

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

July 14, 2015

7:00 pm

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**Present:** Board of Selectmen: Sandy Cristo; Mary Krumsiek, Brian M. Ashmankas; William Borowski; Town Manager, Bob Spain, Edd Cote, Tom Riley and other concerned citizens

**Absent:** Francis B. King

**Acting Chairman Cristo called the meeting to order**

**Drainlayer to Lay Drains- Renewal of Iacovelli Excavation-Northbridge, MA**

Motion to approve the license made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**One Day Liquor License- Asa Waters Mansion- Peppers Fine Catering - July 25, 2015 5PM-9PM**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**Previous Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2015 meeting made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Borowski.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Town Manager report:**

Mr. Spain is appointing Nancy Young as secretary for Earth Removal Board

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spain is appointing Cindy Johnson as a Junior Clerk at the Senior Center.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Final numbers from Wheelabrator show a decrease of more than 235 tons year-over-year and more than 1066 tons since FY12. Resulting in a rebate of more than \$100k to the general fund.

The Town has received a grant from the USDA in the amount of \$30,000 for our new HVAC system project at the town hall.

Mr. Spain is appointing Keith Caruso as the DPW union representative to the Insurance Advisory Committee

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spain is appointing Keith Gasco as the Police union representative to the Insurance Advisory Committee

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Krumsiek asked if we have a start date for the HVAC- they are ordering parts- unfortunately they will be done with the heating first- all of the permits have been pulled but it probably will be completed at the end of August.

Selectman Ashmankas asked what the USDA has to do with an HVAC project. This was a rural community grant.

Selectman Borowski asked what it would entail having a town facebook page. He would like additional information by August.

Doreen DeFazio could not be here tonight. A letter read from her regarding the progress Millbury has made in energy conservation over the last year was read.\*see attached letter. Mr. Spain explained that the energy advisory committee has done yeoman's work and we are getting energy credits for electricity, etc.

**Public Hearing Continued from June 23, 2015- Alex Melanson Dog Bite**

Acting Chairman Cristo swore in the witnesses

Bob Clark- Bob Clark's Dog Training-Northbridge. See attached report\*.

Selectman Borowski asked Mr. Clark if there was any vicious tendencies in the dog- Mr. Clark said he did not.

Selectman Ashmankas asked if PetSmart training would be sufficient. Mr. Clark thinks he needs a higher level of training because this dog has what he calls a 'hard mouth' from the wrestling, tug toys and ball play. He would suggest more people training- the owner needs the training more than the dog.

Acting Chairman Cristo asked if Mr. Clark would be willing to train Mr. Melanson and the Dog. Yes, he would.

Alex Melanson said that he found another trainer- that is Officer Dan Daly. He will be coming to his house once a week to train Tyson. He is bothered by the selectmen taking his dog for seven days when this was just an accident. This is only a six month old puppy; he can't understand why they took him for seven days. Selectman Borowski explained to Mr. Melanson that this dog bit someone and this board could have put this dog down for the vicious bite. Selectman Borowski asked if this dog was always muzzled after receiving the decision. He let him out in his yard without the muzzle once and received phone calls on it.

Selectman Cristo asked Mr. Melanson if he still has the toys for Tyson that Mr. Clark said if training this dog once a week was enough; Mr. Clark said yes, you do not want to overload the dog with training. He would suggest 10 lessons-every two weeks (depending on how the training is going)

Rusty Murray (victim's mother) wanted to ensure that Alex takes this seriously; it shouldn't be joked about. This was a very traumatic injury. She asked what a proper muzzle for this dog is. ACO Dan Chauvin said that this is an approved muzzle and one that he recommends as this one allows him to pant and drink water. Mr. Chauvin said that this dog's potential is a no brainer. He suggests that he, Officer Daly and Mr. Clark has to approve the muzzle coming off this dog. Selectman Cristo would like Alex and Officer Daly to do a monthly report and send it to the ACO and the BOS.

Motion to close the public hearing made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion made by Selectman Borowski to have Officer Daly train Tyson and Alex for ten (10) sessions at interval that makes sense; monthly report to the Selectmen and the ACO; dog be leashed and muzzled until the ACO, Bob Clark and Officer Daly all agree that a muzzle is no longer necessary and not tug toys of any kind, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Approved by Roll Call Vote.

### **Library Trustee Appointment**

Robert Laut from Bella Rosa Drive is the only candidate- we took a vote at the Library Trustee meeting that it was unanimous that he would be a great library trustee. He would be a great person for the Finance Committee and is also looking on getting on the conservation commission. Selectman Borowski spoke in favor of Mr. Laut.

Motion to appoint Robert Laut as a Library Trustee by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Dates to Remember:**

Wednesday, July 15, 2015-Roadway Advisory Committee meeting-  
5:30 PM at the Library

Wednesday, July 22, 2015-Millbury/Sutton Community Band  
6:15 PM at Asa Waters Mansion

**On a Good Note:**

Thank you to the Millbury Lions Club for taking over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Road Race. The fireworks were a great show.

Congratulations to Fire Chief Rich Hamilton and Thank you to Dave Rudge for his work.

Letter from the Friends of Asa Waters Mansion thanking the Asa Waters Task Force and commending Sandy Cristo for her 20 years of service to the Mansion.

Next meeting we will discuss the Chief's contract.

Chairman King will be back at the next meeting.

Motion made by Selectman Krumsiek to adjourn at 7:46 p.m., seconded by Selectman Cristo. Approved by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tish Hayes, Secretary

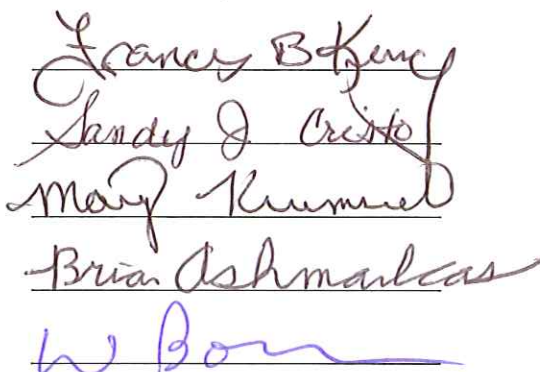
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To the Residents of Millbury:

A few weeks ago I was approached by a reporter of the Millbury Sutton Chronicle inquiring about the energy initiatives that were taking place in the Town of Millbury. I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight the incredible progress Millbury has made in its energy developments over the past year. Here are some of the focuses that we are pursuing:

1. Asa Waters Mansion is one of Millbury's prize properties. We have invested \$4,871 in grant funding to begin working on insulation improvements without harming the bones of the building. We are proposing to insulate the area above the Director's office, install an inside energy efficient window and do air sealing in the main part of the building, and to tent heating pipes on the third floor. This will be a beneficial starting point to save energy in this historical space.
2. The Elmwood Elementary School is currently implementing a manual override for rooftop and air handling units, and retrofitting the RTU's supply fan. It is estimated that this project will save the Town \$28,204 per year in energy savings. The \$44,836 costs will be paid by the Green Communities approved grant and energy incentives. In other words, a no cost project to the Town, an upgrade, and future cost savings.
3. At May Town Meeting on May 5, 2015 the Town voted on the allocation to appropriate \$225,000.00 to replace the HVAC system at the Municipal Office Building. The total project cost is \$464,500 and we will be using the approved Green Communities grant for the remainder of the cost, as well as a USDA grant for \$30,000. Anyone who has walked into Town Hall this summer knows that this project was approved in the nick of time; our unit failed in June and is no longer working on the first floor. This project will replace a long overdue unit with an energy efficient unit and a gas line to the building, which provide significant savings to the municipal building/police department by eliminating oil usage and having a more economical system.
4. Last October, we replaced the existing exterior lights at the Shaw Middle School with compatible LED fixtures. This was fully funded by the Green Communities grant and incentives.
5. In January 2015, we replaced the existing exterior lights at various DPW buildings with compatible LED fixtures. This project was also paid in full by the Green Communities grant and incentives.
6. The Energy Advisory Committee joined a partnership with Next Step Living, a vendor that helps residents take advantage of the energy savings programs for their homes.
7. The Town has voted in favor of Community Aggregation, and we are working through an RFP process to implement a town wide contract before the next winter season.
8. Millbury will be hosting a regional energy fair on October 3, 2015 at Millbury Jr/Senior High School from 9-1pm. This will include the communities of Sutton and Auburn and provide education and outreach to residents who are interested in learning more about energy efficiency.
9. Millbury has two solar farms, one at 40 Auburn Road which is in its final stages, and another at 29 McGrath which is completed. We also have another proposed site and a 4<sup>th</sup> that is in the preliminary stages.

10. The Energy Advisory Committee is researching the potential of having Eco Thermal Filters for Small Businesses and restaurants, which would make us one of the first communities in the state to provide this resource to businesses.
11. We have collaborated with the Environmental Council at the High School. We have discussed progress and solutions with high school students who are working to make the schools and community have less of a carbon footprint.
12. We have a Facebook page, The Millbury Sutton Energy Initiative.
13. All departments have partaken in outreach discussions on how to change behavioral issues in public buildings in order to reduce our energy consumption.
14. We hold monthly Energy Advisory Committee meetings which are open to the public and televised.

I can express directly through my participation in these projects that Millbury is hard-working in keeping its Green Community Status and promoting energy efficiency in the ways that are possible with the funding we have received and allocated. It is a wonderful community that should be proud of its accomplishments in this space.

If anyone has any questions on the details of the projects, or would like to volunteer or contribute to any of our initiatives, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Doreen DeFazio, Energy Manager, Towns of Millbury and Sutton

**Date:** June 24, 2015

**Client:** Alex (17 years of age) and Mark (Father) Melanson

**Dog:** Tyson, approx. 6 month old Weimaraner / Pit Bull mix

**Reason for evaluation:** Requested from ACO Dan Chauvin through the Town of Millbury Board of Selectmen. Reported to me was; Alex and his friend were throwing the ball for Tyson. As Alex's friend was holding the ball, Tyson lunged for the ball and at the same time grabbed his friend in the groin area causing a serious injury. Both Alex and his friend reported that it was accidental and unintentional in their eyes.

1. Tyson seems healthy and well cared for. No obvious health issues are observed. The dog is calm and responsive to me. No rage or vicious tendencies were observed.
2. Alex appears to be the primary care giver of the dog according to his Father.

**History:** Alex and Tyson have had no Obedience Training. Alex has seemed to only play tug, wrestle and rough play and ball throwing with Tyson. This stimulates prey drive in the dog causing excitement and a "hard mouth" in the dog.

**Recommendations:**

1. Tug toys (knotted rope, stuffed animals, balls) are triggers for prey drive instinct responses. **ALL** toys be taken away immediately and **NO** tug of war, rough housing or ball chasing should be played.
2. Obedience Training for Alex and Tyson are highly recommended and should be practiced as a daily routine. All dogs require a clearly defined Leadership Position for guidance and discipline. Obedience Training develops that Leadership role in the handler which is required in a proper Master/ Dog relationship.