

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2016

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 7:05 p.m. at the Milton Council on Aging.
2. The Board confirmed future meeting dates of May 2, May 3 and May 5, 2016, as well as May 9, May 10 and May 12, if necessary (all of which are Town Meeting nights).
3. Kristine Hodlin, Chair of the Board of Library Trustees, discussed the Library's Kidder Branch on Blue Hills Parkway. Ms. Hodlin outlined the history of the building and the deed restrictions on it, which determine for what purpose the building can be used. The Board discussed with Chair Hodlin possible uses of the building. She noted that the building needs some major renovations to bring it up to code and make it ADA compliant. With respect to the Library building on Canton Avenue, Ms. Hodlin noted that the Trustees have taken a step towards completing necessary improvements and signed an agreement with Beta Engineering to build a turn-around in the parking lot. Once the Trustees receive a final design, they plan to complete a request for proposals to go out to bid for the project.
4. The Board continued a public hearing for the sign application of Super Petroleum at 310 Granite Avenue. Owner Muftah Bugazia and his attorney Edward Corcoran presented a plan to remove the middle panel of the sign, reducing the height from 16' to 12.5'. Kathleen Ferraro of 300 Granite Avenue and Amy Lenane of 99 Grafton Avenue informed the Board of their concern regarding the conditions of the sign and their desire to have the neighborhood protected. Building Commissioner Joseph Prondak noted that this is a new application for a sign, and if approved, would render moot the grandfathering issue. Attorney Corcoran noted he disagreed with Town Counsel's view that the existing sign is not grandfathered, but conceded that, if approved, the approval would be for the life of the Super Petroleum station at the site and the next owner would need to go through the approval process again. Cindy Christiansen of 59 Collamore Street informed the Board that the Board of the East Milton Neighborhood Association expects the Town to ensure as business in East Milton grows that it is in harmony with the Town. Paul Doherty of 8 Thistle Avenue told the Board he feels this is a good compromise, and the Town should move forward with its approval and settle the matter.

David T. Burnes moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve an application submitted by Attorney Edward Corcoran on behalf of Super Petroleum, Inc. for a free-standing illuminated sign located at the northwesterly corner of the gas station property located at 310 Granite Avenue, and for the installation of individual panels on the sign structure, sign logos on individual pumps, canopy and awning lettering and to issue a permit for a sign subject to the following conditions, limitations, and safeguards:

- The free standing illuminated sign will be lowered 3½' to a new total height of 12½'. The location is to remain the same as previously permitted by the Planning Board's Site Plan Approval (see attached image)
 - The Super Petroleum (top) panel will be as agreed to with the Milton Sign Review Committee a solid aluminum panel, red in color, with back-lit letters, silver in color, stating "Super Petroleum".
 - The next panel will be unlit. The panel will be solid aluminum with lettering stating "MAC, Milton Auto Care"
 - The next section is the LED price panels, as agreed upon by the Milton Sign Review Committee in 2014 with heavy window tinting on the north side of the price numbers to protect the homeowner next door. The price panel numbers will be illuminated only enough to allow visibility of the prices from the roadway but are to be non-intrusive to the adjacent home.
 - The bottom panel stating the site is a State Inspection Station is allowed but the panel is to be unlit at all times.
 - The free-standing illuminated sign and supporting structure will be removed upon sale of the property
 - Daily sign and pump illumination will cease within 15 minutes of station closing
 - There will be no unapproved window signage allowed
 - Unlit Super Petroleum lettering is allowed on station's pump island canopy
 - Unlit logos on the individual gas pumps stating Super Petroleum and a pump number are allowed
 - Lettering on the station's 2 unlit doorway awnings is allowed;
 - 1. The doorway over the SP Mart entrance will be a red awning with white lettering;
 - 2. The awning over the Auto Care entrance doorway will be white with black lettering.
5. Director of the Department of Public Works Joseph Lynch and Massachusetts Area Planning Council Director of Environmental Planning Martin Pillsbury gave a presentation regarding the Stormwater Utility Fee authorized at the February 2016 Special Town Meeting and how different properties could be billed for the fee. As a result of recalculation of impervious surfaces an updated fee schedule was discussed, which divided the property types to be billed into four tiers as opposed to the original proposal for two. Joseph Murphy of 20 Mountain Laurel Path, David Bacon of the East Congregational Church, Kristine Hodlin of 112 Maple Street, Frederick Kibble of 78 Governors Road and Rene Ruiz of 9 Stone Bridge Lane raised questions regarding the fee structure, what constitutes an "impervious surface", how non-profit properties will be billed, how Town properties will be billed and what the nature of the fee is. Director Lynch addressed the concerns of residents, noting that this fee is as a result of a Federal mandate and that, in his view, billing it as a fee on the residents' quarterly water and sewer bills is preferable to approving an override to satisfy the requirements of the permit.

6. David T. Burnes moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the renewal of the following taxi cab licenses for 2016: CWC Taxi, Inc. d/b/a Milton Cab Company, 10 Des Moines Road, Quincy – 8 taxi cab licenses; Parkway Cab, Inc., 66 Alpheus Road, Roslindale – 1 taxi cab license.
7. David T. Burnes moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to appoint Everett I. Hayward of 26 Eliot Street to the Milton Village/Central Avenue Revitalization Committee, to serve through April 2017.
8. Town Administrator Annemarie Fagan reported that the Annual Town Meeting will begin Monday, May 2, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Milton High School Auditorium, that the Swift Hat Shop Preservation Committee will attend a meeting of the Board in June to report on its progress, and that the DPW Open House will occur on Saturday, May 14.
9. Chairman J. Thomas Hurley congratulated Kathleen M. Conlon on her successful reelection campaign, and complimented Richard Wells for running a good campaign.
10. David T. Burnes also congratulated Ms. Conlon, and thanked Mr. Wells for running a strong and positive campaign. Mr. Burnes also thanked the residents who ran for Town Meeting Member.

Kathleen M. Conlon thanked the voters for her reelection, and mentioned there will be a dedication ceremony for the new Temple on Lodge Street on Sunday, May 1, noting that members will meet at the gazebo at Town Hall at 12:45 p.m. to walk to the new location.

11. Financial Policies was listed as a future agenda item.
12. J. Thomas Hurley moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and at 9:06 p.m. the Board voted unanimously, with Kathleen M. Conlon voting yes, David T. Burnes voting yes and J. Thomas Hurley voting yes to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation regarding airplanes, and strategy regarding collective bargaining, believing that having such discussion in Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Board, and to return to Open Session to adjourn.
13. The meeting adjourned at 11:06 p.m.

existing sign 16' high



proposed sign 12.5' high

