

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

**February 26, 2013**

**7:00 p.m.**

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**Present:** Board of Selectmen: E. Bernard Plante; Francis B. King; Brian W. Stowell; Brian M. Ashmankas; Sandra J. Cristo; Town Manager, Bob Spain; Town Clerk, Jayne Davolio, Town Planner Laurie Connors, Finance Director, Brian E. Turbitt, Tom Reilly, *The Millbury-Sutton Chronicle*; Susan Spencer, *The Telegram & Gazette*, Steve Balestrieri, *The Millbury Daily Voice* and other concerned citizens.

**Town Clerk Jayne Davolio:**

She would like the poll workers to be appointed for the 2013 election year.

Motion to appoint poll workers from Precinct I: Veronica A. Ward, Frances M. Gauthier, Ruth E. Grundstrom, Patricia Macjewski, Ronald A. Stead and Claire R. Moring made by Selectman Stowell, seconded by Selectman King.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint the poll workers from Precinct II: Joan B. Caforio, Marie Kosiba, Eva R. Donovan, Ellen F. Rigatti, Aquilina Boire, and Mary Joan Boire made by Selectman Stowell, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint the poll workers from Precinct III: Elizabeth A. Pichierri, Filomena Piscitelli, Grace Bustillo, Carol Ann Army, Rosanna Tabor and Rosalyn Army made by Selectman Stowell, seconded by Selectman King.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint the poll workers from Precinct IV: Shirley A. Huchowski, Doris A. Goyette, Helen M. Carrignan, Eleanor C. Powers, Pamela Marrino and Doris T. Collette made by Selectman Stowell, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint the following Substitute Poll Workers: Kathleen M. McDonough, Carol Burke, Judith M. Gauthier, Shirley M. Gaboriault, Antoinette S. Mattero, Lorraine M. LaForte, Joanne M. Salo, Donald A. Belliveau, Jeannette Lavin, Ronald Ethier, Elizabeth C. Kotzen, Jane T. Marino, Marie A. Senecal, Lillian Macdonald, Ruth B. Nikolajevs, Barbara G. Murray, Margaret R. Masmanian, Gloria Schimke, Elena M. Kerr, Jo Ann Luikey, Julia A. Guertin and Catherine Tucker made by Selectman Stowell, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Town clerk spoke about the election year and what we have coming up. We will be having a special election on June 25 and a primary on April 30 which is the same as the Town election.

An election costs about \$8000. She needs a roll call vote to combine the Primary Election with the Town Election on April 30, 2013.

Motion to combine the Primary Election and Town Election on April 30, 2013 made by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Stowell.

Vote carried unanimously by roll call.

Motion made by Selectman Stowell to call for a Special Election for the Senator in Congress on June 25, 2013 seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Vote carried unanimously by roll call.

Ms. Davolio said that the State should be giving the town some money for the June 25<sup>th</sup> election. You will be putting 2 ballots in one box with the dual election, but there will be no question that each election will be tallied separately.

Jayne will have training for the poll workers on April 18<sup>th</sup>. The dual election will be one stop shopping for voting.

You will have the town ballot and the state ballot. If you have moved out of Millbury within 6 months you can vote in Millbury for the State Primary-but you cannot vote for the town election. There will be information desks at the high school for the voters on Election Day. Ballots will be on the website so that voters will have all the information they need.

Mr. Spain asked for deadlines: State Primary and Town Election have to register to vote by April 15<sup>th</sup>. For the June 25<sup>th</sup> election it is June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Noor Auto Repair-Class II License-1460 Grafton Road.**

He would like to give the neighbors good cars at a good price and reasonable repair rates.

Motion to approve made by Selectman Stowell to approve license with variance for land seconded by Selectman King.

Motion carried unanimously.

**2013 Drainalyer Renewal: Ken Polito-J.A. Polito & Sons, Shrewsbury**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**One Day Liquor License-Pepper's Catering at Asa Waters Mansion on June 2, 2013**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Hearing for Street Layout for Lt. Haynes Drive** notice read into record by Selectman Stowell at 7:30 pm

Town Planner Laurie Connors- the Planning Board did vote to recommend in favor of the layout. We have no concerns; any concerns were addressed by Town Planner and the developer.

Motion by Selectman Stowell to close public hearing, seconded by Selectman King.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to lay out Lt William S. Haynes III Memorial Drive, a way situated east of Wheelock Avenue as 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 made by Selectman Stowell, seconded by Selectman King.

Motion carried unanimously.

She is happy to report that we have received a check from the Millbury Soccer Club for the Woolie World renovation project.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**Police Chief Kenny Howell** handed out an organizational plan to the Selectmen. This is his 5<sup>th</sup> week, things are going well. New cruisers are in-statement on them saying community, commitment, pride which is a reminder to the officers their promise to the public. He has met with all of the officers, dispatchers, department heads and the superintendent. He will be meeting with bank presidents to discuss security measures. This week he has begun some changes and will implement some more of his changes starting on March 10<sup>th</sup>. They will be starting towards accreditation in the new fiscal year. He will divide the town into two districts- East and West with a Sergeant in charge of each district. This plan is dependent upon support-he is asking for 3 additional personnel. The three priority positions include a police lieutenant to manage day-to-day administration, which would allow the chief to interact more with the community; a school resource officer; and a fifth sergeant to supervise on the midnight shift. We should have 26 officers and we only have 16. He also would like more space. He realizes there are fiscal issues but he needs these measures to succeed. See attached list. Chairman Plante said that the k-9 is not a priority at the moment.

Selectman Stowell said that this Board will support him. Chief Howell is happy to be here.

Selectman Cristo commended the Chief for the foot patrol. They got a lot of good feedback from the townspeople.

Chief Howell has noticed that the sergeants are working as patrolmen; they need to be pulled up and in charge, they need to start being in command and having accountability.

**Brian Turbitt-Finance Director** spoke regarding sewer billing. Sewer use bills are going out tomorrow. We are officially starting the process for quarterly billing. We are working with a

vendor who does billing with Aquarion so that are all set up to read the files. It should begin in August, November, February and May. The town is going to be doing one final billing. We will be having meetings at Town Hall to address any questions and a mailing to let everyone know that this is happening. They are starting the process to get consistency with the billing. Selectman King asked if Sutton will be doing this as well. We already bill the Town of Sutton quarterly.

Chairman Plante asked if Mr. Turbitt was surprised that the McGrath Rd Solar project was already sold. No, they anticipated it. Mass PV sold to First Wind LLC. They are a very well capitalized company and they are very excited to work with the town. Gus Abalo from Mass PV will still be involved until the plan is complete; they still intend to donate the land. They are fully committed to safety. The town will not be losing one penny.

**Previous Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes of the meeting for January 24, 2013 made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Stowell.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**Town Manager Report:**

He is making the following appointments to Senior Center that will now be paid from the Formula Grant directly.

Motion to concur with the appointment of Andrea MacDonald as Outreach/Friendly Visitor Coordinator made by Selectman Stowell, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to concur with the appointment of Paulette Masse as Intergenerational coordinator made by Selectman Stowell, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to concur with the appointment of Kristen Atchue, Maryanne Sirard, Eleanor Klosek and Keri Bernard as Outreach/Friendly Visitor workers made by Selectman Cristo, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to concur with the appointment of Marie Senecal and Maryanne Sirard as Elder Service Workers made by Selectman Stowell, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Budget:** He is working issues out with the superintendent; trying some financial finagling to get their two articles done. All budgets are in and I am doing the final work. Budget presentation will be Thursday, March 7th at 7PM. March 8th warrant articles are due. March 9th some department heads, the Finance Director and Town Manager will meet with FinCom. It is going to be a tough season. We did get Health Insurance down to a “bargain” 6.5% from 13.8%. It still is high. With the concurrence of FinCom we declared a snow and ice emergency. This allows deficit spending. This past weekend storm cost more than the blizzard due to the length and the materials used.

On March 7<sup>th</sup> is budget presentation-he will present a balanced budget.

The WRTA is adding Northbridge-they want service to the Shoppes and the Grafton commuter rail.

We are still working with the contractor for estimates to get to insurer for the town hall repairs. It should happen fairly soon-it may impact the next meeting. The cameras in the large conference room will be upgraded by the cable access funds. The issue in the heating system that caused the problems has been repaired.

Not much is happening with the negotiations; school was on vacation and DPW cancelled. Mary Krumsiek, Paul DiCicco and Bob met with Charter to negotiate. Charter had a public hearing to discuss tiling issues and pixalizations; they are working to fix the issues.

We have received a letter from WS Development committing \$150,000 to begin the 25% for the McCracken Road project so that we will be able to get on the TIP.

**Old/New**

Selectman Ashmankas asked about taking the lieutenant position out of civil service

Selectman Cristo was thankful for receiving the NStar street list. She proposed a Motion to ask the representatives of NStar in to a meeting to discuss expanding gas services in Millbury, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Ashmankas asked if the Board would like to schedule the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The Chairman can call the meeting if he needs to.

Chairman Plante wants to talk to the legal counsel about cases that are dragging on. The bills are getting out of control. It is time to wrap up these issues.

**Citizen Speak**

Tom Reilly spoke to say that MHS Drama club will be presenting Mel Brooks "Young Frankenstein" on Friday March 8, 7 p.m. and March 9, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Dollars for Scholars Trivia Contest will be on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the high school. Come try to knock out the 4 out of 5 year champions!

**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 10:00 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