

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

February 10, 2015

7:00 pm

Present: Board of Selectmen: Francis B. King; Sandy Cristo; Mary Krumsiek, Brian M. Ashmankas; William Borowski; Town Manager, Bob Spain, Edd Cote, and other concerned citizens

Chairman King called the meeting to order

**One Day Liquor License-Asa Waters Mansion-Assumption School Wine Tasting
March 7, 2015; 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm**

Motion to approve the one day liquor license made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Borowski.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Town Clerk has asked for the following Poll Workers to be appointed:

Precinct One (1)

Veronica Wood, Warden

Ronald Stead

Ruth E. Grundstrom

Patricia Macjewski

Claire R. Morin

Shirley Huchowski

Precinct Two (2)

Joan B. Caforio, Warden

Marie Kosiba

Eva R. Donovan

Julia A. Guertin

Jo Ann Luikey

Mary Joan Boire

Motion to appoint the poll workers made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Selectman King abstained as to Marie Kosiba.

Motion carried unanimously.

Precinct Three (3)

Elizabeth A. Pichierri, Warden

Filomena Piscitelli

Grace Bustillo

Rosalyn Army

Precinct Four (4)

Frances M. Gauthier, Warden

Doris A. Goyette

Lillian MacDonald

Eleanor C. Powers

Doris E. Bianculli

Doris T. Collette

Motion to appoint the poll workers made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Substitute List

Carol Burke Lorraine M. LaForte Donald A. Belliveau Jeannette Lavin

Ronald Ethier Elizabeth C. Kotzen Jane T. Marino Marie A. Senecal Ruth Nikolajevs

Barbara G. Murray Margaret Masmanian Elena M. Kerr Catherine Tucker
Judith M. Gauthier Carol Vulter Fabrizio Bordo Therese H. O'Brien
Virginia Yasko Christine A. Bott Dolores M. White Karen L. Gerardi
Edward G. Kofton Wilfred Kirman, Jr.

Motion to appoint the substitute poll workers made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Joint Appointment for the Millbury Housing Authority-Sherry Forleo and Bruce Lavigne

Sherry Forleo spoke saying that she has been in town for 25 years; she would like to help out and participate again in the housing authority to help families get back on their feet. She will be running for the position in April.

Bruce Charles Lavigne (other applicant) did not appear.

Veronica Wood spoke for the Millbury Housing Authority saying that a couple of members were not here but she and member, Alyssa Marlborough voted for Sherry Forleo.

Selectman Krumsiek wanted to introduce the new Housing Authority Director, Carol Smith.

The housing authority voted for Sherry Forleo as did all Selectmen by roll call vote.

Motion to appoint Sherry Forleo to the Millbury Housing Authority until the next town election made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Appeals has approved a request from Dan Mezyski to return to the Board of Appeals.

Motion made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Borowski, to appoint Dan Mezyski to the Board of Appeals.

Motion carried unanimously.

Cake Shop Café - Common Vic License-22 West Street

Michelle Renae spoke about opening a bakery at the Felters Mill which will have home made in house cakes and pastries as well as coffee, espresso, etc.

Chairman King welcomed her to town.

Motion to approve the Common Vic license pending all Board of Health approvals and Building Inspections complete made by Selectman Cristo, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

Laurie Connors- spoke about a project with CMRPC who are interested in doing a the freight rail study and feasibility assessment; to develop strategies and policies that create economic expansion opportunities for freight rail development; she asked if the town would be interested in this proposal as it would be no cost to the town, she would need a letter of support from the selectmen. We have fabulous freight rail access in town.

Motion to send a support letter confirming its interest in participating in the 2015 Freight Rail Study and Feasibility Assessment Initiative, made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

The development guide book is complete and up on the website; there is an economic development page up and running; photos provided by Edd Cote.

Public hearing notice read by Selectman Krumsiek regarding layout of extension of McGrath Road at 7:15 pm

Motion to open public hearing at 7:15 pm made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Borowski.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman King announced that the board went on a site visit on February 7, 2015. They were satisfied with the site visit. Chairman King asked if a portion of the land was in Oxford; Ms. Connors said yes.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Krumsiek to lay out the extension of McGrath Road, situated south of the 1732 limit of Sutton's acceptance of McGrath Road, in the western section of the Town. Said roadway is shown on a plan entitled "Road Acceptance Plan, McGrath Road Extension, Millbury, Mass", prepared by Whitman & Bingham Associates, LLC, 510 Mechanic Street, Leominster, MA, dated September 18, 2014, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Continued Public Hearing from January 13, 2015 meeting:

The attorney for The Village Knoll has asked for another continuance of the public hearing until the next meeting.

Motion to continue the Public Hearing continued to January 24, 2015 made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

Conservation Update- Chairman Don Flynn, Vice Chair Ronald Stead, Mat Ashmankas, and Paul DiCicco were in attendance.

Chairman Flynn spoke saying that their new clerk is working out very well. See attached report.* Chairman King asked if there is a listing of open space conservation areas. Selectman Borowski asked what the most challenging aspect of sitting on the board. Chairman Flynn said

large parcels, residents that are not on board with the wetlands protection act and having to do cease and desist or enforcement orders; this board tries to behave in a manner that recognizes our residents as neighbors and trying to protect the wetlands while working with them and educating them instead of just dropping the hammer. We go onto the site to make sure all the proper rules are being followed. Selectman Cristo asked about the dredging of Dorothy Pond.

We are planning an Earth Day cleanup day around Brierly Pond conservation area.

Chairman King thanked them for coming in.

DPW Director- this has been an incredibly challenging year; the roads are narrow, piles are high and embankments are solid. We are doing our best with the recourses we have. We are entering the permit phase for Wedgewood Lane to update drainage; working towards an order of conditions; transfer stations # are still down; trash down 3% recycling up 30%; met with vendors today-compared to 2010 we have doubled our recycling at the transfer stations. Thank you for the continued support for recycling; we will be looking at the rules and regs soon and fees- and is looking for feedback from the Board. Potential for raising sticker fee to \$50.00 and provide the sticker holder with 33 gallon bins for recycling. He is working with Kevin K at cable access for a public service announcement for improving recycling; even though our numbers are doing well we are hoping to do better. 25% design for McCracken Rd. has been completed the project engineer will be presenting to MPO tomorrow; we have done a decent amount of sewer cleaning in areas where we have had issues with sediment and debris collection; mostly in the downtown- Elm Ct. and S. Main Street Bridge. DEP has begun a certification program for transfer stations which take in under 50,000 tons with new reporting and inspections to make sure the facility is within the guidelines of operating; the capped landfill at the transfer station we need to do \$20,000 annually of monitoring we have a lot of info over the years and we have identified trends-we have requested a reduction of the gas testing which we got; that will save \$3000 yearly; our Ch. 90 bond money was released by Gov Baker and every bit helps; hopefully it will continue; we are working on a ramp at the corner of Elm and Main with the handicap accessibility professionals; we have submitted a grant application to get this done. Elmwood St. pump station will be moving forward this summer if we get the capital project approved; 5 are on the list to be replaced- \$700,000 to replace that station; through the sewer enterprise fund. Tomorrow he is meeting with Ngrid, Verizon and MDOT to reopen the bridge to traffic-have been working on that right along; as soon as you have one issue resolved another comes up. We are working as fast as possible to get this rectified. We are meeting with Ramshorn Dam folks regarding abutters and takings. We are working with MEMA to get the 75% reimbursement for the first blizzard with FEMA. Chairman King asked how the boys are doing- they are very tired- he is trying to keep an eye on them; this is the highest payroll he has ever seen; Mr. Spain said that they doing a phenomenal job; our guys are working over 90 hours a week-we don't have the crews that the cities do that can go out in shifts.

Rob continued that we have 30 people; 30 vehicles with 100 miles of road and it is a tremendous effort; we appreciate everyone's patience. We realize it is a strain on people but this is an extreme weekend. The more you are off the street the better we can do our job.

Chairman King thanked all of them for their hard work on behalf of the board. He then asked about salt? We are getting nervous as far as availability and working with the challenges. The larger cities are taking the larger trucks off of the salt route and doing snow removal.

Selectman Cristo said that we need to be very grateful for our employees and contractors for the great job they've done; also the people that are helping neighbors out. She told a story of an elderly gentleman who adopted a fire hydrant and shoveled it out all the time.

Selectman Ashmankas wanted to give kudos to the team for their work. Great job.

Selectman Krumsiek asked if they could swap the time for the snow removal so people could use the business in town; Mr. McNeil said they allow traffic through to the business if you tell the detail officer. She then asked if we could use a wing plow; we do not own one and he would like one-it would be very useful. She asked him to reiterate the sidewalk policy; the superintendent sets the priorities; they do not start until the storm ends and it starts at the high school and out; with availability of men and equipment generally we can get through the sidewalk list that we have in 2-3 days. The focus is getting kids to school.

Selectman Borowski asked how the construction debris bin is going. We have had it hauled only once; he was trying to wait for more data for a recommendation. He then asked how many of the bridges in town that they are looking at in the spring-all of them; 7 of them have DOT inspections on file. Selectman Borowski asked how he comes up with 17 private plowers. Typically we pretreat roads with salt for a small event; for major plow events there is usually residual salt on the roads and we don't plow until 3" on the road; we will plow until the snow stops; then another 2 – 3 hrs of scrapping to payment and pushing back; the privates go home; our guys stay on and drop plows and salt more. You can't plan year to year- Mother Nature is full of surprises. He asked Mr. Spain to explain the snow and ice budget. We typically put in on the recap for the next year. Safety is always a priority during snow and ice. Selectman Borowski asked if Rob would do anything differently- no, the staff comes together and works very hard and takes pride in their jobs; he doesn't know how they do it. Most people do not realize how much time these guys take out of their lives. The ladies auxiliary supplied the workers with sandwiches during the blizzard and they were greatly appreciated.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the January 13, 2015 meeting

Motion to approve the previous minutes made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Motion carried unanimously.

Town Manage Report:

Mr. Spain is appointing Gary Dwinell to the Youth Commission.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spain is continuing my review of Board policies his recommendations are:

- o M-1 Mailbox Policy-no changes
- o M-2 Mutual Aid Policies-no change
- o O-1 Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)-no change
- o P-1 Photo copy Fees-no change
- o P-2 Police Line of Duty-no changes
- o P-3 Police Maternity Leave Policy-needs changes due to law change
- o P-4 Physical Fitness Training Area - no change

Selectman Ashmankas asked to have the mailbox policy on next meeting for review.

Budget: The school budget is up \$960k or 4.99%; all dept. budgets are in; gov. numbers won't be in until 1st week in March; that is not helpful; health insurance increase was 6%-meeting with tomorrow to ask for better numbers; Laurie Connors suggested that the budgets in her department be combined-Planning Board, Conservation and Planning Dept; Building inspectors will all be under one dept.

Selectman Cristo asked to have the previous year's expenditures in the finance committee book.

Bark Park is technically open-snowed in; but open.

Old Business

2nd reading of off premise- no changes; last reading will be the next meeting.

Discussion of Attorney options; Selectman Borowski said that he thinks we should go with the suggestion of the In-House Attorney Feasibility Committee for a retainer option as it seems the most economical and responsible. Mr. Spain believes it will end up costing us a lot less in the end and able to get the more routine questions asked.

Selectman Ashmankas made a motion to pursue vigorously putting a firm on retainer and look at as many firms that apply, seconded by Selectman Borowski.

Selectman Cristo asked if any other towns have an attorney on retainer.

Motion carried by roll call.

Motion to disband the In-House Attorney Feasibility Committee made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dates to Remember:

Friday February 13th from 6:30 to 9:30 PM -Youth Commission 2nd Annual Valentine's Day Dance at the Youth Center for grades 3 - 8

Saturday February 21st from 1 to 3 PM -Rabies Clinic at Boston Road Animal Clinic in Sutton

On a Good Note:

Selectman Krumsiek sent congratulations to Andrew Borus for getting his Eagle Scout badge. She also did her ride along with the Police and road with Officer Poselli; it was a great experience and urges everyone to give it a try.

Chairman King wanted to thank the DPW, Fire, Police, Ambulance, EMA, Ladies Auxiliary. They put in a lot of hours and did a great job.

Mail:

Letter from the police department regarding a donation from the Stanton Foundation in the amount of \$4000 for the k9 fund.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Speak:

Terry Burke Dotson spoke about the need for a new glass steagel petition; and a petition that the citizens signed to ask the leaders to find ways to lower our electricity costs.

The 37% increase in electricity is terrible. She would like the board to negotiate on behalf of the town for an electrical supplier.

Tell your elected officials what to do!

Motion made by Selectman Krumsiek to adjourn at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Approved by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Tish Hayes, Secretary

Francis B. King _____

Sandy J. Cristo _____

Mary Krumsiek _____

Brian Ashmankas _____

William Borowski _____