

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

August 12, 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.

Chairman King opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman King wanted to wish a Happy 70th Birthday to Smokey Bear and thank the library for the party.

One Day Liquor License-Struck Catering at Asa Waters Mansion on September 13, 2014
Motion to approve the one day license made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

One Day Liquor License-Your Bartender Tonight at Asa Waters Mansion on September 26, 2014

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Drainlayer to Lay Drains- Fred Douglas-Douglas Excavating

Mr. Douglas said that they are putting a sewer line in for 18 Overlook Dr. He does the work himself.

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

Motion carried

IMA with Spencer; CIC Grant- Mr. McNeil explained that this is the 3rd round of grants from the CIC coalition for stormwater management. This is designed to wean the towns off of the state grant money.

Motion to approve the IMA with Spencer made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Approved by Roll Call Vote.

Fred Mosely spoke for the Roadway Advisory Committee. Mr. Mosely said that last year they were able to do parts of Howe Ave, River Street, Wheelock Appletree and West Main Streets; this year we were fortunate to pick up \$64,000 to be spent by June 30th; it was very short time to put a project out so we decided to put the overlay on Riverlin that was neglected a couple of years ago. We have decided to spend \$25,000 on crack sealing this year to try to maintain

roads; engineering for the reconstruction of Wedgwood Dr., Lincoln Ave Ext., Carleton Road- the frost heaves were a big problem, drainage work for Stowe Road, and Auburn Road We reevaluate every 5 years; tomorrow we are going to get a draft report from CMRPC regarding current state of roads.

Chairman King asked if Stowe Road if this would be completed from Carleton to the Millbury line. Yes, that is the plan. There is a lot of culver work to be done.

Selectman Borowski asked where Alpine and Gilbert fit in? They are on the list for consideration; we were looking to do Gilbert as a pilot project with Auburn to work together; Auburn decided to go it alone and we found out we couldn't do it in that time- hopefully in Oct-Nov we will plan for the spring. What about the Roads off of South Main Street- They are working their way up the list; please send updated list to the Selectmen.

Selectman Krumsiek asked why the bad, bad roads are last on the list. We try to concentrate on the heavier traveled roads and neighborhoods-it is easier to do it together.

Selectman Cristo asked about Elmwood St; two to three years ago; a portion of the lower part of Elmwood is going to be effected by the MADOT project for the roundabout and we made major drainage improvements on the part of the Elmwood project.

Selectman Ashmankas asked about the roads off of S.Main as well; Leslie, Sycamore, and S.Main itself. That is why we are updating the pavement management plan; we have been talking about Auburn, Carleton and Wedgwood for 4-5 years, others may move up the list.

Chairman King thanked Fred Mosely for coming in and for all of the work the committee does.

Robert D. McNeil- DPW Director- He is reviewing applications for Equip. Operator II; seasonal employees are leaving this week; Cemetery water project was completed; he wanted to thank Aquarion Water for manpower and materials; Mr. Spain said that Bernie Plante got it going; and he wanted to thank as well; Michelle Desorcy, this is the second time we asked Aquarion to help us in the cemetery and they did it; Osterman Gas provided a backhoe; Craig Fallgrin, Steve Trottier, Jack Mazeika, Gary Manoogian, Dave Aspinwall, Dave Rudge, Jude Cristo, Brian Gasco, Brian Gasco, Jr., and Fran King. Many thanks to everyone who helped out. Mr. McNeil continued saying that Stowe Road drainage is completed and operational; Carlton Road has started from Greenwood to West Main; reconstruction of the intersection of Stowe Road reclaimed about 100 feet and the drainage area on Stowe; competition is expected before the end of the month; there is a 48" culvert that needs to be repaired at 53 Elmwood St. which will begin next week. Lincoln Ave. Extension will be completed after Carlton-early Septish. He is coordinating with police, fire, seniors and post office regarding detours; potholes have slowed down. Mr. Spain added that they forgot to add Steve Piscatelli for helping on the cemetery project.

Selectman King asked if a sign could go up on Elmwood at Beech to let them know that Carleton Road is closed.

Selectman Cristo was at Goretti's and a woman came up to her and told her that she had a pleasant experience at the Transfer Station-Adam was very helpful to her.

Selectman Krumsiek told Mr. McNeil that the basketball hoop at Washington St. Park needed repairs.

Mr. McNeil added that once again we were invited by the State Little League to host the regional finals and the state semi-final games that didn't end up having them here because of location.

Hats off to the parks department crew.

Striping was completed last night; they worked Sunday and Monday night. They have extended fog lines to more roads. We are chasing another State grant through CMRPC and MADOT for dangerous curves.

Mr. Spain clarified that the roads that are being paved this year will be striped when they are done if they were before.

Public Hearing 7:30 pm – *see attached packet. Selectman Krumsiek read the Charter Communications Public Hearing notice into record- seconded by Selectman Ashmankas. Motion carried.

Frank Foss from Comcast and Heidi Vanderbrook from Charter were in attendance. Mr. Spain explained that Charter is transferring control to the Comcast Corporation. The law states that at any time there is a transfer of license they need to ask approval from the board, although you really can't deny them.

Mr. Foss from Comcast spoke and said that they will be the parent company, their financials are obvious; we are the largest and will continue to be. They like to get into the community and volunteer regionally; they also have scholarships available.

Chairman of the Cable Advisory Committee, Mary Krumsiek asked if Comcast equipment is compatible with Charter equipment. Mr. Foss said they are compatible, but will probably need to be replaced over time. The transfer will take approximately 6 months – 1 ½ years.

Paul DiCicco asked if the pricing would be the same. Mr. Foss said that there would probably be promotional prices; there is competition in Millbury to keep prices down. Mr. Sullivan from the Cable Committee asked how many shares a committee could have and still vote on the committee. Mr. Spain thinks it is an ethics issues, but the committee is just an advisory committee. Ms. Krumsiek stated that she hopes they will protect our PEG channels; and asked if you can really record 12 shows at once.

Frank Irr asked the Charter representative is freezing screens is still an issue. Digital should help that stop that.

Selectman Ashmankas asked if prices were going to go up. Mr. Foss said that because of this transaction the prices or channels will not change; but he has been working in the business for 22 years and prices have gone up every year.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the transfer and authorize the manager to sign the resolution made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Previous Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the meeting for July 22, 2014 made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

Town Manager report

Mr. Spain said that he's looking at internal candidates for Assessor and Assistant Town Account. Laurie Connors is interviewing for Building Inspector.

Wheelabrator is being sold to Energy Capital of Hampton. Contract doesn't allow for input from the town. The contract with Wheelabrator is still in effect. Mr. Spain doesn't see the relationship going away.

Mr. Alexandrowicz asked if they will still be good to Millbury.

The in-house Attorney Committee met on August 6; next meeting is 9/10; Edd Cote is Chairman.

The Safety Committee is meeting on 9/4/14 at 6:30.

Old/New

Selectman Borowski spoke to Len Mort and wants to do a home rule petition to take the state appointment away from the state and make it local appointed. The housing authority has this same problem and we will check with them as well.

Selectman Borowski said that the vote at town meeting regarding the cemetery fee was bothering him that it was nonbinding; if an appointed board wants to raise fees they should have to go to the town manager or the Selectmen. He would like the board to noodle on that.

Mr. Spain said that by charter if a board is appointed by an elected board they have to bring changes to you; if any board or committee is raising fees they should be looked at by someone. Selectman Borowski asked for Mr. Spain to look into that and see if they need a policy, change or bylaw regarding this matter. He would like to discuss it further at the next meeting.

Selectman Ashmankas doesn't like the State telling the towns what's to do; he doesn't think it's right to tell boards/committees to do.

Old Business:

Verizon Pole Petition for Riverlin Street that was approved at the last meeting needs to be rescinded as there was an error in the paperwork and the work does not need to be done. Motion to rescind the approval made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Borowski.

Motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Cristo said that she has talked to the Remuck family and they are 100% on board to doing this and she would like to motion to make the Millbury Town Song our town song. Chairman King is not sure, Selectman Krumsiek said that there is another song out there and she wants to know what we would do with it. Selectman Cristo said it was a town boy coming home to his hometown Millbury; it's a proud to be from Millbury song. Chairman King wants Mr. Spain to look into the legalities of the song.

Chairman King read Dates to Remember:

Thursday August 14th from 9 to 11 AM –Millbury Historical Society
-Museum OPEN at the Asa Waters Mansion

Friday August 15th at 12 Noon -16th Annual Concerts on the Common
with “Little Red & the Riders”

Saturday August 16th starts at 6:30 AM –ALFW “99 Mile Ride For Mike” all day event

Saturday August 16th from 11 AM to 3 PM –Sheriff Lew Evangelidis’s Annual
Senior Picnic at SAC Park

Wednesday August 20th from 4:30 to 7:30 PM –Blackstone Valley Chamber of
Commerce “Steamers at Sunset”

Thursday August 21st from 6 to 8 PM –Eddie Forman Orchestra at the Senior Center
- Rain or Shine!

On a Good Note

Thank you to Lenny Mort for the office hour’s sign

Happy Birthday to Edd Cote

Mr. Spain said he wanted to congratulate Officer Dan Daly for saving a man’s life while on training in NY.

Selectman Borowski said that the puppy Katie was found and kudos to Chief Howell & his department.

Mail

Letter from the Youth Commission regarding a \$50.00 donation from Helen and Susan Gibbons.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Letter from the Small Business Saturday Task Force regarding a \$100.00 donation from the Millbury Credit Union.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion made by Selectman Krumsiek to adjourn at 8:45 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	_____