

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015

In attendance: J. Thomas Hurley, David T. Burnes, Kathleen M. Conlon, Annemarie Fagan, Town Administrator, Emily R. Martin, Executive Secretary

1. Chairman J. Thomas Hurley convened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. in the Cronin Conference room at Town Hall.
2. The Board observed a moment of silence for the passing of Alfred D. Thomas.
3. Kathleen M. Conlon moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from June 16, 2015 as written.
4. The Board confirmed August 18, September 1, September 15 and September 29, 2015 as its next meeting dates.
5. Kathleen M. Conlon moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the current payroll and vendor warrants.
6. Joseph Lynch, Director of the Department of Public Works, attended the meeting to discuss the proposed changes for water and sewer rates. Mr. Lynch reported to the Board that the DPW tries to be conservative in their projections for the upcoming year's water consumption, and they calculated an increase of 4.4% in water rates and a 2% increase in sewer rates, with a 3% total rate increase. Mr. Lynch noted that the sewer rates are determined by the MWRA, which uses a flow share rating to determine how much each municipality pays for sewer fees. Since working on eliminating illegal hookups into the Town sewer system, Milton's flow share contribution has decreased.

Kathleen M. Conlon moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Director of the Department of Public Works to increase the FY2016 water rates by 4.4% over those rates that have been in place during FY2015, this increase is to be applied across all four rate tiers, to be effective for the bills produced beginning on August 10, 2015.

Kathleen M. Conlon moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Director of the Department of Public Works to increase the FY2016 sewer rates by 2.0% over those rates that have been in place during FY2015, this increase is to be applied across all four rate tiers, to be effective for the bills produced beginning on August 10, 2015.

7. Judy George of 52 Ford Ranch Road addressed the Board at Citizens Speak. She read a prepared statement written by John Lawton of 100 Hillside Street which stated that the abutters are in support of a development of up to 12 single family homes in a cluster development, but they are not in favor of supporting a 40B development.

8. Developer Todd Hamilton, Attorney Marion McEttrick and resident Paul Krasinski of 5 Stonehill Lane attended the meeting to discuss Mr. Hamilton's proposed plans for the land on Hillside Street and Ford Ranch Road. Mr. Hamilton gave the history of trying to develop this land, and the opposition he received from the immediate neighbors. At the most recent meeting of the Hillside Neighborhood Association there was a vote of 24-3 in favor of supporting the ≤ 12 lot cluster development. Mr. Hamilton requested that, if the Planning Board or the Board of Appeals denies his application or any abutter files an appeal, the Board support him in filing a Local Initiative Project (LIP), which is a "friendly Chapter 40B plan".

In the audience were several members of the Hillside neighborhood, including Scott Johnson of 11 Hillside Street and Webster Collins of 533 Harland Street, who spoke against the Board agreeing to support a LIP.

The Board took the matter under advisement, encouraged the developer and neighbors to continue their discussions and continued the meeting to Tuesday, August 11 at 7 p.m.

9. Kathleen M. Conlon recused herself from the discussion regarding bond anticipation notes, because she works with the Town's bond counsel.

David T. Burnes moved, J. Thomas Hurley seconded, and the Board voted 2-0-1 to approve the sale of a \$4,821,364 1.00 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note (the "Note") of the Town dated August 12, 2015, and payable August 12, 2016, to Eastern Bank at par and accrued interest, if any, plus a premium of \$30,085.31; and

That in connection with the marketing and sale of the Notes, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated July 21, 2015, and a final Official Statement dated July 28, 2015, each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted. that the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a significant events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Notes for the benefit of the holders of the Notes from time to time; and

That we authorize and direct the Town Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures in such form as the Town Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Notes; and

That each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

10. David T. Burnes moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to accept a donation from the Milton Women's Club for \$200, to be used to benefit the Veterans of Milton in appreciation of their service to our country.
11. David T. Burnes moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to accept the donation from the Copeland Family Foundation Board of Directors in the amount of \$20,000 to the Town of Milton D.A.R.E. program, to be used specifically for D.A.R.E. education, including curriculum, related field trips and summer programs.
12. The Board discussed the following articles it submitted for the October 2015 Special Town Meeting:
 - Amend Chapter 20 of Bylaws (Police Chief hiring process)
 - Amend Section 2 of Chapter 272 of the Acts of 1989 (amend language to make consistent with Strong Town Administrator Article)
 - Abandon Wind Turbine Project, appropriate the remaining amount borrowed, and rescind the unissued balance of the amount authorized to be borrowed

Kathleen M. Conlon noted that Town Meeting members had received the articles from the Town Clerk prior to the Warrant printing for the May Town Meeting, and that it would be helpful to try to get the articles to them in late August so the members can see the articles prior to the Planning Board's public hearing to discuss its proposed zoning articles.

David T. Burnes moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve acceptance of all articles submitted for inclusion in the Fall Special Town Meeting Warrant, and to open and close the Warrant for that purpose.

13. The Board discussed the FY2017 budget process. J. Thomas Hurley noted that the process will be changing with the move to a Strong Town Administrator, and due to a possible 2.5% override there needs to be a contingent and non-contingent budget prepared. Chairman Hurley noted that he wants to begin the process early in order to give the Warrant Committee time to vet the budget prior to voting on it, in hopes that it will streamline the process.
14. David T. Burnes moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to appoint Steven McCurdy of 65 Belcher Circle to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee, to serve through August 2016.
15. David T. Burnes moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to appoint J. Thomas Hurley of 714 Blue Hill Avenue as the Board of Selectmen's designee, and Alexander Whiteside of 79 Hillside Street as the Planning Board's designee on the Fair Housing Committee, and William B. Clark Jr., of 116 Ridgewood Road as the Fair Housing Officer, to serve through August 2016.

16. David T. Burnes moved, J. Thomas Hurley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to appoint Kathleen M. Conlon of 42 Reedsdale Road as the Board of Selectmen's designee to the Master Plan Implementation Committee, to serve through August 2016.
17. David T. Burnes moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to appoint Joseph Reardon of 49 Grafton Avenue to the Norfolk County Advisory Board, to serve through August 2016.
18. Town Administrator Annemarie Fagan reported that there will be a dedication ceremony for the clock donated to commemorate Milton's 350th anniversary. The ceremony will be held in the Milton Village/Central Avenue area where the clock will be installed on Tuesday, August 18 at 11AM. Town Administrator Fagan noted that invitations were being sent to those on the 350th Committee, as well as to owners of local businesses.
19. David T. Burnes followed up on the announcement regarding Al Thomas, noting that Mr. Thomas was a rare jewel in the Town, and a very generous benefactor. Mr. Burnes proposed forming a committee in Mr. Thomas' name to memorialize him.
20. The Board discussed the situation on Hillside Street between the neighbors and developer. J. Thomas Hurley noted that both sides seemed to want the same things, and David T. Burnes noted it is important to work together.
21. J. Thomas Hurley moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously at 9:04 p.m. with Kathleen M. Conlon voting yes, David T. Burnes voting yeas and J. Thomas Hurley voting yes to enter into Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, taking, lease, or value of real property (0 Central Avenue) believing that such discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body, and to return to open session to adjourn.
22. Kathleen M. Conlon moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and at 9:50 p.m. the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.