

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 5, 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 6:00 p.m. in Room 201 of Milton High School.
2. The Board confirmed May 7 and 11 at 6:30 p.m. before Town Meeting as their next meeting dates.
3. Kathleen M. Conlon moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the current payroll and vendor warrants.
4. The Board held a conference with Town Accountant Amy Dexter, who presented the Accounting Flash Report detailing the Revenue and Expenditure information through the end of the third quarter of FY2015 on March 31, 2015.
5. The Board held a conference with Planning Board Chairman Emily Keys Innes. Chairman Innes discussed Article 48 with the Board, saying that many neighborhood associations aren't in full support of the proposed Condominium Bylaw, and that the Planning Board wants to do more work on improving it before bringing a different article to another Town Meeting (likely the October 2016 Special Town Meeting). Ms. Innes also noted that the Planning Board would like a more robust and public process with residents in order to draft the bylaw.

Chairman Innes also discussed Article 47 with the Board, saying she wants to be able to give 21st century guidelines for 21st century signs. She questioned if the Board could address the frustration of residents regarding sign matters, and what measures could be enacted between now and the October Town Meeting, if only on illuminated signs. Kathleen M. Conlon noted that, although she is against a full moratorium, until the Bylaw has been sufficiently rewritten she recommends a Public Hearing process on any signs to be approved. Chairman Innes suggested looking at other towns to see their regulations on illuminated signs to find reasonable ways to enforce restrictions, and said the Planning Board could research those standards. Ms. Innes also suggested having more hearings and more public participation in this process, as well as giving more notice to the public regarding these hearings. She concluded by saying the definitions in the Town Bylaws need to change to match current technology. Chairman Hurley agreed the Board should work with the Planning Board and the public during this process.

6. The Board held a conference with Town Counsel John Flynn and Town Government Study Committee Chairman Richard Neely to discuss Article 15. Mr. Flynn noted that if the Article becomes law, the Town will need to revise the bylaw governing the appointment process for the Police Chief. J. Thomas Hurley said this could be an opportunity to formalize the process by which the Police and Fire Chiefs are chosen.
7. Kathleen M. Conlon moved, J. Thomas Hurley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to appoint David T. Burnes as the Board of Selectmen's designee to the MPEG Board.
8. J. Thomas Hurley gave his Chairman's Report, in which he addressed issues on Central Avenue that have arisen due to recent construction. He said he would like to meet with Joseph Lynch, DPW Director, John Thompson, Town Engineer, and Richard Wells, Chief of Police, together with the neighbors to discuss their concerns. Town Administrator Annemarie Fagan noted that the

complaint that was made about crosswalks would be addressed at the May 19 meeting of the Traffic Commission.

9. J. Thomas Hurley moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously at 7:11 p.m. to recess in to a meeting of the Trustees of the Governor Stoughton Fund.

At 7:14 the Board returned to open session.

10. J. Thomas Hurley moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously at 7:15 p.m. with David T. Burnes voting yes, Kathleen M. Conlon voting yes, and J. Thomas Hurley voting yes to enter Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property (0 Central Avenue), believing in having this discussion in open session would have a detrimental bargaining position of the body, and to return to open session to adjourn.
11. J. Thomas Hurley moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously at 7:31 to return to open session and recess to Town Meeting.
12. Town Meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.