

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

November 26, 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*; Edd Cote, Robert Morton, Kathy Crew, Fran DeSimone, Dan Erickson, Claire Forgues, and other concerned citizens.

License to Operate- Shanty Chic Antiques & More- Crystal Bachelder-Allen said that her home business has gotten too big so she will be leasing space at 71 Elm Street.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

One Day Liquor License-Bank Catering at Asa Waters Mansion November 30, 2013

Motion to approve the one-day license made by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Karyn Clark- Worcester Regional Tobacco Control Committee- she is working with the communities to let them know that there are more products out there that are now being introduced to the people. Smoking rates have gone down due to education but the youth are more apt to buy the cheap little cigars, they are flavored and cheap. The BOH passed a regulation that they have to be packaged in fours which sell for about \$2.50, this deters the impulse cheap purchase. They are trying to get more education out.

Derek Brindisi- Worcester Regional Board of Health

Six communities are part of the public health alliance, towns that are trying to leverage their services and increase services to the towns. *see attached slides.

We now have a sharps kiosk and a prescription take back kiosk. They have been able to sign the schools onto the youth risk survey; 9% of our youth were smoking; 5% used heroine, 20% used prescription drugs. They will be the first accredited health department by 2014.

Chairman Plante has said that this has worked terrific for our town. Mr. Spain that we have really benefited from this alliance and it has been a very big success. Selectman Cristo asked where to drop off unused prescription meds. There is a drop off kiosk in the lobby of the Police Department.

Chairman Plante wanted to thank the many well wishes sent his way when he made a trip to UMass last weekend, but he is fine.

Robert D. McNeil, III- DPW Director

He would like to welcome Dick Johnson as our new Equipment Operator II and he is now interviewing for the Mechanic position that will be left by Richard Hamilton's retirement. The ADA guidelines have been raised and now have to replace handicap ramps. We did three ramps this summer and it is very work intensive and a very slow process, but it functions better. We were able to complete just over 2 miles of milling and overlay through the town, this was just under \$400,000.00 for this effort. We have secured a 5 year lease with TD Bank at 1.46% for equipment.

He had two public hearings this month to provide information on the Ramshorn Pond and McCracken Road projects. Both hearings were quite productive and participation was good. Selectman King asked about the fence on West Main Street, it is up and looks good but why didn't they continue the other side of the driveway? It is part B- that section alone was \$10,000.00.

Selectman Krumsiek asked when lines will be painted on Howe Ave. We do not have a date from them yet- but hopefully soon. She asked about sweeping and gutters, Mr. McNeil explained that is a spring project. She asked who is in charge of the barrels at the bike path and Little Dorothy? We do empty the barrels at Little Dorothy but the bike path is under the control of MADOT.

Selectman Ashmankas asked why we are spending extra money on Ramshorn Dam to add parking or a ramp. There is a problem with sloping and access and the engineers decided to go with a vertical wall which provides the slope that is necessary. The added cost is very slight. Mr. Spain explained that we need to provide access to the town ponds that tax money is paying for. If we are fixing something we need to make it right as we did for Little Dorothy. Selectman Ashmankas doesn't think we should spend extra money on the project in this budget time. Mr. Spain said that if we are spending tax payers dollars to fix the dam it is prudent to allow access to the citizens of Millbury, the design lends itself to the access and does not cost a lot more money. Selectman King asked if we are actually borrowing more money. At town meeting there was no money figure and that is why he voted against it. Selectman King asked the manager to find out legally how far we can go with this language.

Selectman Ashmankas asked about Auburn Road. Drainage on Stowe Road alone will cost \$250,000.

Selectman Cristo wanted to let Rob know that the roads that were done are a marked improvement. Mr. McNeil said that he wanted to thank the input of the Roadway Advisory Committee and the citizens to get as much done as possible with the amount of money given. Selectman King asked about the Clarelane product. It is being used Oxford, Uxbridge, Leicester and Holden, he is hesitant to get involved because of the cost is 150% higher than what we use; he does not see the benefit yet from the other communities. We have done a lot of shifting with our usage with proper calibration and training of drivers but he is open to looking at it.

Selectman King said that in Oxford they have been using it for about 4 years and they say that you put less down and it doesn't erode the streets or catch basins as much; they were using 13 loads of salt and cut is down to 5 ½ loads of this product; they also say the time is cut in half.

Previous Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of the meeting for November 12, 2013 made by Selectman Cristo, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Motion carried unanimously.

Town Manager Report:

Mr. Spain is appointing Anne Kach an ex-officio member of the Insurance Advisory Committee for the Teachers Union.

Motion to concur with the appointment made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

Little League Lease at Washington Park

This is the same lease that we have signed with them since the beginning of time. It is a five year lease for \$1.00; they do a good job of keeping the park up.

He is asking for two Policy updates- some legal wording has changed in the Computer Usage Policy and Harassment of Individuals in Protected Classes Policy

Motion to accept the changes in both policies made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Ashmankas read the **Winter Parking Ban**.

Motion to adopt the Winter Parking Ban made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

The DPW contract has been approved and signed as written. We will be doing the retro calculations this week or next and we have to go to town meeting for last year's retro.

Old Business

Nakita, dog from 6 Victoria Terrace, has been taken by Animal Control Officer- he had some health issues but Dan, the animal control officer is looking into placing the dog but he has some temperament issues.

Vaillancourt Folk Art bought back excess MBC Santa's in the amount of \$1,000.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Dates to Remember:

Thursday, November 28, 2013-Thanksgiving Football game at MHS 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 8, 2013- Chain of Lights

Mail:

Millbury Youth Commission has received a grant in the amount of \$1000 from Mary B. Grogan Fund for Youth.

Motion to accept the grant made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

Letter from Laurie Connors regarding donations in the amount of \$794.00 for Butler Farm Bark Park.

Motion to accept the donations made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

Letter from Laurie Connors regarding donation to Parks Commission \$3,700 for the Woolie World renovation project.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Letter from Chief Howell regarding a grant in the amount of \$4,800.00 for an underage drinking sting.

Motion to accept the grant made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

The town has received an anonymous donation of an Armory Village Plaque to be placed on Town Hall.

Motion to accept the plaque made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

On a Good Note:

There is a Toys for Tots drop off at Calabria
The T&G Santa will be at the Transfer Station Friday and Saturday
Support small businesses on November 30th and everyday
Happy and safe Thanksgiving to all!

Citizens Speak

Rob Morton spoke regarding Ramshorn Dam Project changes. There is a small committee of Millbury residents who live on Ramshorn Pond who believe they did not vote for the project that was presented at the November 7th information session when they voted at town meeting. They want to know the financial impact of maintaining the pond, parking, land taking, and water quality; they would like to keep an open dialog with the town. Mr. Spain said that Mr. McNeil will be having more hearings on this project.

Selectman Cristo said that she voted to repair the dam and we did not know the cost of the repair. She thinks it should go back to town meeting if this is now a bigger project. Mr. Spain said that repairing the dam is the project.

Selectman King asked to clarify the language of the article with town counsel.

Fran DeSimone agreed that there should be access for the citizens of this town to Ramshorn Pond. When you own waterfront property you do not own the water. He may or may not go fishing there but he would like to be able to.

Executive Session

Motion made by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek to move into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. under Chapter 39, Section 23B, Paragraphs 1 and 6 to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health of an individual and to consider the purchase of real estate.

Selectman King	- Yes
Selectman Ashmankas	- Yes
Selectman Cristo	-Yes
Selectman Krumsiek	-Yes
Chairman Plante	-Yes

Chairman Plante announced the Board would return only to adjourn.

Adjournment

Motion made by Selectman King to adjourn at 10:20 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