

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MONDAY, MAY 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 6:02 p.m. in Room 201 of Milton High School.
2. Kathleen M. Conlon moved, J. Thomas Hurley seconded, and the Board voted 2-0-1 with Kathleen M. Conlon voting yes, J. Thomas Hurley voting yes and David T. Burnes abstaining to approve the January 6, 2015, January 13, 2015, February 5, 2015, February 12, 2015, February 24, 2015 and March 12, 2015 meeting minutes as written.

Kathleen M. Conlon moved, J. Thomas Hurley seconded, and the Board voted 2-0-1 with Kathleen M. Conlon voting yes, J. Thomas Hurley voting yes and David T. Burnes abstaining to approve the December 18, 2014, January 12, 2015 and February 18, 2015 minutes, as amended.

3. The Board discussed Article 47 (Citizen Petition-Illuminated Sign Moratorium). Kathleen M. Conlon stated she would like a meeting with Town Planner William Clark and the Sign Review Committee to discuss action on this topic. Ms. Conlon also noted that she is opposed to a moratorium because she wants full flexibility and doesn't want the Town to be perceived as anti-business. J. Thomas Hurley said he is in favor of a partial (selective) moratorium. Ms. Conlon said she would like to hold a public hearing on sign applications.
4. The Board discussed Article 15 (Town Administrator). J. Thomas Hurley noted that the purpose of the article is to delegate responsibilities from the Board of Selectmen to the Town Administrator in order for the Town to run more efficiently. The Board discussed the possibility that there may be conversation on the floor about the hiring process of the Police and Fire Chiefs, which may lead to an amendment.
5. The Board discussed Article 16 (Information Technology Committee). The Board discussed that the Committee will perform a management function, but the article only calls for reporting to Town Meeting. Kathleen M. Conlon moved, J. Thomas Hurley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to submit a friendly amendment to the article require that the Committee to report to the Town Administrator on their progress.
6. Town Government Study Committee Chairman Richard Neely joined the meeting at 6:43 p.m. to discuss Article 15. Mr. Neely described the spirit of the article as letting the Board and Town Administrator be proactive as opposed to reactive. Discussion continued about the hiring authority for the Police and Fire Chiefs, and if the wording might change. The Board also discussed their proposed friendly amendment on the Information Technology Committee (Article 16). Mr. Neely left the meeting at 7:03 p.m.
7. The Board discussed Article 36 (Establish Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund). Kathleen M. Conlon moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to support the Warrant Committee's recommendation on Article 36 at Town Meeting.
8. The Board discussed Article 37 (Establish Special Purpose Stabilization Fund). J. Thomas Hurley explained that this measure would allow for the Town to work on establishing the funds to rehabilitate or replace the current fire stations and Department of Public Works facilities. David T. Burnes agreed that this Article will help move Milton forward.

9. The Board discussed Article 41 (Landfill Access Road Transfer). Kathleen M. Conlon moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to support the Warrant Committee's recommendation on Article 41 at Town Meeting.
10. The Board discussed Article 42 (Quorum of Public Body Legislation). Kathleen M. Conlon moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to support the Warrant Committee's recommendation on Article 42 at Town Meeting.
11. The Board discussed Article 43 (Appoint General Bylaw Review Committee). Kathleen M. Conlon moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to support the Warrant Committee's recommendation on Article 43 at Town Meeting.
12. The Board also discussed Articles 5, 25, 38, 39, 44, 45 and 46.
12. J. Thomas Hurley moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to recess to attend Town Meeting at 7:25 p. m.
13. Town Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.