

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

June 10, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Present: Board of Selectmen: Francis B. King; Sandy Cristo; Brian M. Ashmankas; Mary Krumsiek; William Borowski; Town Manager, Bob Spain; Tom Reilly, *The Millbury-Sutton Chronicle*; Edd Cote, and other concerned citizens.

New Drainlayer License- Bruce Gustafson-Gustafson Plumbing-Worcester

They are licensed in many other communities and have a great reputation.

Motion to approve the license made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Borowski.

Vote by roll call – All approved

Joint Appointment to Library Trustees-Elizabeth Valero spoke on behalf of the Library Trustees; the Trustees voted unanimously to have Michael Hranek of Maple Street fill the vacancy on the board. Mr. Hranek said that he has a commitment to the library and enjoys helping out there.

Selectmen voted unanimously for Mr. Hranek.

Joint Appointment to the School Committee: Chairman King explained that each candidate could tell everyone about themselves; if there are any questions, they will be asked of each candidate.

Jan Hanratty: He has moved back to Millbury and says he has been part of the educational system in town since 1979. After beginning as a janitor, he earned a teaching degree in 1984. He said he spent most of his time at the high school until 1990. He then ran a business for 23 years before returning to the Shrewsbury public schools. He said he has also worked as a substitute teacher in the Worcester public schools. He said he is currently an education specialist for the state. He has two children—one goes to Blackstone Valley Tech while the other attends Grafton public schools.

Heather Harris-Keddy: She described herself as a veteran teacher, taxpayer and homeowner in Millbury for over 20 years. She said she is capable of weighing the needs of the schools with those of the taxpayers. She said all of her children attended Millbury schools and her youngest is now in college. She said she is a member of the teachers' union and this also gives her a unique perspective. She said she served on the building committees for the high school and Elmwood Street School. She added she is a member of the Millbury Improvement Initiative and the Butler Farm Dog Park Committee. She said she has previously run for the school committee and lost but thought she could make a difference now.

Christopher Wilbur: He has lived in Millbury all his life, graduating from the high school in 1990. As of next year, he will have four daughters in the system attending all three schools. He is the treasurer for the citywide board for Boston Youth and Family Services, is president of Millbury Youth Soccer and a member of the peewee basketball board. He said he tries to work in the best interest of children to make sure that their voices are heard. He is currently working as the chief financial officer for Horizons for Homeless Children, a nonprofit organization within the Boston area with an annual budget of \$10.5 million. He said the school committee needed to identify those things to give Millbury's students the best chance to learn. He thought that he had the same skill set that Borowski had— financial acumen—and that it would benefit the school committee to have a member who could read budgets and makes sure that Millbury's students were getting the best education they could.

Matthew Ashmankas- is a member of the conservation committee, one of the many committees he has served on since moving to Millbury in 1984. He said the most important task the school committee had was in replacing the superintendent of schools. He said he believed his many years of experience as a high school teacher and business manager made him the best candidate. He said during his time in the Milford Public schools he worked very closely with three superintendents in his role as analyst of the town's standardized testing including MCAS. He said he had also been a member of the teachers' union. He described his two children as successful graduates of the high school and has also worked as a substitute teacher in Millbury. He said that he was also knowledgeable about Common Core, the program that will strain the students and staff when it is implemented this fall.

School Committee Chairman Nietupski asked each candidate about the role of the school committee. Hanratty said it was to review policy as well as hiring, firing and budgetary concerns. Ms. Keddy said they were supportive of the superintendent and helped with decision making and policymaking but not to the point of micromanagement. Mr. Wilbur said it as the governing body of the entire school system, overseeing the superintendent and his or her duties and also develops the budget for the selectmen which we strong arm them to accept. Mr. Ashmankas said the main responsibility of the school committee was hiring and firing the superintendent of schools. They also contributed to making policy and making recommendations to the superintendent including that funds were allocated properly and efficiently.

Ms. Nietupski also asked each why they did not run in the last election. Mr. Hanratty said he had just moved back to town. Ms. Keddy said she had lost before and did not think she had a chance of winning. She said she wanted to follow in Leslie Vigneau's footsteps and get in by being appointed to a vacancy and then prove herself. Mr. Wilbur said he did not run once he heard that Susan Teixeira was because he approved of her values.

Ms. Vigneau asked each if they would seek reelection next April. All but Mr. Ashmankas said they would. Mr. Ashmankas said he was mostly concerned with helping to choose the new superintendent.

Selectman Cristo said not every student can or is planning on attending college. If they haven't gone to a vocational school, what kind of training should they be receiving in high school to prepare them for the real world?

Mr. Hanratty said he holds a teaching certificate in technology education. He said a study done by the Department of Corrections shows some 20- to 30-year-olds in jail are there because their high schools had nothing to offer them. He said the thought the schools had failed these students over the last 30 years and there was a need to bring back the industrial arts program. He blamed computers, computers, computers, saying that not everyone is going to college. Millbury needed to find a way to meet everyone's needs with the budget it had. Ms. Keddy said she thought Millbury had all kinds of opportunities to offer students of all types. Mr. Wilbur said it was important to expose students to all aspects of education. In addition to academics, he stressed the importance of sports. He had been in the band and taken part in art, too. It was important to give each of these kids an opportunity to strive in every aspect of education. Mr. Ashmankas said when he taught math at Milford he tried to take the kids who couldn't get into BVT and teach them the skills they needed to live and operate. The problem is that there are no metal shops and other technical areas at local high schools. He asked if it's possible to put a career school within a school,

Chairman King said that right now the budgetary split between the school and the town was 63 percent for the schools and 37 percent for the town side. He asked how they felt about the 60/40 split currently used. Mr. Hanratty said children were the town's future and each town had to look at this issue case by case and year by year even if it meant other services needed to be cut. Ms. Keddy said she did not like to see town hall pitted against the schools but the two sides needed to work together to find equity. She felt the split needed to be closer to 50/50 and suggested sharing resources including purchasing and personnel. The town needed to figure out how to get rid of the deficit any way it could. Mr. Wilbur said he thought 60 percent of the budget was too low for the schools. He said that it was incredibly important to continue to fund the schools at the highest levels possible. He said that he would be pushing to push as much money into the school budget as possible. Mr. Ashmankas said that the children of Millbury were the town's biggest investment. He said he didn't like spending money the town didn't have—there was a need to come up with alternative spending—but the needs of children had to be addressed. He again stressed the need for the state to step up.

Selectman Borowski said he had been seen as a bit of gadfly in his efforts to get more money for the schools while serving on the school committee and what did the candidate think about that. Mr. Hanratty said he knew money was tight right now so the school committee had to look at every available dollar put before it. Any new superintendent needed to have serious grant writing experience, he said, in order to find whatever money was available. If cuts were required, then they needed to be made. He said he had an appreciation for money and how it should be handled. Ms. Keddy said she supported schools. She said when the schools did well, the community did well. She said when times were bad both sides need to take a hit. Mr. Wilbur said he would push for every dollar to go into the educational system. On the other hand, he knew there were multiple factors that went into building budgets. Mr. Ashmankas said the town used to get 59 percent of its school budget from the state and the state constitution says it is the state's responsibility to fund education to the best of its ability. Last year, Millbury was funded at 32 percent of its educational costs, and he thinks that's obscene. He said it was time for the state to stop squeezing towns and accept its responsibility. It was time for towns to say "enough is enough." He said he saw his management ability and grant writing expertise as resources the town could draw upon.

Chairman King asked each candidate if the schools needed a school resource officer in the light of another school shooting that day. Mr. Hanratty said absolutely and he had seen the positive effect of having a school resource officer in Shrewsbury. Ms. Keddy said there is a school resource officer at her school and it was probably not a bad idea even if just for visibility. Mr. Wilbur said he didn't, that we can protect our kids enough and these incidents always seemed to happen in small towns. He added he was not sure one school resource officer was enough to protect three schools but that it was a start toward preventing such a tragedy from happening in Millbury. Mr. Ashmankas said it was another expense and at Milford he taught other teachers to defend themselves and students. He thought this matter could be handled internally though the police certainly had a role to play.

Motion to put all nominations in for candidacy made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Vote by roll call unanimous.

Chairman King asked the School Committee to vote:

Chairman Nietupski-Heather Harris Keddy

Vice-Chairman Plante-Christopher Wilbur

Leslie Vigneau-Heather Harris Keddy

Susan Teixeira-Christopher Wilbur

Chairman King then asked for a roll call of the selectmen:

Bill Borowski- Christopher Wilbur

Mary Krumsiek-Heather Harris Keddy

Vice-Chairman Cristo- Jan Hanratty

Chairman King- Heather Harris Keddy

The final tally was 4 votes for Ms. Harris-Keddy, 3 for Mr. Wilbur and 1 for Jan Hanratty.

Chairman King congratulated Heather Harris-Keddy.

At 8:00 pm the Board took a recess.

Reconvened at 8:10 pm

Redevelopment Authority Joint Appointment- Len Mort spoke and said that Walter Swenson is an invaluable help to his board.

Mr. Swenson said that he has been helping on the Redevelopment Authority and would like to help the town continue to grow.

Mr. Mort conveyed it was a unanimous vote from the Redevelopment Authority for Walter Swenson.

Chairman King asked for a roll call vote from the Board.

Vote by roll call unanimous for Walter Swenson.

Sign Dot Easements- for the Rt. 146 Bridge expansion project. Mr. Spain explained that they are very small pieces of town owned land where they will give the easements to MADOT for the Rt. 146 Bridge expansion project on the Sycamore Street and West Main Street areas.

Motion to allow Chairman to sign both easements made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

One-Day Liquor License—Peppers Catering at Asa Waters Mansion; July 20, 2014

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

Motion carried unanimously.

One-Day Liquor License—Maries Catering at Asa Waters Mansion; July 22, 2014

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing-Jean Barbieri – Chulo-pit-bull-Katherine Street

Dan Chauvin is our regional animal control officer. He said that last year Ms. Barbieri was ordered to contain the dog and have the enclosure inspected by him. He did inspect it at that time and it was well done; but this dog is very intelligent. We do not have a problem with the enclosure, we have problems with supervision. He would like the board to deem the dog a public nuisance; it is not dangerous, yet. This is criminal in nature at this point as there is an order in place. You can send this complaint to district court and leave it up to a judge, but it is not being taken seriously in court. Someone needs to be there stopping him when he is digging, biting, escaping. Ms. Barbieri is the owner of the dog, Chulo. She said that since the last time she was here he got out twice; he was not roaming the neighborhood, when he got out, she was immediately there. She fixed the whole that the woodchucks dug and he was getting out, she dug a trench and bracketed them together; she is going to stockade the rest of the yard. She had him neutered. She does not want her dog to terrorize the neighbors. She has called and emailed Mr. Chauvin for him to come and re-inspect the area and he has not responded to her. There is not one spot that the dog can get out now, she has secured the whole yard. His papers from the American Kennel Club now have put him as a bully, not a pit bull.

Selectman Borowski said that the issue what does this board need to do to ensure that this dog stays in her yard.

Mr. Chauvin said that the dog is working the enclosure, he needs to be supervised when he's out in the enclosure so he doesn't find a way out; this dog is intimidating. Mr. Chauvin is asking the board to update the order.

Selectman Borowski motioned to deem the dog a public nuisance, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Vote by roll call unanimous.

Selectman Borowski motioned that the order shall read: when the dog is outside in enclosure the dog needs to be supervised, when outside enclosure leashed, when no one is home, the dog has to be in the house.

Vote by roll call unanimous.

Benton Street-Susan Dolegiewicz-Pair of malamute huskies- one of the dogs broke off of his leash, knocked over a woman biting her small dog and caused \$5,000 worth of damage to the dog; it was a serious attack. Ms. Dolegiewicz was hesitant in giving her insurance to the party. Dogs cannot be tethered at any time; the kennel is professional installed. Ms. Dolegiewicz takes ownership of the dog, vaccinated and registered with the town, deemed a nuisance, mandatory liability insurance policy placed on this dog, she has the option of turning the dogs over to animal control and he will find good homes for them.

Selectman Krumsiek said that she is not here so does she really care about the dogs?

Selectman Ashmankas made the motion

Selectman Borowski asked what is a reasonable timeframe to get the insurance. Mr. Chauvin said within 30 days.

Selectman Borowski motioned to place an order with immediate effect stating; no tethering, a liability policy of minimum of \$15,000, proof of ownership, vaccinations, with option of turning the dog over to animal control for rehoming, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Selectman Krumsiek believes the dogs should be turned over to animal control.

Vote by roll call vote 4-1 (Selectman Krumsiek opposed)

Selectman Borowski asked for an update at the July 8, 2014 meeting.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of the meeting of May 13, 2014

Motion to approve the minutes of May 13, 2014 made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Minutes of the meeting of May 20, 2014

Motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 2014 made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Town Manager Report:

Mr. Spain is appointing Robert Pelletier of Uxbridge as our town mechanic. He comes to us from Northbridge DPW and he was recommended by Bob VanMeter. He will be starting on June 16th.

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

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Mr. Spain is creating a Millbury Dog Park Committee for formalization. He is looking for a five member board. If anyone is interested in serving, please let us know.

The annual appointments are:

Constables

Stewart L. Barden

Todd E. Army

Jude T. Cristo

Todd Sprague

Motion to concur with the appointments made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Roll call vote carried 4-0-1 (Selectman Cristo abstained)

Tree Warden

Ronald Despres

Carl J. Ward, Asst. Tree Warden

Motion to concur with the appointments made by Selectman Cristo, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Sewerage Commission

Happy Erickson, Jr.

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

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Animal Control Officers

Daniel Chauvin

Cynthia Papia, Assistant

Motion to concur with the appointments made by Selectman Cristo, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Asa Waters Task Force

Jeffrey A. Dore

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

Roll call vote carried 4-0-1 (Selectman Cristo abstained)

Certified Weigher

Debra Gerber--Wheelabrator

Shana White--Granger Lynch Corp.

Motion to concur with the appointments made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Certified Weigher And Measurer Of Wood And Bark

Ronald A. Despres

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

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Commission On Disabilities

Kent Stowe

Heather Graziano

Thomas G. Brown

Deborah Dymek

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

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Dorothy Pond Restoration Committee

Gary A. Pothier

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

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Emergency Management Agency

Mark Dyberg, Assistant Director

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

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Emergency Management Agency-Auxiliary Police

Fabrizio Bordo
Walter Swenson, Jr
Ronald A. Tranter
Paul T. DiCicco
Jeffrey A. Kozlowksi
Todd Army
Julie Murray
Benjamin Holmes
Victor Irr
Tom C. LaVallee
Neal Morrissey
Karen Murray

Motion to concur with the appointments made by Selectman Cristo, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Wiring Inspector

Larry Morris
Jeffrey Fenuccio, Assistant

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

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Plumbing And Gas Inspector

Gregory Gauthier
Brian Gasco, Assistant

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

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Public Access Advisory Committee

Frank Irr
Roger L. Desrosiers
Mary Krumsiek

Motion to concur with the appointments made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Roll call vote carried 4-0-1 (Selectman Krumsiek abstained).

Safety Committee

Kenny A. Howell

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

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Veterans Services And Benefits

Philip Buso, Veterans Agent and Burial Agent

Motion to concur with the appointments made by Selectman Cristo, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Collector/Treasurer

Denise Marlborough

In order to run a town it takes a team; Mr. Spain said that he is blessed to have a great team with really talented people that do great work for the town. He thinks Denise is one of the best treasurer/collector's in the Commonwealth. At the recommendation of our finance director he is reappointing Denise Marlborough as she does a phenomenal job.

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

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Director of the Department of Public Works

Mr. Spain said that Rob McNeil took over a department wrought with issues and got the ship moving in the right direction. He has one of the hardest jobs in a tough field without a lot of resources. Rob is a good leader and performs in the roll of town engineer as well, we are doing things now that we have never done and make sure it is done right.

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

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

The Wheelabrator tonnage downward trend continues, averaging 47 tons a month less.

Mr. Spain spent the day in Boston for another procurement class for recertification. Procurement is a very difficult field. We are lucky in this town to have several different people certified.

Ch. 33B transfers: unlike the school budget which is voted a total figure, town budgets are voted line by line and you cannot transfer money between lines. There are scenarios that happen which we cannot predict so in the last weeks of the fiscal year we can transfer money with the vote of the selectmen and the vote of the finance committee. This year we have 3 of them; \$30,000 for legal fees-taking from Health insurance; \$1,000 into finance director salary; which is vacation time he has coming-from Health insurance; \$1500 for hydrant rental-new roads we picked up-from Health insurance. He needs separate motions.

Motion to take \$30,000 from 01.914.5172.00000.0000.560 to 01.151.5200.00000.0000.500 made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Motion to take \$1,000 from 01.914.5171.00000.0000.560 to 01.135.5112.00000.0000.500 made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Motion to take \$1,500 from 01.914.5171.00000.0000.560 to 01.224.5200.00000.0000.510 made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Borowski.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Mr. Spain said that the Fallon Insurance cards are being sent out to the employees this week.

There are asian longhorn beetle traps in some of our trees. We do not have any; as we abut the area that does, they are making sure.

Ambulance contracts are signed; going to house it at fire headquarters. We are building a garage for the ambulance and the fire engineers are on board. MedStar will start July 1.

Brian Turbitt, our finance director is leaving us. The job has been posted. Katie LaVallee will be the acting finance director. This is a bittersweet time for Mr. Spain, they have been friends for a long time, they started on a trash committee in 2005. When Mr. Spain became town manager he asked Brian to come to work for him and he said no four times before he finally said yes in 2008. Brian has chosen to move on to an opportunity that he could not refuse, a lot more challenges. He's happy for Brian but sad for Millbury as a supervisor. The members on the board were shaky on Brian's first appointment but he knows for a fact that Millbury is a better place now. The town is losing a great asset and he wishes him well. Chairman King thanked Brian for his hard work and thanked him on behalf of the town of Millbury.

Brian wanted to thank the board for appointing him the first time and the support that they have shone. He wants to thank the staff that has worked for him. The town is in great hands with Katie Lavallee, she is very capable. Brian thanked everyone,

Next meeting Rob McNeil will have an in-depth examination of the transfer station per Selectman Borowski request.

Selectman Borowski asked when the striping for Howe Ave will be done. Bids closed June 18th but by the end of July they should be done.

Selectman Cristo asked about the in-house attorney committee, and if they met;

She would like the last 3 years of attorney fees. Mr. Spain said that he will give a longer time period.

Chairman King would like us to check on any in-active committees.

Selectman Borowski would like to invite Len Mort in to discuss wayfarer signs.

Chairman King read DATES TO REMEMBER:

Senior Center Summer Concert -Thursday June 19th from 6 to 8 PM - - "The Irish Express"
Youth Center -Friday June 20th from 6:30 to 9:30 PM-- Hawaiian Luau

On a Good Note:

Thank you to John "Duffy" Dufresne for decorating the Devoe Memorial and to those who did the other war memorials around town.

Congratulations to the Blackstone Valley Tech Medal Winners: Silver Winner: Liz Bouthillette-Dental Assisting; Bronze Winners: Rebecca Rose-Restaurant Services; Scott Swenson-Automotive Refinishing Technology; and Hannah Licarie-Job Demo A.

Congratulations to the graduation class of 2014

Congratulations to Cody Krumsiek and Amanda Boudreau on their engagement.

Selectman King thanked Dennis Hill for the job well done on the War Memorial at town hall.

Mail:

Letter from Laurie Connors regarding donations in the amount of \$3,258.25 for the Butler Farm Bark Park.

Motion to accept the donations made by Selectmen Borowski, seconded by Selectman Cristo.
Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Letter from the Fire Department regarding receiving a donation in the amount of \$100 from Scott Wilczynski in memory of his dad.

Motion to accept the donations made by Selectmen Borowski, seconded by Selectman Cristo.
Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Flag Day Ceremony- There will be a Flag retirement ceremony on June 14, 2014 at VFW Post 6:30 pm

Selectman Krumsiek read the Board/Committee vacancies.

Adjournment

Motion made by Selectman Krumsiek to adjourn at 9:45 p.m., seconded by Selectman Ashmankas. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tish Hayes, Secretary

Francis B. King

Sandy J. Cristo

Mary Krumsiek

Brian Ashmankas

William Borowski

The Board of Selectmen