

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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 7:00 p.m. in the Cronin Conference Room at the Town Hall of Milton.
2. The Board observed a moment of silence for Caitlin Clavette, the Glover School art teacher who was killed in a tragic accident last Friday, February 12.
3. J. Thomas Hurley moved, David T. Burnes seconded and the Board voted unanimously with Kathleen M. Conlon voting yes, David T. Burnes voting yes and J. Thomas Hurley voting yes at 7:01 p.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to negotiations with Non-Union Personnel (Police Chief Contract), and with respect to litigation (711 Randolph Avenue and 131 Eliot Street) believing that having such discussions in Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Board, and to return to Open Session for the purpose of holding the Board of Selectmen's meeting.
4. The Board confirmed February 23, March 8 and March 22, 2016 as its future meeting dates.
5. David T. Burnes moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the current payroll and vendor warrants.
6. Michael Chinman of 433 Eliot Street, Walter O'Leary of 303 Reedsdale Road, Moira Downes of 41 Frothingham Street, Kathryn Schultz of 99 Elm Street and Brian Kelley of 11 Hope Avenue spoke in favor of renewing the Police Chief's contract.
7. David T. Burnes moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to not renew the employment contract of the Chief of Police, which expires on June 30, 2016. The Board noted its regret that a settlement had not been reached.
8. DPW Director Joseph Lynch presented the Board with information regarding Phase 3 of the roadway improvements to Blue Hills Parkway, noting that it is 100% covered by state funds. The project takes safety to the forefront, and will provide a link between Truman Parkway, Blue Hills Parkway and the Neponset River Parkway. Construction will begin in late spring or early summer.

David T. Burnes moved, Kathleen M. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract between the Town of Milton and the DCR for the design set of "Traffic and Roadway Improvements – Blue Hills Parkway – Eliot Street to Mattapan Square" in the amount of \$3,660,958 or the actual cost of construction, whichever is less, to be released over two years, and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign any related documents on the Board's behalf.

9. Town Administrator Annemarie Fagan reported that the Council on Aging is currently closed due to damage resulting from a frozen pipe.
10. Chairman Hurley reported that the February 2016 Special Town Meeting had concluded, and that the Stormwater Utility article had passed.
11. David T. Burnes noted that his children had had the pleasure of being taught by Caitlin Clavette, the art teacher from Glover, and suggested the Board work with Milton Public Schools to find a way to memorialize her.
12. Kathleen M. Conlon responded to the residents who attended Citizens Speak, noting that it was a hard decision made after a long process and the Board tried to do its best. She ensured the residents that the Board did hear what they had to say, however this was a contract issue and not about character.
13. The Board noted Financial Policies and Ulin Rink as future agenda items.
14. J. Thomas Hurley moved, David T. Burnes seconded and the Board voted unanimously with Kathleen M. Conlon voting yes, David T. Burnes voting yes and J. Thomas Hurley voting yes at 8:24 p.m. to reenter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation (711 Randolph Avenue and 131 Eliot Street) believing that having such discussions in Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Board, and to return to Open Session for the purpose of adjournment.
15. The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.