

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

**July 8, 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.

Chairman King asked for a Moment of Silence for Tom Remuck who wrote songs about Millbury.

**One Day Liquor License-** Tastings Catering-July 12, 2014 at Asa Waters Mansion.  
Motion to approve the one-day license made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.  
Roll call vote approved.

**New Drainlayer-**Douglas Excavating- Hold-Mr. Douglas did not show.

Mr. Spain gave an update from Animal Control officer: Mr. Connolly (owner of the malamutes) is trying to re-home them; if he cannot rehome them by the deadline, he will turn them over to Dan Chauvin for rehoming; he is being very cooperative and understands the towns point. Barbieri has been in total compliance and we have received a decision on the Gauthier case-Gino, upheld the town's decision, but no euthanasia.

**Rob McNeil-DPW Director and Jayne Davolio-Town Clerk;** Mr. McNeil said they are here to look at fee for furniture and revisit the construction and demolition debris for residents; he proposed \$20 for car; \$40 for suv; \$40 for van; \$60 for pickup or trailer; and \$80 for pickup with trailer; these prices are based on a break even scenario. Selectman King asked what this includes; there would be a list of accepted construction debris. Selectman Cristo asked if this would be going to Wheelabrator. No, a vendor would pick it up, as it is not allowed at Wheelabrator, which is why we couldn't take it. Mr. Spain said this is a fee that you would need to revisit yearly after you receive data. This would be an amendment to the current rules and regs.

Motion to amend rules and regs to include construction debris fees at: \$20 for car; \$40 for suv; \$40 for van; \$60 for pickup or trailer; and \$80 for pickup with trailer made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Borowski.  
By roll call vote approved unanimously.

Furniture Fees- Mr. McNeil said that this program is working; we have lowered our tonnage by 28%. We are paid for every ton we do not send to the Wheelabrator. We encourage recycling and at the end of fy14 we have increased recycling by 58% through a number of different outlets.

We are down 900 tons by 2011; that is massive-a 1/3 of what we've been throwing. There is still more to be done, but hats off to everyone who helped. The biggest change was setting the fee for disincentive to throw furniture away and to deter abuse. The \$25 fee has been hugely successful. There has been a 22% drop in tonnage due to this; he hopes they continue with that.

Selectman Krumsiek asked why they charged \$25 for an arm of a chair. It is considered construction debris at that point and we cannot accept it. There has been no more abandoned furniture since the implementation of the fee but there has been a dramatic drop in the number of items coming through the window.

Selectmen Borowski said that as this is revenue for the town we need to replace that somehow, the deterrent did work, but the people who were not abusing it now have to pay a fee and would like everyone to get one free item for the year. Mr. McNeil said that were talking more about the weight added to tonnage not the revenue from the furniture fee. The only change between the fiscal years was the furniture fee.

Selectman Borowski said that the transfer station has become a revenue generating operation and that is a good thing. Chairman King said that it shouldn't have been said 20-30 years ago that fees would never go up; we are in a whole different contract with Wheelabrator and have new laws to deal with. Selectman Krumsiek asked if recycling is why the numbers are down. Mr. McNeil said that only about 200 tons are attributed to recycling; the number of stickers sold has not gone down. Mr. Spain said that a pay as you use it fee is a smart one as it worked.

Selectman Ashmankas said that the transfer station is not a revenue generating entity; the in lieu of taxes money goes to the general fund to run the town. Ms. Davolio wanted to know if she is missing something at her window when she is selling the recycling station stickers because she is not getting complaints, mostly she is getting told that the fee is too low.

Selectman Borowski motioned that all sticker holders will get one pass per year, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Selectman Cristo said "sets" alleviate problems; if people want to dump one item per year they could come to town hall and get a dated, named and sticker number. Mr. Spain explained the new Wheelabrator contract.

Roll call vote: Selectman Borowski: Yes,

Selectman Krumsiek: Yes

Selectman Cristo: Yes

Selectman Ashmankas: No

Chairman King: No

Motion approved.

### **Previous Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes of the meeting for June 10, 2014 made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes of the meeting for December 10, 2013 made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Borowski.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Town Manager Report:**

Mr. Spain is reappointing the following members to the Bicentennial Committee so they can finish up their work:

Denise M. Marlborough

Ronald J. Marlborough

Jeffrey A. Dore

Carole Chiras

Paul Raffa

Jamie Rembiszewski

Joseph E. McKeon

Marylou Mulhane

Joyce Ostrowski

Cynthia Burr

Paul T. DiCicco

Armand O. White

Robert Morton

David W. Cofske

Roger L. Desrosiers

William Kane

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The naming of the Providence Road Bridge has been approved as “The Joe Bianculli” bridge; this is a well-deserved honor for the late Mr. Bianculli.

The town was approved for a \$25,000 grant for asbestos removal for the house at the DPW garage. We have been invited for the announcement of a Green Communities grant that Laurie Connors put in for on Monday, July 11, 2014; hopefully she will get the full amount. We are also hoping for a grant from the Department of Agriculture as well. These two grants will cover most of the HVAC project for town hall.

Mr. Spain is interviewing this week for the finance director position. Katie Lavalley is doing a great job and he thanks her.

Comcast is taking over Charter Communications- We have received the “394” letter which is the first steps in this change over. They have to come before the town and we cannot withhold the approval; it needs to be a solid reason. We need to have a public hearing, but the board can have the cable committee have the public hearing. If we do not respond within 120 days it is an approval. Set public hearing for August 12, 2014 and invite the cable committee. If anyone has any input on cable tv, they can come to the meeting.

Selectman Krumsiek said that she took a beating that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July road race did not take place; she would like an explanation as to why. Mr. Spain said that the Parks Commission did not let him know that it was not happening. The Lions Club is talking about taking over the road race. He is looking into a re-org where the Parks Commission is eliminated and it is run through the DPW. Chairman King asked a letter be sent to the Parks Commission asking for an explanation. The Farmers Market is not going to happen this year either. It takes planning beginning in January to get the farmers onboard.

Selectman Borowski would like a report or a representative from the appointed boards/committees come in on a monthly or rotating basis. Mr. Spain would like his appointed boards/committees as well. We do have a problem with getting volunteers for committees.

Chairman King asked about the taxi cab license. There is no license per se for the taxi cab in Millbury, we did send it to the building inspector to make sure it is in a properly zoned area then we will send a letter. Chairman King asked to send the persons information to the Chief.

**Chairman King read dates to remember:**

Friday July 11th from 8 to 9:30 PM --See the 2013 Red Sox World Series Trophy at the Youth Center!

Saturday July 19th --Millbury Days at Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

**On a Good Note:**

Selectman Krumsiek wanted to let citizens know that the Police Department has a ride along program, applications are online.

Chairman King was happy to announce that the ambulance is running out of the center of town again.

**Citizen Speak:**

Fran DeSimone; asked about the construction debris and why it's another fee. 25 years ago it was promised to be free trash forever. It costs more to recycle than to throw it at the Wheel. Chairman King said things have changed, contracts have changed and laws have changed.

Chairman King reminded the board that on July 22<sup>nd</sup> there is an executive session at 6:30 pm

Selectman Cristo passed out 11 points for the in-house attorney committee to consider. She also passed out a survey from 1985 of attorney fees.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Selectman Borowski to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Selectman Ashmankas. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tish Hayes, Secretary

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| Francis B. King  | _____ |
| Sandy J. Cristo  | _____ |
| Mary Krumsiek    | _____ |
| Brian Ashmankas  | _____ |
| William Borowski | _____ |

The Board of Selectmen