

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

February 12, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Present: Board of Selectmen: E. Bernard Plante; Francis B. King; Brian W. Stowell; Brian M. Ashmankas; Sandra J. Cristo; Town Manager, Bob Spain; Town Planner Laurie Connors, DPW Director Robert McNeil, Irene Congdon, Tom Reilly, *The Millbury-Sutton Chronicle*; Kevin Koswocza, The Telegram & Gazette, Steve Balestrieri, *The Millbury Daily Voice*; Edd Cote and other concerned citizens.

Chairman Plante explained that the room is in disarray because the room was flooded on January 25, 2013 due to a burst heating pipe.

2013 Drainlayer Renewals: Michael Bernard- NHB Construction, Gary Pike-Gary Pike Construction, William F. Tully-Standard Builders.

Motion to approve the 2013 Drainlayer Renewals made by Selectman Stowell, seconded by Selectman King.

Motion carried unanimously.

One Day Liquor License-Assumption School at Asa Waters Mansion on April 6, 2013

Motion made by Selectman Stowell to approve the license, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Motion carried unanimously.

One Day Liquor License-Pepper's Catering at Asa Waters Mansion on February 16, 2013

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

Motion carried unanimously.

One Day Liquor License-Sir Loin's Catering at Asa Waters Mansion on February 23, 2013

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Previous Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the meeting for January 22, 2013 made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Stowell.

Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Ashmankas updated the Board on the **MMA Conference**. There are a lot of workshops that you can attend-he went to the medical marijuana workshops and learned what we can do about it as far as regulations; they talked about unfunded mandates; technically unfunded mandates are illegal in MA since the inception of Prop. 2 ½. The Worcester County Selectman

Assoc. is up and running again; and Selectman Ashmankas plans on running for Vice President of the Association.

Selectman Cristo said that there is a medical marijuana workshop at the Worcester Public Library tomorrow from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

Applebee's Change of Manager Public Hearing notice read into record by Selectman Stowell at 7:15 pm

Applebee's at 70 Worcester/Providence Tpk. is changing manager to Robert McManus, the previous manager has moved on to another location.

Motion to close the public hearing made by Selectman Stowell, seconded by Selectman King. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the Change of Manager made by Selectman Stowell, seconded by Selectman King.

Motion carried unanimously.

Laurie Connors-Town Planner; she is here to let the Board know that the Planning Board has reached a compromise with the developer to complete the subdivision; similar situation to Jessica J Drive where the ownership was not retained by the developer but by each landowner. They have asked for the waivers up front and have received all of the waivers. She is asking the Board to begin the layout process.

Motion made by Selectman Stowell to begin the process of laying out Lt William S. Haynes III Memorial Drive, a way situated east of Wheelock Avenue located in the northeastern section of the Town. Said roadway is shown on a plan entitled "Road Acceptance Plan of Lt. William S. Haynes III Drive in Millbury, MA" prepared by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., dated August 16, 2012, last revised February 4, 2013. The roadway will be conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all easements shown on the plan, seconded by Selectman King.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Stowell to forward the petition to accept the proposed layout of Lt. William S. Haynes III Memorial Drive to the Planning Board for comment as to whether the roadway is ready for acceptance, seconded by Selectman King.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Stowell to schedule a visit to view Lt. William S. Haynes III Memorial Drive on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at 10 am. The public meeting on the proposed acceptance of this roadway will occur on February 26, 2013 at 7:15 pm., seconded by Selectman King.

Motion carried unanimously.

Laurie has some good news; The Owen E. Carrignan Sports Scholarship Fund has donated \$3,000 to the Woolie World Project. Letter from Michelle Carrignan read into record by Selectman Stowell. With that money and hopefully more donations, they will be replacing some of the slides on the large structure.

Motion to accept the donation by Selectman Stowell, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Women's Club is having a wine tasting on March 23, 2013 at Asa Waters to benefit the Woolie World project and the Asa Waters Mansion. Laurie is selling tickets for this event.

Rob McNeil-DPW Director:

Rob updated the Board on the CIC Grant round II-we were chosen for a 2nd award of \$115,000 on top of the original \$315,000 for storm water management. They have also received a \$60,000 grant from the Clean Energy Technology Foundation for a feasibility study of a garbage to energy facility at the former sewer treatment plant on Providence Street.

The Blizzard of 2013 is so far so good, still clearing downtown, intersections and widening roads. Proud to have school open on Monday and there is more snow to come. Hats off to the Governor for initiating the travel ban. And thanks to everyone who helped out during the storm.

S.M.A.R.T. Program: Irene Congdon from DEP is the Municipal Assistant Coordinator for SMART (save money and reduce trash). See attached powerpoint. The analysis is multi-tiered. Our contract with Wheelabrator is until 2028 and if we stay below the allowable tonnage we get paid. Our recycling contract is with Casella and if we have tonnage up we can get paid. We are trying to introduce compactors into the transfer station. Currently we are making money on light iron-looking to put out a new contract in the spring. Clothing has come a long way with textile recycling. We have a new contract with planet aid and providing for our local charities as well. We will be working with Salvation Army for electronic recycling.

Chairman Plante thanked Rob and his people for an outstanding job during the blizzard. They did a great job. The Superintendent also sent a thank you for all of their hard work. Selectman King echoed the Chairman's comments and said that he was out and about and could get where he had to be.

Ms. Congdon spoke regarding this great project; Massachusetts is 1/3 Smart. There will be a reuse guide in the T&G around earth week.

Selectman Cristo said that this seems like a really great project.

Selectman Stowell asked what the grant money could be used for. Most communities use it for first purchase of bags. But it can be used to offset staff costs as well.

Mr. Spain said that Rob and Irene have done excellent work on this project.

Selectman Cristo had two complaints about the snow being piled up at the end of dead ends and cul-de-sacs at Hayward Lane and Matthew Circle. Rob will check into those problems. His crew has been working through the nights and trying to get things done.

Town Manager Report:

Mr. Spain is appointing as ex-officio to the Public Building Siting Committee the following: David Rudge, Raymond Hobin, David King, Steve Piscatelli, Kenny Howell, Daniel Daly, Donald Desorcy, Patricia Rutherford and Brian Turbitt as Chairman.

Motion to concur with the appointments made by Selectman Stowell, seconded by Selectman King.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Town Hall was flooded on January 25th-one of the heating coils burst. Mr. Spain has met with the insurance company and they are in the process of getting figures. The contractor will be starting the work soon. They will be replacing 3 out of 4 walls in the selectmen's meeting room; replace all sheetrock along vault, ceiling tiles, carpet; working to get all carpet replaced; upstairs and down. They had to replace lights and have already replaced the piece in the heating system that was the problem. The claim is looking to be about \$150,000 or more.

Mr. Spain said that the DPW did a prenominal job. There were some short power outages Sunday; but overall it went very well. Our EMA director was on vacation and came home for the storm; many thanks to him. We had a meeting Thursday and had a great plan in place and we are thankful we didn't have to execute it.

The fire department has declared the aerial scope as surplus and two towns are interested in it. Charlton Fire Department did not end up needing to use it.

The DPW has received a grant to study putting an anaerobic digesting transfer station at the sewer plant. We need a motion to accept the grant.

Motion to accept the \$60,000 DPW Grant made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman King.

Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Smith the Town Administrator from Sutton has put together the RFP for animal control and will be ready to go out soon.

The tree warden will be doing tree removal on Herricks Lane next week, as it is a narrow road he has requested having the road closed.

Motion to close Herricks Lane on February 19 & 20 for tree removal made by Selectman Stowell seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

A show called “Communities of Distinction” hosted by Terry Bradshaw called the office because they are looking at Millbury to possibly be on their show. They look for areas that are desirable to live work and play in and we came up on their research scope. They want to have a conference call next week or the week after with some townspeople who know about the town. Give the manager’s office a call if you are interested.

Old/New Business

Selectman Cristo asked about the NStar list? We still have not received an answer from them. She would like the DPW Director or the Manager to meet with NStar.

Selectman King asked about the appeal of Puffins and the dam ownership issue. The appeal is in ABCC’s hands and Mr. Spain intends to put warrant articles for both dams at town meeting.

Selectman King asked who is responsible for the West Main Street Chain link fence? We will get it fixed.

Selectman King asked if we could create a Lieutenant for the police department that is out of civil service and put it on the town meeting warrant. Mr. Spain said that we have to look at how it was put into civil service and take it out the same way.

The Chairman asked if there is going to be a warrant article for spigots at the cemetery. Mr. Spain is looking to use perpetual care money.

On a Good Note:

This town did a great job cleaning out during this storm; not only the DPW but the townspeople as well.

Selectman King wanted to thank the Woman’s Auxiliary for feeding everyone from Alert, the DPW, the Firefighters, and the Police during the storm; what a great service they do.

Executive Session

Motion made by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Stowell to move into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. under Chapter 39, Section 23B, Paragraph 2 to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel and to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel.

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

Chairman Plante announced the Board would return only to adjourn.

Adjournment

Motion made by Selectman Stowell to adjourn at 9:30 p.m., seconded by Selectman King. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tish Hayes, Secretary

E. Bernard Plante	_____
Francis B. King	_____
Brian W. Stowell	_____
Brian M. Ashmankas	_____
Sandy J. Cristo	_____

The Board of Selectmen