

TOWN OF MILLBURY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM

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October 11, 2016

7:00 pm

Selectmen Present: Selectman Francis B. King, Sandy Cristo, Mary Krumsiek, Scott Despres, and Jon Adams
Interim Town Manager, E. Bernard Plante, Robert D. McNeil, III, Jayne Davolio, Bill Borowski, Tom Reilly and other concerned citizens

Qdoba Restaurant- Elizabeth Amaral-Manager spoke to say that the corporation is changing an officers to Keith Guibault as President.

Motion to approve the change made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Cristo.
Motion carried unanimously.

Jayne Davolio- Town Clerk- Regarding the State Election (Presidential) for early voting, she did find out that people can hold signs but they need to be in a designated area. Selectman Krumsiek asked if the early voting could be mailed out. Yes it can. The information needed is the same as an absentee voting or voting. The town clerk office will be open for early voting October 24–November 4 M,W,TH,F,Sat – 8:30 am – 4:30 pm and Tuesday’s 8:30 am – 7:00 pm. Selectman Cristo asked if she sends out absentee ballots to the same people as last year. Only if they have a note from their doctor saying that they cannot ever come to vote. Other than that they have to apply yearly. Selectman Despres asked if having early voting was voluntary or mandatory. It is Mandatory. The State has given a small amount of money towards this.

Rob McNeil- DPW Director- He has budgeted \$25,000 a year for crack sealing. Miles Street, Prospect Street, Leone Street, Budreau Avenue, Lindy Street, High Street, Lincoln Street, Hamilton Street, Walling Avenue, Atwood Avenue, Lincoln Ave Extension, Elmwood Street (from Beach Street to Old Common), Carleton Road, Stowe Road, Apple Tree Drive, Bella Rosa Avenue, Stone Road, Laurel Heights neighborhood (Laurel Drive Juniper Drive, Ridgewood Drive, Birchwood Drive, Oakview Drive), Wheelock Avenue, Howe Avenue. Selectman Despres asked why the DPW cannot do it; they do not have the equipment. When is this going to be done-it is a spring project. We are looking to tackle the roads that we have paved in the last 5 years to preserve them. Selectman Cristo asked what procurement category does this fall under. It is under construction. Selectman Adams asked if spending \$75,000 on crack sealing would be more helpful as the roads are deteriorating faster than we can keep up. He then asked if the new product of tar is not as durable as it was years ago. Mr. McNeil does not believe this is the case, the modern mixes are superior; he agrees the town needs to spend a lot more money on roads. The South Main Street area is going to take numerous years to get that area done. Selectman Adams thinks they should be spending more money on crack sealing; maybe up to \$35,000.00. The next Roadway Advisory Committee is on October 19th at 6:00 pm. Selectman Krumsiek asked when the last time we crack sealed- he thinks it was 2014. Selectman Despres asked for the list of roads that was done in 2014; then he asked if there is any type of warranty on

the new roads. The Dorothy Pond dredging schedule will begin Monday, October 17th and may take them through November 30th. They have started the draw down at all lakes. The Ramshorn Dam project is moving along nicely. At Ramshorn they have stopped drawing out water; the drought has certainly allowed the contractor to proceed without the need for water control. The water level will be restored at its early ability; we need the complete upstream wall, gatehouse and low level outlet. As soon as the contractor can restore the water level he will. Selectman Adams asked if there is a specific number as to when they will raise the water. Mr. McNeil and Mr. Plante meet weekly with the contractors and they continually discuss the levels. Selectman Cristo asked for the estimated completion of the dam. Early June is expected; he is hopeful that the residents will be able to enjoy the lake even while the other construction continues. Mr. McNeil is disappointed with the contractor who did the line striping and fog lines. He has been in constant contact with him to alleviate this and they will be coming back to grind off and repaint Elm Street, Water St., Providence St., Canal St., and South Main Street. There were four vehicles with paint on them, one being a police cruiser. Selectman Krumsiek asked if was at the contractors cost. Yes. Chairman King asked if the weather contributed to the paint not drying. Mr. McNeil thinks that it was the humidity. They had 4 cars with paint on them and he doesn't remember that ever happening in the past. The beautification committee has started their plantings on Main Street. The time has come to make a decision regarding the ramps and crosswalks. He has not gotten as many comments as he would like, but he can safely say they were more positive than negative. Selectman Krumsiek said that she got more calls against it and statements that they cannot see the people in the crosswalk at the barber shop. Selectman Adams asked for signs telling people that the crosswalk is coming or pylons in the middle of the road that remind people that they have to stop for a crosswalk. Chairman King said that he is for the crosswalks for safety reasons. Selectman Cristo does not want to lose the crosswalks. Selectman Adams would like a center pylon and Selectman Krumsiek as well. Selectman Despres is not in favor of bump-outs at all; Selectmen Krumsiek is not. The primary call for the bump outs is for shorter people. Because of the high pedestrian traffic in those areas the crosswalks were necessary. We have seen lower speeds with having the crosswalks. Selectman Krumsiek said that as many times as she drives up and down Elm St. she has never, ever seen anyone use the crosswalk at the Elm. He is looking for direction from the board regarding placement of the crosswalks. The temporary ramps and planters will be taken out by November 1st. Selectman Krumsiek said that she does not want to vote for the bump outs without knowing what the cost would be. She would rather have a road paved than add these bump outs. Mr. McNeil said that these two areas are necessary for bump outs for slowing traffic and safety. We want to bring beauty back to the downtown.

Selectman Adams made a motion to keep the crosswalks in the same vicinity that they are now and to get a price for the bump outs before proceeding, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried 4-1 (Selectman Despres opposed)

He has been working with the Environmental Police to step up enforcement on Riverlin Street; the landfill cap has received extensive damage due to off road vehicles. Thanks to National Grid

and the Environmental Police Officers for working with him to stop these vehicles. Thank you to the Historical Society for the sign at Old Common; it looks great. Selectman Adams asked if Mr. McNeil has been in contact with the Botts of Gover Road regarding the placement of the jersey barriers. He has and he is working to get some boulders. We now have 4 electric car charging stations up and running; one at town hall, the library, DPW garage and the high school. The charging stations are for public use. Level 1, which is plug into any plug, takes 24 hrs to charge; Level 2 is what we have at all four locations and that takes about 4 hrs; Level 3's are a full charge in 30 minutes. GPS's now show where there are chargers. He would like to thank Dennis Hill for taking on the ADA project for the Asa Waters assessable ramp project; he has hit it out of the park with no help from the DPW. Selectman Cristo said that the walkways look like they have always been there wanted to correct Mr. McNeil-it is the Town Band stand; not the Mansion. He has had 3 public hearings regarding the South Main Street area road improvement project, they did a direct mailing to those residents; they have about 30 residents show up and will get a base plan in place and then invite the neighbors back to go over the plan; take further feedback and then finalize the plan. We have been reaching out to utilities to get replaced or fixed before the project begins. Most of the pipe in the ground is concrete so that is better than corrugated metal. He will be putting out a contract for cameras to look at the area.

Mr. McNeil has been contacted by MaDot regarding beginning repairs to the South Main Street bridge; he does not know how long this process will take. The DPW has prepped what needs to be done before the repairs begin. Chairman King asked if they were going to close the bridge. Mr. McNeil does not think so. He has been working with P&W Railroad to obtain an easement to alleviate the drainage issues that has been plaguing the senior center. Thanks to Judy for her input and patience in this project.

Selectman Adams asked if the town wide bridge inspection program was a State mandate and if they find anything do we have to fix it within a certain amount of time and if not, fines. Mr. McNeil said that this is for gathering data for our 35 town owned bridges, he does not believe fines will be assessed; he thinks that this will be very helpful.

Selectman Krumsiek asked for a pavement management plan. She asked about the trackless mower; thankfully the driver was not injured in that accident; last week we received the insurance check and the equipment has been ordered. There is an outstanding list of roadside mowing that needs to be completed. We did try to get a rental but it was refused by the insurance company of the driver. Selectman Cristo said that she has a passion for roads and would like to have more crack sealing done for preservation.

Selectman Despres asked Mr. McNeil to ask the contractor keep the sidewalk clean around the Howe Ave project.

Amy George- Opioid Task Force- The task force was formed over the summer and has met bi-weekly to get things started and also has met with the police and superintendent. Our goal is to provide resources for people and family members of loved ones with guidance and support. We are finding barriers in trying to contact us. She has put out her cell phone number so that people

can call or text her anytime. There is a lot of help out there; she'd like to be a connection for people for someone to call. They have no funding; they would like marketing resources. There are 6 or 7 members. Chairman King asked if they have reached out to Senator Moore regarding resources or grant money. She works in the addition field; she would like to put her cell # out there-508-259-5079.

Previous Minutes

Motion made by Selectman Krumsiek to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2016 regular meeting, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Town Manager Report

Mr. Plante is appointing Pauline Tranter as the pt/temporary director of the Asa Waters Mansion due to the retirement of Catherine Elliot. She has a tremendous amount of enthusiasm for the mansion.

Motion my Selectman Krumsiek to concur with the appointment of Pauline Tranter, seconded by Selectman Adams.

Motion carried 4-0-1 (Selectman Cristo abstained)

Mr. Plante has spoken with the Stowe Farm folks who would like to add three more weekends for the liquor license for their season

Motion to extend the liquor license for the weekends of October, 2016 made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Despres.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Plante met with Riccardi this morning regarding the Ramshorn Dam project-it seems to be going along the way it should be.

The MaPike tolls booths will be removed beginning next week; everyone will require an ez pass.

He, Katie, the Chairman and the school officials met with the MSBA regarding the new Shaw School project. They discussed the building permits going up this year and the inspector will be sending in information regarding the numbers.

The house that was condemned on Hayward Lane has sold; we got our back taxes, the boarding up charges and the kennel fees.

Mr. Plante met with Katie, Rob and Denise to discuss the Ramshorn project funding. Selectman Krumsiek asked to have the Chief in to discuss the Methadone Clinic concerns and the Chief's

plan. Chairman King would like to have the board vote to have "no parking" on Howe Ave. Selectman Cristo was concerned about security and what hours they are open.

Selectman Adams would like the information obtained from the department heads by the search committee compiled into a document for their use during the interviewing process of a town manager.

Chairman King read Dates to Remember--

Wednesday October 12, 2016 – Fire Department Open House-4:30pm – 7:30pm

Saturday October 15th -CMMCP Tire Collection at Recycling Center

Sunday October 16th from 10 AM to 3 PM - 8th Annual Bob Anderson Memorial Car Show at Waters Farm in Sutton

Friday October 21st at 7:15 PM; Doors open at 6:30 PM -Youth Center Movie Night – "Beetlejuice"

Friday October 28th from 6:30 to 9:30 PM --Youth Center Costume Party

On a Good Note

Thanks to Dennis Hill for his hard work on the ADA Ramp for the band stand!

October is Breast Cancer awareness month. Get your mammograms and save the ta ta's

Mail

Fire Department Open House October 15th

The Fire Chief has challenged the Police Chief to the 2nd annual food drive at Goretti's from 10am – 2 pm benefiting the Millbury Food Pantries:

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Krumsiek at 8:55 pm, seconded by Selectman Cristo. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tish Hayes, Secretary

Francis B. King

Sandy J. Cristo

Mary Krumsiek

Scott Despres

Jon Adams





