

**TOWN OF MILLBURY  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES  
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM**

**April 9, 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; Finance Director, Brian Turbitt, Town Clerk, Jayne Davolio, DPW Director, Robert D. McNeil, III, Joe Coggans, Susan Spencer, Edd Cote, Mike O'Connor, Donald Gauthier, Al Nelson, Mr. & Mrs. White, Mr. & Mrs. Bianculli, Tim Cluett, Jude Cristo, and other concerned citizens.

**FY2014 Warrant:** Mr. Spain went through each question \*see attached warrant.

Chairman Plante is bothered by the transfer to the attorney fee account and would like to have the attorney's in to tell them to finish things up once and for all.

Selectman Cristo questioned Article 17- She wanted to know if Lake Singletary had a watershed association. Mr. Spain answered that it is a citizen's petition and we had to put it on the warrant but he is not recommending it.

Motion to close the FY14 Warrant made by Selectman Stowell seconded by Selectman King.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the FY14 Warrant made by Selectman Stowell seconded by Selectman King.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the Primary ballot made by Selectman Stowell seconded by Selectman King.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Drainlayer License to Renew-** AF Amorello and Sons-Joseph Amorello, Worcester  
Motion to approve the Drainlayer renewal made by Selectman Stowell seconded by Selectman King.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**One Day Liquor License-Pepper's Fine Catering-May 5, 2013 at Asa Waters Mansion.**  
Motion to approve the one-day liquor license for Pepper's Fine Catering made by Selectman Stowell, seconded by Selectman Cristo.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Hearing Notice read into record by Selectman Stowell at 7:30 pm**

**DPW Director-Robert McNeil-** introduced the SMART Program: there will be a reduce, reuse and recycle guide in the T&G soon. On average people who utilize the SMART Program recycle 32% more than those who do not. See attached PowerPoint presentation\*

Switching to single stream co-mingling recycle has made it easier to recycle and go to one bin instead of between traffic-made it much safer. There are about 3500 stickers out, which generates \$75-\$80,000 annually to offset transfer station operations.

In 1990 the state issued a waste ban law which forces us to recycle. See-310 CMR 19.017.

You will still purchase a transfer station sticker- what we are envisioning is to hand out 50 free bags each year with the sticker- our hope is to continue this through the life of our contract with Wheelabrator. They would be 33 gallon bags. It is a waste reduction program. Only 16% of people who use the transfer station are recycling right now.

Susan Dineen asked if the trash will be monitored better going through the window; she often sees people shoveling stuff out of their trucks into the window. Mr. McNeil responded that they are trying to police the situation better. She was concerned about the bags piling up and the smell in the summer.

Joseph Bianculli spoke regarding his trash, he is for recycling and he would like the transfer station to be more user friendly; with a drive through lane if you are only going to recycle.

Mr. McNeil spoke to say there is a survey in the works to reconfigure the pattern and purchase of compactors to make things smoother.

Fran DeSimone-Weldon Drive- he wants to know why this is happening if we have not gone over our tonnage. He will use 2-3 bags a week-this is not an expense he has planned for. What are you going to do with the additional revenue?

Mr. McNeil said that the transfer station is paid for by the taxpayers; the operation is not self-sufficient; he is trying to get it paid by the users. Mr. McNeil has a challenge out there with one member of the transfer station committee to recycle his way for two weeks and photograph his trash now and then after recycling.

Mr. Coggans said that the presentation tonight is entirely different than what was presented to the transfer station privatization committee; No one is against recycling-but he would ask the Selectmen to have Mr. McNeil go back to the drawing board. He does not like being in bed with the DEP on this project; it is an unnecessary cost, Wheelabrator has always been a good neighbor but there should be fringe benefits for being the host community. He thinks it should be left as is.

Mr. McNeil said that Wheelabrator gives us \$2 million a year, as well as donating to many civic projects. They are helping with compactors as well. We are trying to get recycling numbers up and reduce trash.

Don Rudge spoke about educating people more instead of this program and maybe handing out recycling bins to people. He asked if the bags could be phased in were maybe after the 1<sup>st</sup> year.

Mr. White spoke saying that he was dead set against this program 100%-but the program might work-it might not. He is not in favor of a fine system. He and wife do recycle but he does not go through it with a fine tooth comb. The State has mandated recycling; he is not for mandates at all. This could help Millbury. He is the test case that Rob was talking about. If it is easy and it works-he will let you know. Mr. McNeil added that he really does appreciate Armand keeping an open mind. Fines for trash: Chapter 7 of the Charter deals with fines for trash-the rules and regulations adopted by the BOS annually states that the town has the right to refuse any trash and revoke the use to use the transfer station at any time.

Jude Cristo spoke applauding the director on starting the conversation on recycling. He agrees with everyone in this room who spoke tonight. He did not like how it was said that the seniors essentially get a free ride at the transfer station. The seniors know more about recycling than we do having lived through WWII and having to reuse everything. He thinks this proposal is not ready to fly.

Mr. McNeil said that this program puts the burden on the user-if they use more they will pay more. The seniors will still get a free sticker and 50 free bags. If they go over that amount he would be happy to give them a couple extra at the end of the year.

Paul DiCicco-he was totally against this program at first-he has started recycling now. He has gotten his trash down to one bag. He thinks education should be done first-let people understand what recycling is about.

Mr. McNeil agrees that education is needed but financial incentive works better. Mr. White said that there is a public hearing at the Board of Health on April 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss this program with the private haulers and see what they are doing regarding recycling.

Selectman King is not warm and fuzzy with going into partnership with the DEP-he does agree with recycling but is curious about the young couples with babies in diapers and their trash amount.

Jeff Dore asked how we are going to deal with large items such as couches and mattresses. Mr. McNeil is amazed at how many couches people have to throw away-he doesn't think all of them

are coming from Millbury, this is something they are working on, with a bulk item permit as an idea.

Tim Cluett asked what we are getting from the recycling. He is not for bags but he encourages recycling. Why not put large items off to the side and charge for them to be dropped off.

Mr. McNeil mentioned house cleanouts---the amount of trash generated by those was unheard of. The Selectmen voted not to allow house cleanouts anymore. Revenue sources-he has tried to make it more efficient and generate money. Light iron is up and down with the market, recycling that we just signed in January locks in hauling fees--once compactors are in the hauls will go down. We have a contract with planet aid for \$50/month. The paper bins around town are generating money for the town as well. Trying to keep costs down and revenues up and not subsidized by the taxpayers.

Selectman Stowell asked Mr. DiCicco if this program was totally different than what was initially brought to the Transfer Station Committee. Mr. DiCicco said some things were said differently but the program is essentially the same. Mr. McNeil listened to the comments of the committee and has educated Mr. DiCicco on recycling.

Chairman Plante wanted to thank all the people who were there and for their comments. Motion to continue public hearing to April 23<sup>rd</sup> made by Selectman Stowell, seconded by Selectman King.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Previous Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes of the meeting for March 21, 2013 made by Selectman Stowell, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes of the meeting for March 26, 2013 made by Selectman Stowell, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Town Manager Report:**

Mr. Spain would like to appoint Chief Kenny Howell as ex-officio to the Financial Management Planning Committee.  
Motion to concur with the appointment made by Selectman Stowell, seconded by Selectman King.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Phil Day will be retiring effective June 30, 2013 from the Town Hall Custodian job.

Budget-we are still waiting for House budget to see where state aid comes in. FinComm voted to recommend the budget as presented. Right now based on the Governors numbers we are in balance-but that could change.

The Ch. 90 money came in with a provisional amount of \$649,616.00 which will help tremendously if stays the same.

Rob has spoken about an inter-municipal agreement with 30 other towns that initially was going to be for \$200,000 but is now \$185,000 and each town will make up the difference out of the DPW budget. Mr. Spain is recommending signing this agreement with a start date of May 1st. Motion to sign the agreement made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Stowell. Motion carried unanimously.

Town hall is moving along-the flooring in the halls will be put down this weekend. Hopefully the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> will be in the meeting room. Ceiling has been replaced and cell blocks have been painted.

Still negotiating with DPW-good progress and meeting again tomorrow; Started Police negotiations and will swap proposals on May 2<sup>nd</sup>; Teachers are ongoing and meet again May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Spain met with our new National Grid contact Colleen Gardner, who took the place of Scott Farrar. It was a good meeting today and he appreciates her reaching out. Selectman Ashmankas asked what Ngrid is doing on Carousel Drive. It is the Transmission line project that was approved last year.

Chairman Plante asked how the solar farm is going. They are working with them and we believe they are better than the original owners.

**On a Good Note:**

Selectman Stowell said that the Bicentennial Ball that took place on April 6, 2013 was one of the most first class events he has attended. Thanks to Bill Kane and Roger Desrosiers who took no credit and they really deserve a lot of credit. The whole committee did a great job.

Congratulations to everyone. Chairman Plante commended on the people involved worked that event because they loved Millbury-not for the fanfare. It really was a great great time.

**Mail**

Letter from the Federated Church regarding the Community Block Party to be held on September 21, 2013 between 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Requesting road closures for Main, from Elm to Grove; Church Street, from Main to the Millbury Federated Church rear parking lot; and all of Farnsworth Court.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Letter from John O’Brien, President of Little League regarding the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Little League Parade to be held on Sunday, April 28, 2013. Requesting road closures from Waters Street to Elm Street to West Main Street and ending at Washington Street Park.

Motion to close streets made by Selectman Stowell, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Letter from the Parks Commission regarding donations for Woolie World Renovations in the amount of \$250.00.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Letter from the Town Clerk requesting that Virginia Yasco be appointed as a substitute poll worker.

Motion to appoint Virginia Yasco as a Substitute Poll Worker made by Selectman Stowell, seconded by Selectman King.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Executive Session**

Motion made by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Stowell to move into Executive Session at 9:21 p.m. under Chapter 39, Section 23B, Paragraph 6 to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or vale of real estate.

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 10:25 p.m., seconded by Selectman King.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tish Hayes, Secretary

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