contiguous towns. Mr. Ethier was impressed by Selectman Ashmankas and by the Millbury board that we have shown interest. They are willing to show where the shared boundaries are; some were so hard to find that they needed the neighbor's assistance. Mr. Ethier offered to help in Millbury. Selectman Ashmankas asked if anyone else wants to do it, or if maybe we should ask the bicentennial committee as it is the bicentennial year. Chairman Plante thinks that former selectman Roland Lachance may be interested; he will be asked if he wants to do it.

Guest Presentation – Colleen Gardner, National Grid

Colleen Gardner, Municipal Representative for Nation Grid, brought along her team that is working on the transmission lines: Binoy Koodhathinkal, Project Manager; Tim Smith, Environmental; John Upham, Stakeholder Management; Chip Wetherell, Construction; and Jason Magoon, Vegetation Management.

The project is a transmission line (a new 115kV Z126 line) running from Millbury to Auburn that will reinforce the power supply. They started with tree trimming along the right-of-way. Hours of operation are 7 am – 5 pm and may have to do work on Saturday and Sundays. Chairman Plante thanked everyone for coming in. Selectman Stowell mentioned the double pole issue.

Guest Presentation – Roselli & Clark, Auditors-*see attached Management Letter*.

Tony Roselli spoke regarding the annual audit for the town of Millbury. A comprehensive annual report was done this year and submitted to the Government Finance Office. The finance director is very aggressive for this town; this was a significant milestone for this town. Chairman Plante said that this is very good for Brian and the town. Mr. Roselli said that the town is doing a very good job and this is good for the bond rating. For the past four years the town has not had material weaknesses.

Public Hearing:

Public hearing notice read in to record by Selectman Stowell at 7:30 pm

DPW Director, Robert D. McNeil, III introduced Irene Condgen from DEP who is our municipal coordinator in Central MA.

The publication came out in telegram – and a to z understanding of what products can be recycled and how to reuse items. It is available on the Telegram website and will be on our town's website. The transfer station is still being funded with \$135,000 of taxpayer dollars. He brought 33 gallon bags and 15 gallon bags to show tonight.

He is looking for endorsement to move forward with the program from the BOS and hopefully move forward with a vote at the next Selectman's meeting.

Mitch Bollus of 23 Shirley Ave asked how this will affect seniors. Mr. McNeil said that that if you are over 65 still eligible for a free sticker and the bags of your choice.

Al Nelson – He took list from last meeting and discovered they were not recycling enough. I hope you approve this project so we can start on the first of July.

Mr. White said that they were the experiment family for the last 2 weeks. Good news and bad news, we've always recycled. Good news for Mr. McNeil is it works – unequivocally; the problem is that it is not easy – it is very difficult, it takes a lot of room and a lot of time. The point is at the last meeting we had 4 white bags and he stuffed them into the 33 gallon bag.

There was room for 1 more bag! My wife could not lift it very well and the bag began to fall apart. This is why Mr. McNeil decided to come up with the smaller bags. Mr. McNeil thanked the White family; he appreciated Armand keeping an open mind.

Katherine Fairbanks asked if it would be 50 33 gallon bags or 50 15 gallon bags. They would be given an equal volume of bags.

Fran DeSimone – as I spoke at last meeting – totally against this – I am for recycling – totally against assessing another fee on the townspeople.

Karen Bott- Gover Road said that you are looking for people to buy into this program in three months. What will stop people from throwing their trash on the side of road once their bags are gone?

Tom Reilly asked if the retailers who stock the bags would make any money.

Ms. Condgon said that we have 146 communities that have this program over 7000 in the US. Most do not offer any incentive to stock the bags.

Don Ricard – Lincoln Ave – this should go to town meeting for a vote.

Steve Turco-Herricks Lane- he encourages you to approve the measure. If you use more than 50 bags, you will find a way to recycle more. He encourages voting yes and finding creative ways for funding.

Jeff Dore-Bengston Lane – asked if they have considered giving more bags.

Don Johnson- 56 Miles St – questioned how long for the free bags. Mr. McNeil said that they would last the length of contract with Wheelabrator.

Mr. McNeil said that he is looking to move forward with this project and would like a vote.

Motion made by Selectman Stowell to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Selectman King.
Motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Stowell made a motion to defeat the request to move forward, seconded by Selectman King.

Selectman Ashmankas asked if we can vote for this tonight but still vote against the final program?

Chairman Plante said that people have a lot of questions and they have not addressed all of them.

Motion carried 4-1 (Selectman Ashmankas voted no)

2013 Liquor License Renewal – Karen McGovern d/b/a Puffins Restaurant

Motion made by Selectman Stowell to approve the renewal, seconded by Selectman King.

Motion carried unanimously.

One-Day Liquor License - Miss Massachusetts at Asa Waters Mansion on May 19, 2013

Motion made by Selectman Stowell to approve the license, seconded by Selectman King.

Motion carried unanimously.

Previous Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the meeting for April 9, 2013 made by Selectman Stowell, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Town Manager Report

Mr. Spain is appointing Wayne Nadeau to the Parks Commission; the Parks Commission recommends the appointment.

Motion to concur with the appointment made by Selectman Stowell, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spain is appointing Jeffrey Murawski to the Sewer Commission; the Sewer Commission and DPW Director McNeil recommend him.

Motion to concur with the appointment made by Selectman Stowell, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

There are still openings on the Parks Commission, Roadway Advisory Committee, Historical Commission, Dorothy Pond Restoration Committee and Board of Appeals.

Executive Session

Motion made by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Stowell to move into Executive Session at 9:32 p.m. under Chapter 30A, Section 21, Paragraph 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

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| Selectman King | - Yes |
| Selectman Stowell | - Yes |
| Selectman Cristo | -Yes |
| Selectman Ashmankas | -Yes |
| Chairman Plante | -Yes |

Chairman Plante announced the Board would return only to adjourn.

Adjournment

Motion made by Selectman King to adjourn at 10:16 p.m., seconded by Selectman Ashmankas. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tish Hayes, Secretary

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The Board of Selectmen