

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

September 22, 2015

7:00 pm

Present: Board of Selectmen: Francis B. King, Sandy Cristo; Mary Krumsiek, William Borowski; Town Manager, Bob Spain, Planning Board: Rich Gosselin, Paul Piktelis, Edd Cote, Michael Georges, Terry Burke Dotson, Scott Despres and other concerned citizens

Chairman King called the meeting to order

Selectman Ashmankas is absent tonight- he is going to meet the Pope in Washington.

New Drainlayer-Scott Butler-Wescott- they are putting in a sewer connection at 25 Rogers Street, he did not have a license in Millbury. It is new construction. He does the work himself. Motion to approve the license made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Cristo. Motion carried unanimously.

Joint Appointment with Planning Board regarding a member appointment.

Scott Despres "SD"- would like to get involved to know a little more about the town; he has watched the planning board meetings and he thinks a seat should not be left empty-there is a lot of issues going on in the town.

Terry Burke Dotson "TBD"-She has served on the planning board for 12 years; the reason why she left was her military commitment; she is taking all of the courses offered for the planning board and for the town; she has a lot of education; she has shown the by-laws regarding a vacancy; she applied immediately; this seat was not filled within 30 days; she should have been appointed to fill this seat.

Chairman King asked if the Planning Board has any questions; Chairman Richard Gosselin of the Planning Board said that they had a meeting with both candidates last week and their questions have been answered.

Selectman Borowski asked how they will reconcile their personal beliefs vs the rules & regulations regarding a project.

TBD- she only follows the laws; nothing emotional.

SD- There is no gray area, rules and regulations only; you can listen to other people's opinion to consider their thoughts.

Selectman Cristo asked if Terry Burke Dotson would run for the seat in April

TBD- she is not sure, she would consider it depending what is going on in her life.

SD- said he will not.

Chairman King asked with all of the projects going on what do you think would be your biggest challenge will be:

SD: He is in the construction equipment business for 31 years; he thinks he can complement the board that is here; they are doing a great job; he would like to learn from them.

TBD: You need to keep an eye on these construction sites so that they follow the plans; there's going to be impacts on the schools and roadways.

Chairman King asked for the Planning Board's vote; Chairman Gosselin said that they would both be good members; one has the job and background that they lost when their member moved out of town.

By roll call vote the Planning Board voted unanimously for Scott Despres

By roll call vote the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously for Scott Despres.

Chairman King congratulated Scott Despres.

Mr. Despres thanked the boards for having the confidence in him and he would like to ask Terry Burke Dotson to apply for the associate member seat.

Rob McNeil- he is here for a signature for significant downtown changes and upgrades. There is a CMRPC grant that will create a series of workshops to pull together a master plan that they can build on for years to come. He is also applying for a Narragansett Bay estuary fund grant in the amount of \$400,000. He asked the beautification committee to speak. Laurie Connors spoke regarding her part of the beautification initiative. We like to add landscaping and beautification such as Dunkin Donuts and Fidelity Bank is great examples of low impact development; she is working towards getting the Blackstone swimmable someday. Selectman Krumsiek said that she would have liked a parking lot there, but she likes the plans presented today. Laurie would like direction on what is going to be done with that space, landscaping, parking or low impact developing type. The intent of this grant is to get feedback from the downtown businesses. Chairman King asked what the ground would be. The lower common will continue to degrade if we do not move forward at this time, whether it be landscaping or a parking lot let's do something. Chairman King would like a few parking spots; Selectman Cristo agreed that parking was vital, but landscaping is very nice. Selectman Borowski said that he would be good with this project if it is grants, etc., but he is leery on asking for \$100,000 from town meeting. Selectman Borowski said that the board has always been asking for economic development but they do not like to spend money; we all want the downtown to be beautiful and we need to start putting the money forward to get these things done. She needs support for this application and we need to continue the conversation for getting these projects done. Chairman King said that the downtown has to be beautified as it is the first thing you see when you come to town . Motion to support the grant application made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

Laurie Connors also wanted to speak about the banner program; this is a fundraiser that will be on the telephone poles in the center of town; they are selling for \$300/banner; they will be for 3 winter seasons; they have 20 available, she has 5 sold so far and 13 letters of interest; deadline is October 9th; the money will be reinvested into the downtown area.

Len Mort wanted to say that the clock project is being done without tax payer dollars and if they ask for money at town meeting that would not have anything to do with the Redevelopment Authority. The clock is being funded through donations.

7:43 pm Public Hearing for Verizon Pole Petition-Main Street- Selectman Krumsiek read the hearing notice read into record.

Kelly spoke for Verizon stating that all three poles are going to be replaced and one will be moved about 24 feet-as it sits right now it is right in front of the window at 61 Main Street.

Paul Gagne lives at 61 Main Street and he is extremely happy that this is finally being done, it has been about 10 years; but he doesn't want any guy wires on his property.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman King asked if the double poles could be removed and have someone contact the manager; Mr. Spain asked that they make sure to call dig safe and make sure they do not hit the sewage pipes.

Motion to approve the pole petition for Main Street made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Drake Petroleum-Millbury X-TRA Mart- 100 Worcester/Providence Tpk.

Attorney Brian Heney spoke regarding the Change of Officer/Directors and a Change in Ultimate Beneficial Interest. He stated that there will be no change in the business; Drake is continuing to be the licensee; The ABCC requires the local licensing authority to approve this corporate change.

Motion to approve the change made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

One-Day Liquor License- Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce at Felters Mill

October 22, 2015 7:00pm – 10:00 pm.

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

Motion carried unanimously

One-Day Liquor License- Peppers Catering at Asa Waters Mansion

September 27, 2015 12:30pm – 4:30 pm.

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

Motion carried unanimously

Vote to disband Wayfarer Sign Committee- Selectman Borowski fell on his sword; he did not have the time to commit.

Len Mort reminded the board that they have to have way finder signs by a Millbury By-law.

Selectman Borowski motioned to disband the committee seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Borowski asked the Town Planner, Laurie Connors to come up with some suggestion and report to this board.

Previous Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2015 selectmen meeting made by Selectman Cristo, seconded by Selectman Borowski.

Motion carried unanimously.

Town Manager Report

It came to his attention that on the website the minutes were out of date; he has instituted a new policy regarding the minutes so that it will be up to date; we will be watching that.

Mr. Spain has asked Chief Desorcy to look into security here at the town hall due to a couple of minor incidents that came up.

There was a petition turned in for a special town meeting but it did not ask for a special town meeting; so they have to start from scratch.

Mr. Spain will be discussing Wilkinson et al v. Town of Millbury in executive session.

The potholes email is working well. It has been a nightmare for potholes this year.

Facebook is up and running; Selectman Borowski said that this is exactly what he wanted, very good.

The new unit for the HVAC is in; there is a structural issue because it is heavier than the old one.

Chairman King asked Mr. Spain to have Chief Desorcy come in and give us an update.

Selectman Borowski proposed he come in monthly.

Selectman Krumsiek wanted to know why Rob McNeil does whatever he wants on Gilbert Way without communicating to the residents and is changing the cul-de-sac to a Y without their approval, he needs to stop blindsiding the residents. Mr. Spain said that Mr. McNeil has held several public hearings and the RAC also held hearing on this; he is in communication with the residents of Gilbert Way. He is doing this to save money and it is environmentally better.

Selectman Krumsiek wants to make sure that the new developments will not have cul-de-sacs.

Anything that the department heads do come back on the selectmen, it gets frustrating. She thanked Mr. Spain for fixing the minutes on the website.

Selectman Borowski asked if there is a fee or fine for having an unlicensed dog that gets involved in a fight or bites. Mr. Spain said that he will get that answer for the next meeting.

Dates to Remember

Friday September 25th from 5 to 8 PM Vistas of Millbury and the Blackstone Valley" Art Exhibit with a special Champagne and Canapes Reception at the Asa Waters Mansion

Sunday September 27th at 8 AM 17th Annual UMass Medicine Cancer Walk & 5K Run

Saturday October 3rd from 10 AM to 2 PM 2nd Annual Central MA Energy Fair at Millbury High School

Sunday, September 23rd 9 am at Assumption Church-the Annual Firefighters mass

October 3rd -Open House at Fire Headquarters 5:30 – 7:30

On a Good Note

Congratulations to Kenzo for receiving the first award from MaCOP for apprehending an armed robber.

Great turn out for the bark park

Kudos again to the Millbury Federated Church block party committee; it was a great time again.

The children in Mr. Ragaini's and Ms.Valincourt's classes at Shaw sent thank you's to the Fire Fighters in remembrance of 9/11. Thank you to all of the children.

Mail:

Proclamation for the Millbury Fire Department for Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10, 2015, "Hear the Deep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!"

Motion to declare October 4 – 10, 2015 Fire Prevention Week made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek. Motion carried unanimously.

Letter from Laurie Connors regarding donations to the Millbury Beautification Initiative banner project.

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

Selectman Borowski made a motion to extend the negotiating timeframe with the town manager to October 30th seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Convene in Executive Session under M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21A, ¶ 2 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation to discuss the town manager's contract if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares and ¶3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares re: Wilkinson, et al. v. Town of Millbury The Chairman King so declared.

The Chairman called for roll call vote, and the vote was unanimous to go into an Executive Session.

Motion made by Selectman Krumsiek to adjourn at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Selectman Cristo. Approved by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Tish Hayes, Secretary

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