

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

March 11, 2014

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, Kathy Crew, Brian E. Turbitt and other concerned citizens.

Automatic Amusement License-Never Stop Golfing Indoor Golf, Inc. –

Simulator at Felters Mill, 22 West Street-The business is mostly for winter and fall seasons; it is open weekends and by appointment.

Motion to approve the Automatic Amusement License made by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Motion carried unanimously.

Quincy Amusements, Inc. – New Officers/Directors-Scott Temple appeared for Showcase Cinema DeLux, 70 Worcester/Providence Tpk. The corporation is changing its officers.

Motion to approve the change of Officers/Directors made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously

One day liquor license- Millbury Women's Club at Asa Waters Mansion

April 5, 2014, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Motion to approve the one day liquor license made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman King.

Motion carried unanimously.

Robert Simmarano is the alternate on the **Board of Appeals**, due to the resignation of Gary Schold Mr. Simmarano would like to become a member.

Motion to appoint Robert Simmarano to the Board of Appeals made by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Plante wanted to thank Gary Schold for the time he has put into this board.

Russell DeDoming of Woodridge LLC-out of Boylston is renewing his Drainlayer License for 2014.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police Kenny Howell-updated the Board on the police department.

See attached information handed out** He discussed holiday traffic at the mall; they are working on enhancing their active shooter standards; they have created a major incident form; lieutenants went to command staff training; established retirement badge; continuing training for officers; the district commanders visit schools, have lunch and interact with the children as well as at the senior center.

Selectman King asked what the status of the SRO is? He met with the Superintendent and the manager but we are in a tough budget year. They are still working on it and the district commanders are visible in the schools and they are tactfully trained. They have applied for a grant but were turned down; they will keep applying.

Sgt. McFaul and Officer Oliveri saved a person's life last summer. We are working with Worcester Public Health Department on drug abuse issues. He encourages the walking officers to make contact with citizens. He is hoping to have the webpage up and running soon. Crossing guards will be doing training. As of Monday, compstat will be starting, this helps build leaders and keep statistics on crime.

Selectman Krumsiek asked if the Police department would have a facebook page. It is on his radar but he needs someone to monitor it and be responsible for it.

Chairman Plante said that the Chief has been true to his word during the interview process.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of February 25, 2014

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

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

Roger Tremblay has applied for the **Small Business Saturday Task Force**.

Motion to appoint Mr. Tremblay to the Small Business Saturday Task Force made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman King.

Motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Cristo is the government representative and they are still looking for a banker or his representative, a citizen at large and another small business owner.

Town Manager Report

Mr. Spain is appointing Ryan O'Donnell of Millbury as a public access assistant.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The budget presentation is on the website, both the speech and the proforma. If anyone has any questions please call.

Selectman King asked Mr. Spain to explain how they went from a \$1.7 mil deficient to a balanced budget.

Everyone turns in their budget requests including the school, insurances and other items they know. He cuts each budget one by one until the deficient gets to zero. He cut the schools requested budget by \$617,000. It is still an ongoing process; we are meeting with the finance committee on Saturday to explain the manager's budget and to explain why things were done. The finance committee's public hearing is March 18th. We are in the process of rebidding the insurance carriers; we will save some money in this area. When the house budget comes out in April we are hoping that they will do a resolution on state aid and we will know what the big numbers will be. Selectman Ashmankas wanted to clarify that the \$1.7 mil deficient was on the proposed budget by all departments. The insurance numbers will be coming in lower than we expected as we are in the process of changing again. Selectman King asked if it was a one year contract. Yes, but they try to keep it an additional year so as not to disrupt the employees as much. Selectman Cristo asked if the positions were still cut in the budget. As of now yes, but he is optimistic that the cuts will be restored with insurance going down and the house numbers going up. Chairman Plante said this is the worst budget that he has seen in a very long time and that he does not see it getting better next year; we are now cutting positions and he does not like that. Mr. Spain said that we are not back to the levels of funding that we received in fiscal 09. State revenues have recovered but the governor balanced his budget on the backs of the cities and towns.

Mr. Spain has proposed 5 ballot questions for debt exclusions; by law they have to be done and approved by March 25th. The questions have to pass at the ballot and then at town meeting as well.

- 1) BVT school district- they are trying to put out \$2.9 mil in debt covered by the 13 towns in the district; they will be offering more programs and an agricultural program, which will help us by not having to send kids to Norfolk Agricultural School. It is a 20 year bond, and should cost us around \$16,000 the first year.

Selectman Ashmankas is opposed to supporting BVT at this time as they do not have traditional vocational training anymore and they only accepting children with high marks and it is a loose loose for both Millbury Public and BVT. The students that need a trade can't get admitted to BVT then they are left struggling at the public school.

- 2) Replacement of the HVAC system in the municipal office building, it will cost roughly \$250,000. On its best day it doesn't work well, it is very old.

Selectman Ashmankas asked if this fix would allow the police station to use more space downstairs.

- 3) Self-contained breathing apparatus for the fire department; Asst. Chief Hamilton has applied for a grant but that is not guaranteed; this will be around \$341,000. Their equipment is 16 years old and they stopped making them 12 years ago so parts are slim.
- 4) To replace the underground storage tanks and fuel station at the DPW garage; we have had issues with leakage and he doesn't want to wait until it is absolutely necessary and we have to go out to find fuel at an estimated higher cost of .40/gal. The tanks will be moved to a better location on the property, it will be around \$360,000.

- 5) Improvements to the Transfer station; bring in three phase power, a new flow pattern, add compactors. Around \$396,000.00 which is for electrical, engineering, concrete pads and containers, etc. The trips to the Wheelabrator has decreased a lot. We do have a grant for the costs of the compactors; the costs are for the concrete pads, electrical and other improvements.

After some investigation and talking to some vendors, Selectman Cristo suggested:

- 1) Single stream with vendors not providing compactors
- 2) Single stream with vendors providing compactors
- 3) Dual stream with vendors not providing compactors
- 4) Dual stream with vendors providing compactors.
- 5) Single stream excluding cardboard without vendors providing compactors
- 6) Single stream excluding cardboard with vendors providing compactors.

Her idea is that we could find out how compactors work before buying them and have no maintenance/repairs costs associated.

Mr. Spain said that he believes single stream is the way to go; the compactors themselves are in a grant from Wheelabrator; even with Selectman Cristo's ideas, we would still need to prepare the area for the compactors and get the electrical service upgraded to three phase power, that is what the cost is, a whole Transfer Station improvement plan. We do put this out to bid periodically and do get paid for some of our recycling. We look into ways to save money with everything we do.

Selectman Krumsiek went on a tour of Casella last night and it is amazing how they handle the single stream recycling. She was amazed to see the .5 cans being put aside; there was approximately \$13,000 worth of cans when she was there. Do not put your plastic bags in the recycling bin-it gets caught in the wheels. Selectman Krumsiek asked to form a recycling committee of citizens that could education the public on recycling.

Scott Depres-21 Water Street, he went on the Casella tour with some other citizens. You have to convince people why they should recycle. There is a lot of recycling information on the town website. We have to educate people to recycle. He thinks a recycling task force should be formed and invite people in to educate the citizens but he needs a charge, a goal that the Board wants the committee to accomplish. Recycling is not free.

Selectman Krumsiek said that a shadow box with visuals of items to be recycled could help if it was posted at the transfer station. Selectman King added that we are recycling for the future, to protect earth for our children and grandchildren. Selectman Ashmankas volunteered to write the charge for the committee. Mr. Spain said that if there are others that want to be on the committee to please let his office know.

Motion to put all five ballot questions on the 2014 Election Ballot made by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously for **Questions 1-4**

Question 5- vote 4-0-1 (Selectman Cristo abstained)

Mr. Spain is meeting with Mr. Carroll of alert on Thursday; hopefully at the next meeting he will have more information for the board. They are staying with the three towns.

We will be having an auction of properties taken in the third week of May. This will help the free cash next year.

At the request of the Board they got a further in-depth engineering of Ramshorn Dam-both ways will cost around \$1.89 mil – the upstream wall is the cheaper way to go and that's the way we are moving towards. We are within the scope of the article. It still has to go out to bid for construction. They are estimating that ultimately it will be in the \$1.6-1.7 range. We will start the borrowing April 22nd. Selectman Ashmankas asked why it's up \$90,000 from the first report. Because they were asked to do a more in-depth engineering, design and they were at a higher contingency.

Dates to Remember read by Chairman Plante.

Thursday, March 13th 7:00 pm– Jazz Concert at the High School

Old/New Business

Selectman Cristo requested to have some historic signs made for Dwinell Cemetery and County Bridge Cemetery.

Selectman Krumsiek asked who cleans up accident debris. It is usually the tow truck company. But if there is some stuff left over email our office the address and we will have the DPW get it.

Chairman Plante wanted to say that the water spigots at central cemetery will be done after Memorial Day and done by volunteers. Selectman Krumsiek volunteered to cook lunch.

Selectman Ashmankas asked if the manager can ask other towns about sharing equipment and to reschedule the goals and objectives meeting. They will do the goals and objectives at the next meeting, March 25, 2014.

Citizens Speak:

Bob Roy spoke about not filling the operations manager position. You have seven chiefs and eight Indians. Our leads have over 70 years of experience and they can run the day to day operations of the town. They always have the best interest of Millbury. He felt that that job is so important that he applied for it. Being shorthanded has gone from being a fact to being an excuse. You could hire two laborers in the place of that position. He would like to thank Selectman King for bringing up the need for a personnel board or human resource department. He is for the Transfer Station Improvements; it will help the flow there. We should buy our own truck and roll-offs. The roll-offs down there now are rented. He thinks you'll need an extra person just to run the compactor.

On a Good Note:

Congratulations to the DI teams who competed this week; good luck to the four teams who make it to the State level. Alright Alright Alright; The Brainey Bunch; The Thinkers and Upward Bound.

She's really glad they found Pinocchio on facebook.

Selectman Ashmankas said that Bagels and Kabobs is coming to Millbury. They are hoping to open in a month. Food is excellent; he started at the El Morocco. Selectman Ashmankas asked why there is a no parking sign on the side of that building. Parking is a commodity; he would like to give the owner one of those spaces. We will have the Safety Committee look into that.

Adjournment

Motion made by Selectman Krumsiek to adjourn at 9:45 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