

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

**June 24, 2014**

**7:00 p.m.**

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

**Presentation to Richard Valentino, Chairman of the Board of Appeals:**

Chairman King said that he first met Mr. Valentino about 30 years when he went before the Board of Appeals for a variance and Chairman King questioned Mr. Valentino who immediately sat him right down. He has done so much for this town, Thank you. Selectman Krumsiek read the plaque for him.

Mr. Valentino wanted to thank everyone over the years that helped him, especially Linda Joyce. This town hall always helps out; whenever he needed help he was always able to get answers.

**Board of Selectmen Appointments**

Selectman Cristo wanted to talk about town counsel-she wanted the in-house attorney committee to investigate but they didn't get to this year. We ask for \$110,000 every year at town meeting for legal fees and every year we spend more, closer to \$200,000. She would still like an in-house attorney with human resource background. She suggested a 90 day appointment of the town counsel.

Chairman King said we had a lot of issues in town, it was not town counsel's fault; he thinks they should do one year and give the committee an end time to get their findings together and get a recommendation to the Board to see if it is feasible by January. Mr. Spain said that he spoke to the town counsel in Westborough and he is willing to speak to the committee.

Selectman Borowski would like to evaluate town counsel as their success rate has not been great. He was not happy with town counsel at town meeting because they did not inform us regarding the cemetery commission article and the Ramshorn pond dam article properly.

**Town Counsel**

Kopelman & Paige, P.C.

Mirick O'Connell

Motion to appoint Kopelman & Paige, P.C. as town counsel made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Borowski.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Mirick O'Connell, labor counsel made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Borowski.

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

**Board of Registrars of Voters**

Mary Brawn  
Everett H. Grahn  
Jerilyn Stead

Motion to appoint Mary Brawn, Everett H. Grahn and Jerilyn Stead to the Board of Registrars of Voters made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.  
Roll call vote carried unanimously.

**Board of Appeals**

Harold Proodian

Motion to appoint Harold Proodian to the Board of Appeals made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Cristo.  
Roll call vote carried unanimously.

**Conservation Commission**

Ronald A. Stead

Motion to appoint Ronald A. Stead to the Conservation Commission made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Borowski.  
Roll call vote carried unanimously.

**Historical Commission**

Philip Miles

Motion to appoint Philip Miles to the Historical Commission made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Cristo.  
Roll call vote carried unanimously.

**Liquor License Agents**

Chief Kenney A. Howell  
Lt. Donald Desorcy  
Lt. Augustine-Day  
Sgt. Stephen McFaul  
Sgt. Brian Lewos  
Sgt. Paul Lemoine

Motion to appoint Chief Kenny A. Howell, Lt. Donald Desorcy, Lt. Augustine-Day, Sgt. McFaul, Sgt. Lewos and Sgt. Lemoine as the Liquor License Agents made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.  
Roll call vote carried unanimously.

**Blackstone Valley Regional Economic Development Council**

Robert Spain

Motion to appoint Robert Spain to the BVREDC made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

**Central Mass Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**

From Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission - Southeast Sub Region

Francis B. King, Alternate Representative

Motion to appoint Francis B. King as the MPO Alternate Representative made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

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

**Central Mass Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC)**

2nd Delegate – Sandy Cristo - Selectmen

Alternate Delegate – Brian Ashmankas

Motion to appoint Sandy Cristo as 2<sup>nd</sup> Delegate and Brian Ashmankas as Alternate Delegate to CMRPC made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Borowski.

Roll call vote carried 3-0-2 (Selectman Cristo and Selectman Ashmankas abstained)

**Board of Fire Engineers**

David J. Rudge, Fire Chief

Richard Hamilton, 1st Assistant

Raymond E. Hobin, Jr, 2nd Assistant

Brian K. Gasco, 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant

Steven Piscatelli, 4<sup>th</sup> Assistant

Motion to appoint the Board of Fire Engineers made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Borowski.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

**Forest Fire Warden**

David Rudge

Motion to appoint the Forest Fire Warden made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

**Deputy Forest Fire Warden**

Raymond Hobin

Richard Hamilton

Brian Gasco

Steven Piscatelli

Motion to appoint the Deputy Forest Fire Warden made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

**Council On Aging**

Betty Hamilton  
Lorraine Hayes  
Lee Ayotte

Motion to appoint the Council on Aging made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

**Earth Removal Board**

Anna Lewandowski

Motion to appoint Anna Lewandowski to the Earth Removal Board made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Borowski.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

**Financial Management Planning Committee**

Richard Bedard

Motion to appoint Richard Bedard to the Financial Management Planning Committee made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

**Worcester County Selectmen's Association**

William Borowski, alternate

Motion to appoint William Borowski as the alternate to the WCSA made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

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

**Public Hearing-Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar-Change of Beneficial Interest, Pledge of License and Pledge of Inventory**

Selectman Krumsiek read the public hearing notice into record, seconded by Selectman Borowski.

Motion carried unanimously.

No one was present to speak. The secretary reported that this is an approval of the ABCC and a formality for the local authorities; all forms are in order.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the Change of Beneficial Interest, Pledge of License and Pledge of Inventory made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Len Mort-** Spoke regarding the wayfarer sign bylaws 34.2 (10) \*see attached.

The signs that businesses put up on the telephone poles look like a “totem pole” are an eye sore for the town and are actually illegal in town but has not been enforced.

Selectman Borowski said that this is a terrific idea to build up more traffic to the town, the cost would be on the owner of the business. He would like to put a subcommittee together to get this ball rolling. Selectman Borowski volunteered to be the selectman delegate for the subcommittee and come back in a month or two with some ideas and costs. He suggested having a charge ready for the next meeting. Mr. Mort offered the Redevelopment Authority to assist.

**Tim Cluett- Youth Commission-** Mr. Cluett wanted to thank him Mr. Mort who offered his talent to teach the kids pin striping. He mentioned the Brainy Bunch that they came in 9<sup>th</sup> out of 69 teams in Tennessee. They had a Hawaiian Luau Dance on Friday with over 20 kids, the DI team and the parents helped out again. They made \$1000 and donated it to the DI team for their upcoming budget. Alyssa Duffy held a summer clothing drive and donated the clothes to the Friendly House. He thanked the Worcester County Greater Foundation for a grant which helped them buy a 150” movie screen for movie night on July 25<sup>th</sup> and Karaoke at the Youth Center. This Sunday they are having a “celebrity” softball game. July 11<sup>th</sup> he will have the World Series trophy at the youth center and they will be asking for a donation to get in. They need volunteers to help them.

**Rob McNeil-DPW Director-**\*see attached presentation.

Questions: Selectman Borowski asked if there was a way to communicate the projects better either via website or cable with expected dates. Why are you asking for another mechanic? The manager hasn’t approved that yet. He also asked why Gilbert Way and Alpine St. are not being paved this year. They are not part of this year’s plan; they are on the table again for next season; the RAC is addressing a greater area of traffic and residents. If the Governor released all of the funds we would have been able to do these projects. Selectman Borowski said that we need to give better answers to our citizens, when plans change the town loses credibility. When will line painting scheduled? - As soon as the fy15 contract is signed, should be done by the end of July. Selectman Cristo asked if the other side of Riverlin needs top coating; yes it does but it is not a priority. Since 2000 Millbury has accepted over 3 miles of roadways. Selectman Borowski would like the manager to do a build out to fix all roads in town. CMRPC is currently updating that plan.

Selectman Cristo suggested cleaning catch basins three times a year around the ponds and lakes and maybe could regionalize a vac truck. Mr. McNeil said that a vac truck costs approximately \$400,000; not many towns can afford that kind of equipment.

Selectman Borowski suggested fixing Windle Field instead of Jacques Park and work with the school committee.

Selectman Krumsiek asked what happened with the town meeting vote for the cemetery fee. The Commission rescinded the fee.

Selectman Borowski would like to revisit the furniture fee, he would like 1 free item for each sticker holder. Chairman King suggested having Rob, the DPW Director and the Jayne, the town clerk back in next meeting to discuss the fee.

Selectman Borowski asked if we paid per trip of hauling recycling or per ton. It is per trip. Chairman King asked about the rate hike in the sewer fee and what happened to the quarterly billing. There have been a number of challenges in the billing, there were hundreds of accounts that we found were either turned off or deleted, we are not ready to launch quarterly billing yet, but we are trying to get it done. Aquarion Water is putting out a program to education citizens on water usage and cost.

Chairman King asked about sidewalk spraying. If it is done, it will be done in mid-summer, we need to present a weed management plan.

**Town Manager Report:**

Mr. Spain is appointing the Millbury Dog Park Committee: Heather Harris-Keddy, Greg William, Vanessa Kuzmanovski and Laurie Connors. There is one vacancy.

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

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Mr. Spain and the Town Clerk attended a meeting on Animal Control and licensing of dogs. It was very informative; he received some handouts regarding hearings, nuisance dogs and the animal control laws in general.

Our Building Inspector, Scott Barbate has resigned and will be leaving July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Spain will be starting interviews for the Finance Director the week of July 7<sup>th</sup>.

MedStar starts on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Alert is responsible until June 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 am and Medstar is responsible July 1<sup>st</sup> 12:00 am.

The Bicentennial monument is being installed in front of town hall. Thanks to Dave Aspinwall who stepped up again. The monument looks great.

Update on Committees- all committees are meetings; except the In-House Atty and Safety Committees. They have been contacted.

Mr. Spain is going on vacation next week but will be in town.

**OLD/NEW:**

Selectman Borowski asked for an update from ACO at next meeting regarding both cases.

Selectman Ashmankas motioned to have the In-House Attorney Feasibility Committee to have a decision by December 31<sup>st</sup> brought to the Board, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman King asked to have town counsel in to discuss the recent cases.

Selectman Borowski asked to sit down with the chief for his review.

**Chairman King read dates to remember**

Saturday June 28th from 9am – 12pm Household Hazardous Waste & Textile Collection Day  
131 Providence Road.

Sunday June 29th 12pm – 4pm- Youth Group Center Celebrity Softball Game at Shaw School

Fireworks- Windle Field- Friday July 4 and Saturday July 5. Sponsored by the Lions Club

**On a Good Note:**

Congratulations again to the Brainy Bunch for coming in 9<sup>th</sup> out of 69 teams.

Summer Reading done

The obstacle course is gone from center of town.

Selectman Cristo said that she went to the Girl Scout Banquet and she would like to have the girl in for the next meeting or as soon as possible to give her a proclamation for attaining the Girl Scout Silver Award.

**Mail:**

Letter from Laurie Connors regarding \$280.00 in donations for the Butler Farm Bark Park.

Motion to accept the donations made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Letter from the Board of Fire Engineers regarding a \$1000 donation from Alert Ambulance.

Motion to accept the donation made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Selectman Borowski to adjourn at 9:50 p.m., seconded by Selectman Ashmankas. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tish Hayes, Secretary

Francis B. King

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Sandy J. Cristo

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Mary Krumsiek

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Brian Ashmankas

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William Borowski

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The Board of Selectmen