

TOWN OF MILLBURY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

October 25, 2016

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Selectmen Present: Selectman Francis B. King, Sandy Cristo; Mary Krumsiek, Scott Despres, and Jon Adams
Interim Town Manager, E. Bernard Plante, Jude Cristo, Joe Coggans, Rusty Valerie, Jean Moroski, Carol Smith, Frances Gauthier and other concerned citizens

Chairman King explained that our meeting is being held at the Library tonight because Early Voting is set up in the Selectmen meeting room at the municipal office building.

Drainlayer License to Lay Drains- AF Amorello & Sons, Worcester MA

Motion to renew AF Amorello & Sons Drainlayer License made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Adams.

Motion carried unanimously.

Sarah Murray-Millbury Parents Club- 5K and Fun Run, This is the 4th year of having this run. Chief Desorcy has approved the route and she got permission to use Windle Field as well. It is the same route; they will be starting earlier and adding raffles and different things this year. Selectman Cristo asked about the kid run. It is around Windle Field, no road running for the children under 10. Selectman Despres asked if she would be looking for volunteers. Yes, definitely the day of the event to set up and donations are always welcome.

Motion to approve the 5K and Fun Run made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Adams.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Classification Hearing

Selectman Krumsiek read the public hearing notice into record

Chairman of the Board of Assessors, Jude Cristo, spoke regarding the data presented and explained how the assessors go about determining the tax rate. They do not believe in going with different classifications. Millbury relies mostly on residential taxes as it does not have significant industrial growth. \$16.43 is the new rate.

Chairman King said that other towns around us are also going to the single tax classification. Selectman Despres asked what is a methadone clinic going to do for businesses that may want to come to Millbury. He then asked how many homes were visited for this new valuation. About 25% of homes have been done; that will be figured in next year. Do we have areas in Millbury where industrial development could happen? Mr. Cristo believes there is.

Motion to close public hearing made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Adams.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the single tax classification made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Despres.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mobilite Pole Petition

Selectman Krumsiek read the public hearing notice into record

Rosana Ferrante-Senior Permitting Manager said that her colleague has spoken to the town planner already. They are proposing a utility pole in the right of way; they are not a cell pole, they provide backhaul for better internet connectivity; Mobilite does that wirelessly. This will not be in a residential area. It is in the Shoppes at Blackstone Valley. It will be a 75' pole with a 3' antenna. Chairman King would like them to go to the Planning Board first and then back for selectmen approval.

Motion to close the public hearing made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Cristo. Motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Despres motioned to defer to the Planning Board for site plan review, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

Joint appointment with the Millbury Housing Authority

Gil Picard spoke to say that he would like to help the Housing Authority. Carol Smith and Frances Gauthier spoke saying that the board was in favor of Mr. Picard.

Motion made by Selectman Krumsiek to appoint Gil Picard to the Millbury Housing Authority, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Doreen DeFazio-Stefano Loretto, Good Energy-Municipal Aggregation*

Stefano said that if you are not in a program you will automatically get the better rate; if you are you will have to opt in when the contract is over. You will receive an "opt out" letter from Good Energy which will come from the Town of Millbury; Good Energy will not call you or go door to door. Look for the Town Seal to make sure that it is the town's program. He needs an authorized signatory for the bid offer; they will only give us a short amount of time to choose a price. They are in the process of setting up a marketing campaign; there will be meetings set up at the senior center and the library as well.

Selectman Adams asked if they have been in contact with Judy O'Connor. Yes; he then asked about Ngrid's delivery rate and if the town will be penalized for going out for the supply rate.

What happens to folks with solar?

Selectman Despres asked if they will be sending out a notice to each residence. Yes, they get a list from Ngrid for eligible customers. People have to opt out if they don't want the rate. Everyone will save money; they will not start a contract above the utility rate. To opt out of your current contract usually takes 2 billing cycles. When our contract ends you go back to Ngrid. A gentleman in the audience said that he would rather an opt in letter than an opt out.

Chairman King wanted to explain to the board that they have been misinformed regarding a kennel license; the Board of Selectmen cannot restrict the license. Attorney Brian Falk explained that the issuance of the kennel license is with the town clerk; only after a complaint can the selectmen have a hearing regarding a kennel. Selectman Cristo asked who can put restrictions on the kennel license. The Planning Board has jurisdiction on the kennel license for site plan review.

Chairman King explained that the interim town manager cannot make permanent appointments, but he can notify employees that contracts will not be renewed if that is the case.

Attorney Faulk explained that the Dover Amendment and that the selectmen cannot get involved in the application of Spectrum's Methadone Clinic. If you are going to speak publicly about this, you should be caution in your words and make sure to say that you are speaking as a citizen not as a selectman.

Chief Donald Desorcy and Chief Richard Hamilton

Chief Desorcy said that about 2 weeks ago they were approached by the Charlton Chief who is looking into a regional emergency dispatch center to attend a meeting with other communities. They are in the fact finding portion of this plan. Chief Hamilton thinks this might save the town money but they need more information.

They attended a meeting with Sutton and Grafton regarding MedStar Ambulance. It is suggested that we do extend our contract. All feedback was positive regarding MedStar.

This year the Fire Chief challenged the Police Chief to the food drive on Saturday, October 29th at Goretti's from 10am – 2pm. This benefits all three food pantries in town.

Chief Desorcy is going to set a date for the Toy Drive at Ray's True Value.

Chief spoke about the Kid Academy that was held over the summer. Lt. Rush-Kittle was instrumental in getting this up and running. Selectman Krumsiek asked if they would be doing a citizens academy; he was short 8 officers last year; right now he has 4 out.

Officer Cadrin was appointed to sergeant and Officer Warpula was appointed to detective. He has hired new special police officers; he hired 18 and is trying to get up to 24; they now have all been trained and certified. August 1st MPD participated in National Night Out for the first time. They invited the Fire Department and it was well attended. We had raffles and giveaways; bikes, helmets, etc. with sponsors from Target, Dorenzo's, and Stowe Farm. He's hoping to make it bigger and better next year.

Sgt McFaul & Officer McGrath is doing training for the Mass Chief's Assoc.

Lt. Rush-Kittle makes sure all officers have in-service training; we have officers as trained instructors; the Lt. has increased our E911 grant for more training; the public safety sighting committee has not met since December; they are on hold until a town manager is hired. They think the site near the dpw is great for a police station and they are looking at areas near the center for the fire station. The issue is not dead. The narcan policy is almost complete. The evidence chain of command policy is updated. We currently have 103 policies. They still have a ways to go for state certification. We are looking for a lateral transfer so that he doesn't have to wait for them to go to the academy, they can be on an accelerated FTO program. We couldn't hire an officer last year because of overtime costs; we have a lot of officers out which makes a lot of OT. He applied and received a grant from Target for taking a child shopping and maybe out to eat or a movie. They have received 2 new SUV's, three were taken out of the fleet; there's an opioid awareness video on our website and public access. The Chief's Challenge Food Drive is Saturday to benefit the food pantries in town.

Selectman Krumsiek said that when asked what her proudest moment being a selectman was she replied hiring the Chief.

Selectman Cristo asked how often does the department get certified. The officers need continual certifications and training.

Selectman Adams said it would be good to see the officers walking around town. Selectman Despres asked about the issues at Jacques Park. Chief thought they were doing better there, but there recently had been some vandalism from ATV's. They are patrolling it though.

Previous Minutes

Motion made by Selectman Krumsiek to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2016 regular meeting, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Town Manager Report

He is not ready to approve the Police Contract; they are still waiting to talk to the attorney on a couple of corrections.

The director of Planning & Development, Kevin Flynn has resigned; Mr. Plante is working on a replacement. Mr. Flynn just did not feel Millbury was the right fit for him.

Senator Moore called today and said that District Attorney is donating some workers for the parks.

He has been fielding questions on the methadone clinic and doing some research.

The Ramshorn Pond project is going well, meeting weekly with the contractors.

Selectman Adams asked Mr. Plante to ask the DPW Director about the refill program for Ramshorn Pond. Mr. Plante asked the contractor this morning and he thought they could start refilling in January. Selectman Adams would like an elevation number.

Chairman King asked Mr. Plante to look into the status of Wedgewood Drive. Selectman Krumsiek thinks that it is held up because of litigation and no recording of it being an accepted roadway.

Chairman King asked Mr. Plante about the process of hiring an HR Director. He has met with the Superintendent and they are going to meet again next week.

Selectman Despres asked when they can discuss the methadone clinic. Chairman King said that you can discuss it at the public hearing. Selectman Despres said that 50 or more people attended that meeting and the next will have more. If the questions are not answered by the owners, why have a public hearing. He would like to make a Motion to draft a letter to the Planning Board to change the venue of the next meeting that is more conducive to the large crowd. Selectman Adams said that the planning board is doing that. Selectman Despres wanted to get the question answered regarding the other locations that were looked into. He is frustrated that this board is reactive and not proactive; he is angry that we cannot do anything about a methadone clinic coming into town. What is our role? Chairman King said that this is in front of another elected board and you can really do anything as a private citizen.

Chairman King recommended that we renew the interim town manager's appointment for another three months to take us through January.

Motion to renew the interim town manager's appointment through January, 2017 made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded for discussion by Selectman Despres.

Selectman Despres said that the contract was for 20 hours/week and for a certain amount of money; is Mr. Plante still able to do the hours and is there still money there for him?

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman King thanked Mr. Plante for his work.

Chairman King would recommend that all department heads are deemed RAO's for their department and the Town Manager be the super RAO.

Motion to appoint department heads as Record Access Officer and the overseer is the Town Manager made by Selectman Krumsiek seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman King Read Dates to Remember:

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

Friday October 28th from 7 to 8:30pm at the Asa Waters Mansion: The Massachusetts Center for Civic Education Adult Learning Initiative - the Bill of Rights

Selectmen Meeting

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Saturday October 29th from 10am to 2pm-Chief's Food Challenge at Goretto's to benefit Millbury food pantries

Sunday November 6th at 4pm Young People's Classical Concert at First Congregational Church

On a Good Note

Congratulations to the Town Clerk for winning the silver medal for Early Voting from Common Cause. It is going well, had approximately 200 people on the first day.

Selectman Krumsiek was Senator for a Day at the State House. It was a great experience. Thank you to Senator Moore for nominating her.

Selectman Adams wanted to say what a tremendous job the Town Manager Screening Committee is doing. They brainstormed ideas and are moving it along.

Mail

Early Voting October 24, 2016 – November 4, 2016 8:30 – 4:30 and Tuesday 8:30 – 7:00.

The MA Center for Civic Education will unveil its adult learning initiative on Friday, October 28th at the Asa Waters Mansion from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Krumsiek at 9:47 pm, seconded by Selectman Cristo. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tish Hayes, Secretary

Francis B. King

Sandy J. Cristo

Mary Krumsiek

Scott Despres

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Community Aggregation Program Update

October 25th, 2016

IN SUMMARY:

- *Program goal is to save money through bulk purchase of all accounts on National Grid basic service*
- *Approved at Town Meeting in May 2015*
- *Approved by DPU on September 14, 2016*
- *On track for bid in mid-November*
- *Expecting at least 4 qualified suppliers to bid*
- *Program will start as planned January*

CURRENT STATUS:

- *Awaiting DPU Orders-Expected this week*
- *Expect to go to bid by mid-November*
- *Winter Residential National Grid Rate \$0.09787 per kWh*
- *National Grid Winter rate starts Nov. 1*
- *On track for program to start with January meter read*

QUESTIONS?

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Chief Report

SELECTMENS MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2016

- July 25 thru July 29, 2016 Second Youth Police Academy was held.
- July 1, 2016 Officer Kimberly Cadrin appointed to the rank of Police Sergeant.
- October 1, 2016 Officer Andrea Warpula appointed to the position of Detective.
- October 2016 - 12 Additional Special Police Officers have been appointed.
- August 2, 2016. Participated in our first annual National Night Out.
- Millbury Parents Road Race 5K.
- Sandra Fischer Food Pantry 5K.
- Ella Grace Fund Raiser 5K.
- Assumption School 5K.
- Jimmy Fund 5K Cancer walk in Boston
- In-Service training for all sworn personnel has been scheduled for 2017.
- State 911 Grant has been applied for and accepted.
- Public Safety Site Committee has not met recently. Have selected possible sites but the committee is not in a position to make offers for the property.
- Narcan Policy has been completed and waiting for approval. (*Medical Director*)
- Evidence and Property Control Policy implemented.
- Evidence Collection and Preservation Policy implemented.
- Lateral Transfer process beginning.
- Applied for Target Corporation Grant- Heroes and Helpers.
- Sergeant McFaul completed Armors Training for Handguns and long guns.
- Sgts. McFaul and Lewos completed firearms and yearly taser recertification training for all officers.
- CPR / AED Training will be offered to town hall employees.
- Sgt. Lewos completed SWAT In-Service training in New Jersey.
- Officer Piscitelli, Sgt. McFaul assisted with providing training to new Special Police Officers.
- Cruiser Updates: 2 new SUVs have arrived, three (3) taken out of fleet.
- Opioid Awareness Video on our webb site and public access channel.
- ICS Incident Command System.
- Food Drive with the Fire Dept on Saturday, October 29, 2016 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. All proceeds will go to the Food pantries at the

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Senior Center, Federated Church and the Saint Vincent DePaul Society at St. Brigid Church.

- Toy Drive with the Millbury Fire Department in December at Rays True Value. All donated gifts will go to local families. Will be done through the Lions Club.