

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016**

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

1. Chairman Kathleen M. Conlon convened the meeting at 7:06 p.m. in the John Cronin Conference Room at the Town Hall of Milton.
2. A moment of silence was observed for George Thompson, a World War II veteran and Town Meeting Member for 40 years, who passed away on November 11, 2016.
3. The Board will meet jointly with the Planning Board on November 16, 2016 to discuss the proposed Ice House project at 487 Blue Hills Parkway and an update on the Master Plan Implementation Committee.
4. At Citizens Speak, Kevin Kelly of 81 Fullers Lane requested that the Board adopt MGL Ch. 33, §59, which addresses paid leave for Town employees active in the military. Chair Conlon noted there could not be discussion on the matter at this time as it was not an agenda item, but confirmed it would be on the November 29, 2016 agenda to discuss as a potential article for the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting.
5. Pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 56 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Board convened a public hearing at 7:17 p.m. on Property Tax Classification, specifically to make decisions regarding the property tax burden to be borne by each class of property, Residential, Open Space, Commercial, Industrial and Personal. Chief Appraiser Robert Bushway and Board of Assessors Chair Brian Cronin and member William Bennett met with the Board to discuss the policy decisions regarding the FY17 tax rates.

Chief Appraiser Bushway noted that there was a 3.6% increase in taxable value in the Town, and the Board of Assessors recommended a shift of 1.55% from residential taxes to commercial. Mr. Bushway noted with the new rates the average residential tax bill will increase by \$327, and commercial by \$624 annually.

No member of the public offered comments. The public hearing was closed at 7:26 p.m.

J. Thomas Hurley moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to adopt a Minimum Residential factor of 97.7058, to not adopt a residential exemption, and to not adopt a small commercial exemption.

6. Shade Tree Advisory Committee (STAC) Chair Peggy Chao, with STAC members Nancy Chisolm, Kristen Kleiman and Frederick Taylor and ex-officio member/Tree Warden Branch Lane, presented an update on the Committee's progress since its inception. The group discussed its work to create an inventory of trees in Town, and how the classification of trees (good/fair, poor, etc.) affect the number of trees desired to repopulate the Town and reinstate Milton as a designated a "Tree City USA" by the Arbor Day Foundation. Gaining this designation will allow Milton to apply for federal grants to further the efforts of the Committee. The members also discussed their short term and long term goals, plans for outreach and an update on the tree lottery through the Department of Public Works (DPW).

Joseph Lynch, DPW Director, joined the discussion to answer questions about the tree lottery. The Board thanked the members of the Committee for their hard work and dedication.

7. Police Chief John King presented the report of the Traffic Commission meeting from its November 2, 2016 meeting. Upon discussing the issues raised at the Commission's meeting, the Board determined it would defer the first item regarding a loading zone in East Milton Square (as the zone was written into Novara's site plan approval and the Planning Board needs to be consulted), as well as the second item regarding the movement of a handicapped parking space in East Milton Square (until the Commission on Disabilities can be consulted on the matter).

David T. Burnes moved, J. Thomas Hurley seconded, and after acceptance of a friendly amendment by Mr. Hurley that signage be installed on Pleasant Street to give advanced warning of the change in traffic pattern, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following amendment to the Traffic Rules and Orders:

Article VIII, Section 22

Lodge Street – Install a “No Left Turn 3 -6 p.m.” sign on Lodge Street at the intersection of Randolph Avenue.

8. Town Accountant Amy Dexter and Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC) member Leroy Walker, along with Mr. Hurley who is also a member of the CIPC, discussed the proposed capital policies the Committee has been working on for the past several months. The primary focus of updating the policies is to increase the minimum dollar amount of capital projects from \$10,000 to \$25,000 and to document 2.5% of revenue to debt service (current rate is 1.9%). The Committee plans to submit an article for the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting and recommends that the Board adopt the revised policy.
9. Director of the Department of Public Works Joseph Lynch provided the Board with his quarterly report, including an update on the water tank projects, the paving of Canton Avenue, the stormwater fee and solid waste contract. Mr. Lynch also discussed the designated space for employees at the DPW yard and answered questions from Chair Conlon and Mr. Burnes regarding the new signage near Glover Elementary School. Mr. Burnes expressed his concern regarding communication issues between the DPW and the residents, noting he would like a communication policy in place to increase efficiencies.
10. J. Thomas Hurley moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve a five year extension to the inter-municipal agreement between the Town of Milton and the City of Boston Water & Sewer Commission, through December 31, 2021, subject to approval as to form and content by Town Counsel.
11. The Board discussed possible articles for the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting, including a noise bylaw to address early morning and late evening construction noise, reconstitution of the Traffic Commission to include residents as members, and the creation of a revolving fund for the Consolidated Facilities Department designating the money generated from the solar panels on Town property to be used for departmental projects. The Board also noted a

bylaw regarding the Capital Improvement Planning Committee and a sign bylaw from the Planning Board as additional potential articles.

12. David T. Burnes moved, J. Thomas Hurley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the amount of \$89,359.00 for the FY2016 Fire Department Education Incentives which reflects a total of 1,852 credits at \$48.25 per credit.
13. David T. Burnes moved, J. Thomas Hurley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve and sign the Milton Professional Management Association Union Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019.
14. Chair Conlon recused herself from discussion and vote of the item regarding the change of control of RCN. Acting Chair Burnes noted that since the public hearing closed on November 2, 2016, no comments had been received.

J. Thomas Hurley moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and the Board voted unanimously (2-0) that, as statutory Issuing Authority, the Milton Board of Selectmen votes to grant the transfer of the RCN Cable Television Renewal License in Milton, dated October 20, 2015, operated by RCN Telecom Services of Massachusetts, LLC., from Yankee Cable Partners, LLC to TPG Capital, which will operate the Milton RCN Renewal License under the ownership and control of its affiliate, Radiate Holdings, L.P., and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign a letter to the Commissioner of the Department of Telecommunications and Cable with respect to that approval.

Chair Conlon returned to the meeting.

15. David T. Burnes moved, J. Thomas Hurley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to accept a donation in the amount of \$100 from Frank Susi of Susi Art LLC to the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition. The Board thanked Mr. Susi for his generosity.
16. David T. Burnes moved, J. Thomas Hurley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Thomas Callahan of 16 Orono Street, Julie D. Creamer of 58 Frothingham Street, Philip Murphy of 1050 Canton Avenue, Frank Davis of 66 Valley Road and J. Thomas Hurley of 714 Blue Hill Avenue as Trustees of the Affordable Housing Trust to serve through November 2018.
17. J. Thomas Hurley moved, David T. Burnes seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Kristen Kleiman of 99 Otis Street, Fred Taylor of 98 Gulliver Street, L. Tucker Smith of 1632 Canton Avenue, Jean H. Powers of 1372 Brush Hill Road, Nancy Chisholm of 129 Gulliver Street, Carol Stocker of 291 Hillside Street, Peggy Y. Chao of 690 Brook Road and Branch Lane of 85 Highland Street, to the Shade Tree Advisory Committee to serve through November 2017.
18. Town Administrator Annemarie Fagan reported that the FY2018 budget process has begun, with the budgets of all departments falling under the Board due on November 1, 2016, and all the rest due December 1, 2016, and that she would like to discuss Financial Policies on an agenda prior to the transition to the new Town Administrator. Ms. Fagan also thanked Mary McNamara for her work on the Town Government Study Committee.

19. Chair Conlon reported on airplane noise and a meeting of the Massport Board of Directors, and announced the Board's public meeting on December 6, 2016 at the Council on Aging regarding a request from a medicinal marijuana facility for a letter from the Board of support or non-opposition for the facility. Ms. Conlon also reported that the Veteran's Day ceremony the previous Friday had gone well, and thanked Veterans Agent Kevin Cook, Barbara Martin and American Legion 114 for their efforts.
20. David T. Burnes reported that he had taken a tour with his family of the Auxiliary Fire Station/Chemical Building and the museum upstairs, and suggested a partnering with the Library for an educational night.
21. At Citizens Speak Response, the Board determined it would withhold any response to Mr. Kelly until they receive a report from Assistant Town Administrator/HR Director Paige Eppolito. However, Ms. Conlon noted that only Town Meeting, not the Board of Selectmen, can adopt the statutory provision requested by Firefighter Kelly.
22. Financial Policies and an update on the Ulin Rink were listed as future agenda items.
23. Kathleen M. Conlon moved, J. Thomas Hurley seconded, and at 9:45 p.m. the Board voted unanimously, with David T. Burnes voting yes, J. Thomas Hurley voting yes and Kathleen M. Conlon voting yes, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to non-union personnel, believing that having such discussions in Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the Board's negotiating position, and to re-enter into Open Session for the purpose of adjournment.
24. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.