

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2016

In attendance: Kathleen M. Conlon, David T. Burnes, J. Thomas Hurley, Annemarie Fagan, Town Administrator, Emily R. Martin, Executive Secretary

1. Chair Kathleen M. Conlon convened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. in the Cronin Conference Room in the Town Hall of Milton.
2. J. Thomas Hurley moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from April 28, 2016, May 2, 2016, May 3, 2016, May 5, 2016 and May 17, 2016 as written.
3. The Board confirmed future meeting dates of June 22 and July 12, 2016. The Board is considering another meeting between those dates.
4. At Citizens Speak, William Kring of 80 Eliot Street addressed the Board regarding a parking issue he had previously brought before the Board. Mr. Kring expressed displeasure at what he felt was a lack of response and professionalism from the Department of Public Works during the process. The Board invited DPW Director Joseph Lynch to address these comments. Director Lynch noted a flaw in the recommendation from the Traffic Commission, the correction of which is next on the agenda. Mr. Lynch informed the Board that the signs in question have already been installed in the corrected locations, and that he had responded previously to Mr. Kring's inquiry.
5. Police Chief Richard G. Wells Jr. reported that the Traffic Commission had mistakenly recommended the wrong changes to the traffic bylaws to the Board, which the Board approved on February 23, 2016. Therefore the votes needed to be rescinded and new votes taken.

David T. Burnes moved, J. Thomas Hurley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to rescind the following votes taken at the February 23, 2016 Board of Selectmen's meeting:

- Article V, Section 6

Eliot Street –to designate four parking spaces beginning at the southerly property line of 64 Eliot Street to the northerly property line of 74 Eliot Street as “Service Zone”

- Article V, Section 7B

Eliot Street –to designate the first four parking spaces on the Boston side of Eliot Street beginning at the property line of 95 Eliot Street northerly to the front entrance of 50 Eliot Street as “2 Hour Parking”

David T. Burnes moved, J. Thomas Hurley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendations of the Traffic Commission as follows:

- Article V, Section 6

Eliot Street – to designate four parking spaces beginning at utility pole number 11, located in front of #80 Eliot Street and extending northerly to utility pole number 43/10, located in front of #74 – 76 Eliot Street as “Service Zone”

6. David T. Burnes moved, J. Thomas Hurley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve and forward to the Warrant Committee a transfer in the amount of \$33,887 from the Police Department Salary and Wage line to the Police Capital Outlay – Motor Vehicle line, as requested by the Police Chief. On behalf of the Board, Chair Conlon thanked Chief Wells for his 32 years of service to the Town, including 9 as Police Chief, and wished him well in his retirement.
7. Daniel Pallotta, consultant at P-Three, Inc., a project management firm, gave a presentation to the Board regarding best practices to follow when undertaking large building projects in Town, which Milton will likely do in the coming years for the DPW yard and fire stations. Fire Chief John Grant, DPW Director Joseph Lynch and DPW Yard Study Committee Chair Stanley Genega joined the Board to hear Mr. Pallotta’s presentation as they were all involved in the process to study what each department will need in their new facilities. Mr. Pallotta discussed several facets of planning, from finding an Owner’s Project Manager (OPM) for projects totaling more than \$1.5M to the new bidding laws that state the lowest bidder does not have to be chosen if it is not a responsible contractor. Mr. Genega supported Mr. Pallotta’s advice, especially the notion that it is of the utmost importance to have the right OPM who is equipped to handle to job, as the largest cause of failure and being over budget is to have an inexperienced person managing it. Chief Grant agreed, stating all of the firms interviewed by the Fire Space Needs Committee stressed the importance of finding the right OPM early in the project.
8. Fire Chief John Grant presented his quarterly report. Chief Grant noted that the number of runs were slightly above average, including one large house fire, and informed the Board his department is in the process of ordering a new truck to replace Engine 4.
9. PILOT Study Committee Chair Dimitry Petion, Chief Appraiser Robert Bushway, and Board of Assessors members Brian Cronin, James Henderson and William Bennett discussed the Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) program. In Milton 41% of the land base is tax exempt, and the group discussed possible scenarios in which the property owners could give back to the Town in either monetary compensation or in-kind donations. Mr. Petion noted that one method could be to ask owners of the bulk of the untaxed properties to enter into a sponsorship type agreement in which the non-profits could contribute to the rehabilitation of Town buildings in exchange for naming rights (ex. Atherton Street firehouse could become the “Curry Fire House”). David T. Burnes recommended meetings with heads of non-profit organizations in Town to start the dialogue. Mr. Burnes also suggested doing an assessment with the Town to determine what type of in-kind services would be useful, and appointing a PILOT Implementation Committee to carry out the

suggestions of the Study Committee. Mr. Hurley and Ms. Conlon agreed, noting that the Board must first adopt the recommended PILOT policy at a future meeting.

10. Chair Conlon suggested moving up agenda item #23 (Town Administrator's Report – Police Chief Appointment), if there were no objections. As there were none, the Police Chief Screening Committee members in attendance (Brian Walsh, John O'Connor, Lt. Michael Collins and Stefano Keel) were invited to join the Board at the table. Mr. Curran is a member of the Committee but was unable to attend. The Committee reported on a successful process with many talented applicants, and the Board thanked the members for their time and effort. Town Administrator Annemarie Fagan announced that, subject to contract negotiations and Personnel Board approval, she has appointed Deputy Chief John King to the position of Chief of Police effective July 1, 2016.
11. Chair Conlon reported that Town Clerk Susan Galvin has requested that the Special Town Meeting, generally held the fourth Monday of October, be postponed to a later date as her office will be very busy in October due to early voting for the Presidential Election in November. Chair Conlon reported that she had researched the Town Bylaws and spoke to Town Counsel John Flynn, who advised the Board that it cannot postpone the October 2016 Special Town Meeting, but can determine that it is "not required" Ms. Conlon recommended that the Board make such a determination. Mr. Burnes agreed. J. Thomas Hurley noted that there is currently \$106,000 being considered in increased State aid to Milton by the State Legislature and that, if it is received, a Special Town Meeting could determine if that money could be used to fund needed positions, such as a Code Enforcement Officer or Assistant Town Administrator. Chair Conlon noted that a Special Town Meeting could be called at any time. Given Mr. Hurley's comment, the Chair suggested that the request be taken under advisement. The Board will vote on it at its June 22 meeting.
12. The Board discussed its goals and objectives with respect to communication, development projects and finances. David T. Burnes noted that communication encompasses implementing a social media policy as previously discussed, but he also would like to establish a regular correspondence with residents to ensure that factual information regarding Town business is being circulated. Chair Conlon noted that the website needs improvement, and supported the idea of periodic communication with the residents. The Board asked the Town Administrator to focus on increased communication to residents. The Board listed development projects they want to see move forward, including the East Milton Deck, Hendries and Town Farm projects. J. Thomas Hurley said he wants to improve strategic planning and communication with the Planning Board and Master Plan Implementation Committee to work cohesively to bring to fruition projects that the Town wants to see completed. The Board touched on financial policies, noting each member is updating certain sections of the policies approved in 2008, to be discussed more in depth at a future meeting.
13. J. Thomas Hurley moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to ratify the letters of congratulations to the following teachers who are recipients of the 2016 Milton Foundation for Education Teacher of the Year Awards: Richard Guarino,

Soondarie Barker, Ezra Buyukozer, Sarah Smith, Kate Lavalley, Genevieve Martland and Dr. Noreen Diamond Burdett.

14. David T. Burnes moved, J. Thomas Hurley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve a One Day Liquor License for Jim Scherer Studio for an artist's reception to be held in the second floor hallway of the Fruit Center Marketplace at 10 Bassett Street on June 30, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

David T. Burnes moved, J. Thomas Hurley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve a One Day Liquor License for We Are Milton at Hutchinson Field for a music fest and fireworks on Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and for Celtic Sunday on Sunday, June 26, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

15. Town Administrator Annemarie Fagan informed the Board of the details of the agreement she negotiated with the Milton Public Library Staff Association, which include a higher employee contribution to the health insurance premiums that will save the Town approximately \$250,000 annually. Chair Conlon commended former School Committee Chair Michael Zullas for his work to negotiate the increase with the school employees prior to bringing it to the other Town unions.

J. Thomas Hurley moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the agreement for a three year contract with the Milton Public Library Staff Association as presented.

16. David T. Burnes moved, J. Thomas Hurley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Diane Ferrari of 90 Governors Road as the Agent for the Peabody Fund, to serve through June 2017.
17. J. Thomas Hurley moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to reappoint John Flynn of Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP, as Town Counsel, to serve through June 2017.
18. David T. Burnes moved, J. Thomas Hurley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to appoint Bruce Talanian of 54 Old Farm Road and Joseph Sloane of 55 Concord Avenue, and to reappoint Thomas Buchau of 8 Cantwell Road, Hugh Stringer of 549 Eliot Street, Michael Blackwell of 357 Blue Hills Parkway, Lee Toma of 58 Aberdeen Road and Erick Ask of 10 Stoddard Lane to the Bicycle Advisory Committee, to serve through May 2017.
19. J. Thomas Hurley moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Frances Westhaver of 17 Manning Lane to the Board of Registrars to serve through May 2019.
20. David T. Burnes moved, J. Thomas Hurley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to reappoint John Kiernan of 170 Cabot Street to the Conservation Commission, to serve through May 2019.

21. J. Thomas Hurley moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Virginia Hannigan of 20 Houston Avenue, and Margaret Flaherty of 24 Brackett Street to the Council on Aging, to serve through June 2017.
22. David T. Burnes moved, J. Thomas Hurley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to appoint Paul Doherty of 8 Thistle Avenue and Douglas Scibeck of 198 Church Street to the Sign Review Committee, to serve through December 2016.
23. J. Thomas Hurley moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to appoint Janet Christensen of 24 Gordon Road to the Swift Hat Shop Preservation Committee, to serve through March 2017.
24. Town Administrator Fagan noted several upcoming road races and an event on the Town green. Ms. Fagan also thanked and expressed her appreciation of Police Chief Richard Wells, noting they had worked together for the past 25 years, and wished him well in the next chapter of his life. Members of the Board echoed her comments.
25. Chair Conlon reported on the previous week's successful Memorial Day event, and thanked those involved in its planning and execution.
26. David T. Burnes congratulated Coach Shaw for coaching an unprecedented three championship girl's track teams this year, including the All-State win the previous Saturday.

J. Thomas Hurley informed the Board that he and DPW Director Lynch are being recognized by the Neponset River Watershed Association on June 8 for the work they have done to comply with the new Federal stormwater mandate so quickly after it was implemented.
27. Kathleen M. Conlon addressed the issues that Mr. Kring had raised during Citizens Speak, noting that it was a long process to resolve the issue, as at first there was no legal solution. However, due to work by Assistant Town Planner Tim Czerwienski and others, a resolution was reached, and the requested signage had already been installed. She also added that the recent error that delayed the installation of signs was made by the Traffic Commission, not the DPW Director as Mr. Kring had alleged.
28. The Board discussed holding a stormwater hearing on June 22 to set rates and regulations. Additionally, an update on the Ulin Rink 25 Year Lease Committee and financial policies were noted as future agenda items.
29. Kathleen M. Conlon moved, J. Thomas Hurley seconded, and at 9:04 p.m. the Board voted unanimously, with J. Thomas Hurley voting yes, David T. Burnes voting yes and Kathleen M. Conlon voting yes, to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiating strategy with respect to Non-Union Personnel (Town Administrator), and to discuss strategy with regards to litigation (Airplane Noise) 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.

30. The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.