

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

October 22, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Present: Board of Selectmen: E. Bernard Plante; Francis B. King; Brian M. Ashmankas; Sandra J. Cristo; Mary Krumsiek; Town Manager, Bob Spain; Tom Reilly, *The Millbury-Sutton Chronicle*; Jessica Kennedy, *The Telegram & Gazette*; Edd Cote and other concerned citizens.

Order of the **Purple Heart** citation presented to the Town by Senator Michael Moore and Representative Paul Frost. Millbury is the eighth community to receive this designation. Commander Leo Agnew introduced his members Joe and Tom who came with him. August 7th is now designated as Purple Heart Day in the Town of Millbury as they presented the Order of the Purple Heart Designation. Their website is www.purpleheartmass.org. Chairman Plante read Millbury's Proclamation for Purple Heart Day and thanked the gentlemen for giving Millbury this great designation.

Brian Podesta- **Pancreatic Cancer Awareness** Month for November- 5 years ago he lost his brother to this disease. It was the 6th leading cause of cancer and it has jumped to the 4th and by 2020 it is expected to be the 2nd. It essentially goes unnoticed and when the symptom come out it is too late. As a member of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network he has been to Washington to try to get better funding for research.

Selectman Ashmankas read the Proclamation.

Motion to sign the Proclamation made by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

Alicia Setaro is one of the founders of the **Masonic Road Race**- They would like to have their 4th annual road race on May 18, 2014 to benefit the Children's Dyslexia of Worcester. Last year they raised \$10,000 and sent two children to the school.

Motion to approve the road race made by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board signed the Bond Anticipation Note for Technology in the amount of \$175,000.00, Text Books in the amount of \$103,588.00 and Chapter 90 money in the amount of \$400,000.00.

Motion to approve and sign Bond Anticipation Notes made by Selectman Cristo, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

P&W Railroad Crossing- They are looking to close Rice Road to replace the crossing.

Motion to close Rice Road on October 28 & 29 made by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Verizon Pole Petition

Selectman Ashmankas read public hearing notice into record at 7:30 pm

Tom Blicharz appeared for Verizon. He is here to ask permission to add 6 poles on McGrath Road. These poles are necessary because there is a solar farm being built at end of street so the poles need to be upgraded and added so they are up to standard.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the pole petition made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

Previous Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of the meeting for October 8, 2013 made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Town Manager Report:

Mr. Spain is appointing Richard Johnson, Uxbridge MA as equipment operator II-we spoke to the union regarding starting pay as we are between two contracts. Mr. Johnson has all the necessary licenses and a lot of experience.

Motion to concur with appointment pending CORI and physical made by Selectman Cristo, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Motion carried unanimously.

Our recycling trend continues at the transfer station; for the second straight month we are less than 200 tons- recycling is up. We are a finalist for a recycling award from the State. This is a great compliment to Rob McNeil and his staff.

At the WRTA meeting they voted some new services that they are going to test out. Ridership has gone up dramatically. They will be bringing in people from Northbridge and Grafton to the Shoppes. They are making good changes and trying to fix the time issues.

The tax classification hearing will be held on November 12th- we are moving right along.

The final Charter Communications contract will be approved on November 12th. The DPW still wants to meet on a couple of minor issues-he is cautiously optimistic to have it approved on November 12th.

There is no news with the Cell Tower – other towns are having the same issues. Our contact ends in December- the Board has to decide if they want to end it and go out to re-bid.

The test call with CodeRed went great-the office received a lot of calls to sign people up. We made over 6000 connects.

The Chairman said that he hopes we don't have to use it but he is happy that we have it.

Old/New Business

Selectman Krumsiek asked when the paving is starting- They are starting the milling tomorrow. She also asked hypothetically if a tree in the cemetery falls and breaks a stone-who replaces it?

Selectman King asked what they are going at Carleton Road and Stowe Road. Chairman Plante asked if they could wait to move the pole until the spring when construction begins.

Selectman King asked for the Chief of Police to come in and update the Board. He will be in for the November 12th meeting.

Selectman King asked to have a workshop with the manager to determine goals and objectives for him and asked that each member bring 3 goals or objectives to work with the manager. Set the meeting for October 29th at 7:00 pm.

Selectman Cristo wants to talk about central cemetery- she does not have a personal agenda in Central Cemetery, her concerns are for the Millbury residents who are questioning the administrative fee of \$200.00.

She would like to have the cemetery commission come in to the next meeting to discuss the fees.

On a Good Note

Selectman King: Rogers Farm and Garden held a fall festival that was really nice!

November 2nd Tractor Supply is having their grand opening.

Thanks to Fred Jarvis of Sutton for picking up trash on Main Street- and Ruth Grundstom who cleans up trash on Beach Street and Kathy Mardirosian on South Oxford Road.

Congratulations to Jessica Sharon on receiving money from District Attorney Joe Early. She has done a tremendous job on her own.

Selectman Krumsiek: Good luck to the Millbury High Marching band at the finals in Lowell on Sunday.

Soccer and cross country won their divisions.

Dates to Remember read by Chairman Plante:

- Saturday, October 26, 2013- Tire Collection Day at Transfer Station from 9 am – 2 pm
- Saturday, October 26, 2013- Pet Halloween Parade on the Common at 12:00 pm
- Saturday, October 26, 2013- Millbury Youth Center Halloween Party at McGrath School 6 pm – 10 pm
- Thursday, October 31, 2013 - Halloween
- Saturday, November 2, 2013- Brush Chipping at DPW Garage 8 am – 12 pm
- Saturday, November 16, 2013- Brush Chipping at DPW Garage 8 am – 12 pm
- Sunday, December 8, 2013- Chain of Lights

Mail:

Letter from Laurie Connors regarding donations in the amount of \$216.00 for the Bark Park
 Motion to accept the donation made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Cristo.
 Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion made by Selectman King to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.
 Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tish Hayes, Secretary

E. Bernard Plante	_____
Francis B. King	_____
Brian M. Ashmankas	_____
Sandy J. Cristo	_____
Mary Krumsiek	_____

The Board of Selectmen