

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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 7:03 p.m. in the John Cronin Conference Room in the Town Hall of Milton.
2. The Board confirmed September 29, October 6, October 20 and October 26, 2015 as its next meeting dates.
3. David T. Burnes moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the current payroll and vendor warrants.
4. At Citizens Speak, Virginia Corcoran of 36 Highland Street told the Board she is concerned about the airplane traffic over the Town. She noted that she is a long-time resident, and she feels the traffic has greatly increased over time and needs to be addressed.

Phillip Johenning of 23 Parkwood Drive echoed the concerns of Ms. Corcoran, suggesting that better communication between the official Town Airplane Noise Advisory Committee and the resident group Fair Skies Boston could aid in the efforts of both groups to decrease the amount of air traffic over Milton.

5. At 7:13 p.m. a public hearing was continued for the sign at Super Petroleum at 310 Granite Avenue. Building Commissioner Joseph Prondak and Edward Corcoran, legal counsel for the applicant, attended the meeting to discuss the sign. Commissioner Prondak reported that Town Counsel had rendered an opinion that the sign as it currently exists is not grandfathered. Attorney Corcoran stated he disagreed that the sign is not grandfathered, but he is comfortable with the Board either denying the application without prejudice to the filing of a new application or remanding it to the Building Department/Sign Review Committee. He anticipates starting the permitting process over again and working with the neighborhood to find an agreeable compromise.

Amy Lenane of 99 Grafton Avenue told the Board that she wants to make sure it adheres to the guidelines as defined in the sign bylaw. Cindy Christiansen of 59 Collamore Street questioned what would happen to the current sign during the time that the application is refiled. Kathleen Ferraro of 300 Granite Avenue reiterated her complaints regarding the lit pricing on the sign.

David T. Burnes moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to close the hearing on the Super Petroleum sign.

Kathleen M. Conlon moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to deny the application of Super Petroleum, 310 Granite Avenue, without prejudice to the applicant's ability to file a new application.

6. Chief Richard Wells attended the meeting to update the Board on Police activity in Town. First he thanked Town Administrator Annemarie Fagan for coordinating attendance by relevant personnel at the MIIA summit regarding lessons learned after the winter storms, and informed the Board he has already begun thinking about snow emergency preparedness.

Chief Wells reported that there has been resolution in some situations: an individual who had been arrested trying to enter the High School with a weapon and illegal substances was found guilty, an individual who mugged a resident had been caught and charged; and Milton Police are working with the Boston Police Department to apprehend perpetrators of other crimes. Chief Wells also noted he had attended a community night aimed at distributing information about safety to residents in Boston, and he hoped to plan a similar event in Milton soon.

Chief Wells presented the Board with information regarding the DCR's controlled deer hunt that will be taking place in the fall. He reported that it will occur over four days, Monday, November 30, Tuesday, December 1, Monday, December 7 and Tuesday, December 8. There will be 120 permits issued for each week of the hunt, in which only shotguns are permitted, and buckshots are not allowed. Chief Wells stated that the DCR is holding meetings within the communities to give further information to the public.

7. David T. Burnes moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve four One Day Liquor Licenses for the Milton Art Center, for a fundraiser to be held at 334 Edge Hill Road on Saturday, October 2, 2015 from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m., and for three concerts to be held on October 17, November 13 and December 5 from 7:30 – 10:00 p.m.
8. David T. Burnes moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to extend the deadline for the concurrent demolition of the Town-owned property at 0 Central Avenue and the Carrick Realty Trust property at 131 Eliot Street from September 15, 2015 to October 20, 2015.
9. David T. Burnes moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to appoint John Folcarelli of 361 Centre Street as the Library's designee to serve on the Capital Improvement Planning Committee through August 2016.
10. David T. Burnes moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to appoint Bertha Hoskins of 726 Blue Hill Avenue to serve on the Fair Housing Committee through April 2016.
11. David T. Burnes moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to appoint Linda Weld of 267 Adams Street to serve on the Historical Commission through September 2018.

12. David T. Burnes moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to appoint Brian Carlisle and John Calabro to the In-Service Safety and Training Committee to serve through September 2016.
13. Town Administrator Annemarie Fagan reported on the “Shred Day” that will be taking place at the Council on Aging on Saturday, September 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., as well as Registrar of Deeds William O’Donnell holding office hours at the Town Hall on Thursday, October 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Town Administrator Fagan also cited a seminar in Plymouth that she, as well as other department heads, attended on strategy and preparing for the upcoming winter and discussed planning for the FY2017 budget (both contingent and non-contingent).
14. J. Thomas Hurley announced the Run Milton Half-Marathon being held on Sunday, October 4 at 8:00 a.m. The race starts at Town Hall, and proceeds benefit the Council on Aging Transport Fund.
15. David T. Burnes thanked the teachers, administrators and employees of Milton Public Schools for the work they do for the youth of the Town, and announced that Milton High won its first game of the season. The Wildcats won 34-24 over Needham, and the Boosters Club celebrated the season opener with a cookout.
16. At Citizens Speak response, David T. Burnes agreed that the airplane noise over Town is getting excessive, and that the Board is doing what it can to help alleviate the issue. J. Thomas Hurley remarked it is a fairness issue, that Milton bears the brunt of overhead traffic versus the rest of the South Shore. Kathleen M. Conlon noted that the Board has already sent a strong comment letter on June 30 to the FAA about the proposed 4L RNAV.
17. Planning Board Chair Emily Keys Innes attended a conference with the Board to discuss the Planning Board articles for the October 2015 Special Town meeting, informing the Board that the Planning Board is withdrawing all but two articles: Non-Conforming Dimensions (as a zoning article) and Amplified Sound (to be changed to Amplified Music as a General Bylaw). Chair Innes reported that the Planning Board’s new approach to zoning bylaws was successful as far as receiving resident feedback, and that it had withdrawn the additional articles because they had not been fully vetted and were not ready to be presented at Town meeting yet. The Board complimented the Planning Board on its public process for preparing and reviewing zoning articles during the past few months, and thanked the Planning Board for its efforts.
18. David T. Burnes moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the Greeting and Index pages of the October 2015 Special Town Meeting Warrant.
19. Kathleen M. Conlon moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and at 8:32 p.m. the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.