

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

July 9, 2013

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*; Susan Spencer, The Telegram & Gazette; Edd Cote and other concerned citizens.

After the Pledge, Selectman King asked for a moment of silence for the 19 fire fighters who lost their lives in Arizona.

Chairman Plante said that this is good and bad news- bad news is that **Phil Day** is retiring- he has been a great asset to Millbury for the Fire Department, Chief, Engineer and Fire Fighter and the Town Hall; His parents would be very proud of him. He put everything into all he did- The Chairman thanked him for everything that he has done for the Town of Millbury.

Phil thanked his wife and everyone. He is really sad about leaving; the fire department was his life and he will miss it very much.

Mrs. Day handed Mrs. Piscatelli the pin to put on **Mr. Steve Piscatelli**. It is an honor to have you serve on the Board of Fire Engineers. The Chairman said that there couldn't have been a better candidate to fill the shoes of Phil Day.

Millbury Housing Authority- there is two candidates for one seat.

Jaime Dubey: spoke saying that she has been a resident of Millbury on and off for 15 years- she served as an acting secretary and recording secretary for the Lincoln Village Tenants Association. She feels she can give back to Millbury because they are very good to her children.

Sherry Forleo- resident of Millbury for 25 years- she does a lot of volunteering in this town and has a personal interest in helping people who need housing. She shelters families in her house and has done a lot of research in this matter.

Janet Cassidy-Director of the MHA spoke saying that she made a bit of an error in the posting of this position. It is filling the remainder of the term and they will have to run again next April. The Board is heavily regulated- there is much more to the Housing Authority than appears. She does not have a recommendation of either candidate, they are both great candidates. Selectmen King let her know that this is a joint appointment of both Boards.

Chairman Plante asked if the Governor is looking to do away with the local Housing Authority- yes, they are but she doesn't know how they will do it. It would take away local control. She thinks it would be a terrible idea. They already have been underfunded for 15-20 years.

Motion by Selectman King to put both candidates in for consideration, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Cassidy - Forleo
Ms. Blavakas – Forleo
Ms. Gauthier– Forleo
Selectman Krumsiek- Dubey
Selectman Cristo – Forleo
Selectman Ashmankas- Forleo
Selectman King - Forleo
Chairman Plante – Forleo

Congratulations to Ms. Forleo on the appointment to the Millbury Housing Authority.

Laurie Connors- Butler Farm Bark Park- 50 Acres on Singletary Rd. she would like to introduce Heather Keddy who has been driving this initiative- they would like to put a dog park at the upper part of the Butler Farm- this meadow is presently unused; it is mowed maybe once or twice a year- there are trails for walking. There is a need for people to have a place to let your dog run. They did an informal pole and toured many dog parks in MA to get some ideas. She came across a grant offered by the Stanton Foundation which is a non-competitive grant. The first is a design grant and the second is the design grant; design is 100% funded and construction is 90% funded. Upper meadow they will fence off 1 ½ acres and plant trees for shade. They would like to install a pavilion for shade and congregation. They would consider raising the dog license fee to \$12.00 for long term maintenance-which is still lower than other communities. This would allow for monitoring who is able to use the park. Selectman King asked who would oversee the park and who is allowed? With the license it requires all shots be up to date, they are also looking for a pass card system or an id tag with periodic checks. She would like a committee appointed to oversee the park. Selectman Cristo said that she would appreciate a park like this and paying a surcharge for the use of the park wouldn't be bad. Carrie Prest of Wheelock Ave spoke saying that she is not in favor of dog parks- not all dogs play well together and not all dog owners are responsible. She does not believe all licenses should pay a surcharge. Laurie said that they are trying to look at all options; Heather Keddy spoke regarding being a responsible owner you should know if their dog does not play well with others. She has been to many dog parks and ones that have been subsidized by this grant. Another citizen asked what the liability would be if there was an issue; liability is same as any other town owned park. Motion to move forward to next step made by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Lovelette represents Mass Gaming and Entertainment a subsidiary of **Rush Street Gaming-** he has been with them for 27 years; they have been around Central Ma looking at various sites for a good fit for them and us. They would like to bring the entertainment complex to Millbury with over 400 permanent jobs. They are hoping to put their plans together and have

a site finalized by Monday to present to the Planning Board. Mr. Spain said that the people decide by ballot; we have hired a consultant to help work out the details and get an agreement that satisfies both sides. They have been a class operation so far to deal with.

Selectman Ashmankas asked how Millbury residents get preference for jobs. Mr. Lovelette explained that they have to work within the laws but if they are qualified they will have the best shot possible for the position.

Chairman Plante said that 93% of the jobs are full time and the average salary is \$50,000.00. He also wanted to assure the people that this board is going to do their homework. He has lived in this town his whole life and he would not do anything to compromise the town.

Selectman King asked Mr. Lovelette to talk about crime. They have not seen a large increase of crime in their areas and they can put you in contact with those areas. The security does not have arrest powers but drugs and prostitution is not prevalent in our areas. The State Police do have an office in their facilities.

Tim Cluett spoke regarding the **Youth Commission**- They are still looking for volunteers, the more ideas the better. They will be using the facility at the McGrath School for activities for the youth group. They also are looking for donations of ping pong tables, games, etc. He is requesting for the skate boarders to come by with their ideas. They would like to make Friday and Saturday nights fun for the kids.

Brian Turbitt spoke about the **Financial Management Planning Committee and Public Safety Building Siting Committee**. Last year they formed the FMPC which was formed because of the S&P ratings review to become forward thinking for the town. The committee is looking for stress points in the budget. They asked all department heads for 10 year projections for staffing needs, equipment, etc. They have met with every department but five- then the committee has a lot of work to do. The manager has asked for the final report by September 1st and he is working hard to get that done. Looking to implement FY15 through FY24. Mr. Spain added that the plan will be updated yearly by the committee.

Public Safety Building Siting Committee-was born out of the \$25,000 grant we got 7 years ago for design of a new fire and police stations. They have got around 5 months ago to selecting a firm to do a feasibility study. They received 11 requests from firms who wanted to do work with the town. The committee is made up of the Police chief, Fire Chief they graded and scored the 11 submission and they are in the process of interview them now. He is hoping to have the recommendation to the Manager by this Thursday morning. The feasibility study will be covered by the \$25,000 grant.

One Day Liquor License- Bartending Service of New England at Asa Waters Mansion on July 12, 2013

Motion to approve the One Day License made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

One Day Liquor License- Bartending Service of New England at Asa Waters Mansion on July 14, 2013

Motion to approve the One Day License made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

Previous Minutes:

Selectman Cristo asked how much the transfer from Insurance to Attorney's Fees was in regards to the June 18th minutes. Mr. Spain answered \$25,000.00.

Motion to approve minutes of the meeting for June 18, 2013 made by Selectman Ashmankas, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

Town Manager Report:

Mr. Spain is appointing Alyssa Marlborough to the Parks Commission.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The special town meeting on June 18 went well. The conference committee confirmed the budget he put in for the amended budget.

Unfortunately our Building Inspector Bob Blackman will be leaving us and we are very disappointed. He has been a very steady, very fair building inspector. Mr. Spain appreciates all he has done. He has also agreed to help us out on Friday's until we find his replacement. Mr. Spain will be putting a committee together to interview the final three candidates.

The transfer station privatization committee was put together to see if it would be a good idea to privatize the transfer station. That task has been completed. He is changing the name of that committee to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee with a charge to advice on solid waste disposal.

They are continuing with DPW negotiations tomorrow; Teachers are done; Police have a tentative agreement but are going through it line by line; hoping to have it finalized for next meeting.

The Roadway Advisory Committee is coming in next meeting as well as the Solid Waste Advisory committee. We are still waiting to hear from the Safety Committee.

There is an opening on the Planning Board effective August 1st which has been posted and advertised. Edd Cote is the only applicant. Mr. Cote said that he was the associate member from 2009 – 2011; he made all of the meetings and he voted on all special permit decisions. He took classes and would now like to be a full member.

Motion to recommend Edd Cote for the Planning Board effective August 2nd made by Selectman Cristo, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Motion carried unanimously.

Old/New Business

Selectman Krumsiek Motioned to ask the board to send a letter to the Governor asking to keep the housing authority local, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Motion carried unanimously.

Jaime Dubey spoke said that a tenants association could help go before the Governor; or help the residents and bring issues to Ms. Cassidy and the Board.

Selectman King said that he would like to address the issue of Town Counsel. He thinks that they should reappoint for this year and put together a committee to see if it is feasible to have an in-house attorney. He would like to have Chairman Plante, Brian Turbitt, Planning Board chairman, Town Planner and the Chairman of the Board of Appeal on the committee and would also like to reach out to the school committee chairman and business manager to see if they are interested in joining us.

He would like their recommendation by December, 2013.

Mr. Spain said that everyone he talked to regarding an in-house attorney said it was a good idea. A lot of the day in and day out questions would raise our costs and if you had someone in-house to run it by you would.

Selectman Cristo asked to look at someone who is versed in human resources, planning and personnel.

Motion to form the In-House Attorney Feasibility Committee made by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Ashmankas.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Kopelman & Paige and Mirick O'Connell for fiscal 2014, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried 4-0-1 (Selectman Cristo declined).

Chairman Plante asked what is going on with Auburn Road and Wedgewood Road.

Selectman Cristo would like to make a motion to reconsider the fees at the transfer station, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek

Motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Cristo she does not feel that the people of Millbury should not pay to dispose of things. She proposes that the transfer station attendants keep a book and log the person's sticker number and signature for the item.

Chairman Plante is opposed to the fee as well.

Tom Riley said that they can't monitor the transfer station already so they cannot take the fees.

Much discussion regarding the transfer station fee for disposal of furniture.

Jayne Davolio, Town Clerk, spoke regarding selling at least \$150.00 in furniture. She thinks that this needs to be done- it is being kept track of by her office. The fee is \$25/per load. You get a paper from town clerk's office and bring it with you to the transfer station when you drop off the furniture. She recommends leaving the fee in place.

Chairman Plante said that they will leave it as is and try it for a year to see what happens.

On a Good Note:

He does not know how to thank the Bicentennial Committee enough for all that they have done. He does not think they could have done any better or have any improvements. The parade and fireworks were great, the ball, cemetery, war and everything was outstanding.

Work session called for 6:30 pm on July 24th to discuss town manager evaluation- it is an employee evaluation and it needs to have goals for the manager;

Selectman King said that woolie world is complete and it looks great.

Richard Valentino wanted to publicly thank Bob Blackman- he is the only inspector that worked with people and boards and did his job completely. He will be greatly missed.

Chairman Plante added he has never received a complaint about him. He got that this is Millbury and not New York City.

Chairman Plante asked what is going on at West Street in front of Felters Mill.

The manager will take the DPW Director down and find out.

Mail

The Senior Center will be having a concert featuring Dan Gable & the Abletones on July 11th from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm in the garden.

Letters from the Police for donations received from Riverside, Inc., Felters Mill and The Elm for the K-9 gift account totaling \$850.00.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion made by Selectman Krumsiek to adjourn at 9:37 p.m., seconded by Selectman Ashmankas. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tish Hayes, Secretary

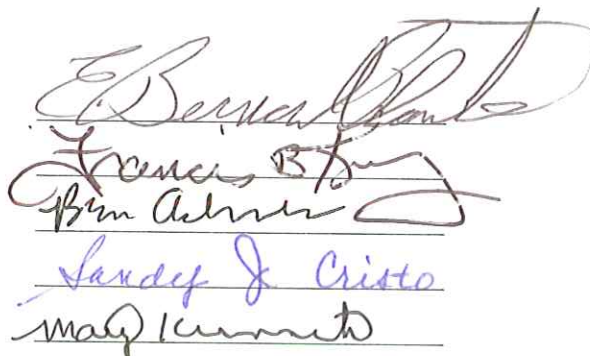
E. Bernard Plante

Francis B. King

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Sandy J. Cristo

Mary Krumsiek



The image shows five handwritten signatures in black ink, each written over a horizontal line. From top to bottom, the signatures are: E. Bernard Plante, Francis B. King, Brian Ashmankas, Sandy J. Cristo, and Mary Krumsiek.

The Board of Selectmen