

Town of Milford

Meeting of the Board of Selectmen Minutes

January 18, 2017 / 6:00 p.m.

All did rise to honor the flag and recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present - Diane Lacadie, Chair; Donna Curtis; Jay Shorette Chris Reardon, Town Manager; Keith Fowler, Public Works Supervisor and one member(s) of the public.

Consent Agenda

Jay made a motion to accept the January 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes, Donna seconded and a 3-0 vote was taken. Donna motioned to accept the AP and PR warrants from the Town; Jay seconded; vote 3-0. (Question about Port-A-Pottys at school.)

Jay motioned to accept the AP and PR warrants from the School; Donna seconded; vote 3-0.

Supplement and Abatements

Sewer abatements -None

Old Business

Fire Chief and fee scale - Jay motioned, when appropriate to charge, to set the firefighter fees at \$15.40 and, the Fire Chiefs fees at \$34.04; Donna seconded; vote 3-0

Repeal of GA inspection policy - Chris presented to the Board that he spoke to MMA legal and, after their research with multiple attorneys involved stated, that only the State can set qualification standards for GA. Jay motioned to repeal the town policy requiring a home inspection to qualify for GA; Donna seconded; vote 3-0.

New Business

Paper Talks - Paper Talks addressed the Board requesting their support by way of an ad in the regional publication. Diane pointed out that the Town supported in previous years. Jay motioned to pay for a business card size ad Donna seconded. The ad costs \$388.

County Rd bridge - Chris reported that the approach to the bridge is sagging. Keith made contact with MDOT and was informed in writing that it is the Town's responsibility to repair the approach. Chris stated that it was an engineering problem due to either building the bridge 20 foot shorter in length or, poor filling of the gravel and dirt under the approach. Chris recommended that an independent engineering firm be hired to evaluate the situation and give opinion. No vote was taken since this is within the Road Commissioner and Town Manager daily responsibility.

Tax Bidding procedure Addendum - Chris indicated that when adopting the new tax bidding procedure in a recently past Select Board vote, an important element was left out. Occasionally a bid is received with a fixed number plus an offer to pay \$xx more (ie\$200.00) than the highest bid. The board considered the issue and Jay motioned to accept only fixed bids; if a similar bid is received in the future only the bidder's fixed number would be considered; Donna seconded; 3-0 vote.

Permit for Automobile Graveyard; Victor Holmes - Jay motioned to approve; Donna seconded; 3-0 vote.

Properties owned -m Chris indicated he is collecting properties for another Tax Sale. Board agreed with instruction to move ASAP.

ACO County Contract - Jay motioned to accept contract; Donna seconded; vote 3-0.

Public Works- Keith Fowler

Keith reported to the board that he has reconsidered the expenditure for software. And, due to unforeseen add-ons the cost/benefit was not justifiable.

Keith reported that he was out seeking bids for mowing. He plans to list all mowing/cuttings in an attempt to consolidate contracts and possibly get a better overall price. Donna asked how that affected the new equipment planned to be bought in the next FY. Keith stated that it is unknown whether or not the capital expenditure would be approved by residents at Town meeting. So, he was planning only a 1 year contract to bid. If the expenditure was approved the mowing could be done by the PW Dept. in the future. In this manner the town will have a continuum of services.

Manager's Report

See attached report

Selectmen Concerns

Donna asked if there would be a requirement of the Town Manager as was expected of previous TM's to complete TRIO training within a defined timeline. Diane stated that this TM was not contracted by the Board to do that. Jay stated he was comfortable with the progress and the TM needs to operate at a higher level. Chris echoed those sentiments.

Public Concerns

Ed Jackson mentioned that he had received a letter from the Town that had a typo on it. It was explained to him that it was a form letter and the pound signs he noticed were placeholders for the date. The board apologized to Jackson and thanked him for coming out to the meeting to report it.

Jay made a motion to adjourn, Donna seconded and a 3-0 vote was made. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Diane Lacadie, Chair _____

Adam Kirkland, Vice _____

Michael Georgia _____

Donna Curtis _____

Jay Shorette _____

