
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – January 8, 2024
ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL
6:00 PM

PRESENT: Chairman Paul A. Mazzuchelli and Select Board members Michael K. Walsh and Thomas J. O’Loughlin and Town Administrator Richard A. Villani.

1. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To sign the warrant. UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the Regular Session Minutes of December 18, 2023 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
3. The Board reviewed a petition from Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. to relocate one JO Pole on Central Street beginning at a point approximately 50 feet North West of the centerline of the intersection of Central Street and Archer Avenue. They also seek permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires. Felix Aben, representing National Grid, via Zoom, informed the Board there is a need to relocate the pole as it interferes with the construction of a bridge on Central Street. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the Pole Relocation as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
4. The Board reviewed a petition from Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. to install one JO Pole on Front Street beginning at a point approximately 45 feet North of the centerline of the intersection of Central Street and Front Street. They also seek permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires. Felix Aben, representing National Grid, via Zoom, informed the Board that the Highway Department requested the removal of overhead lines which will now be relocated underground. They will also install a new riser pole. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the Pole Installation as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
5. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – January 8, 2024
 - A. Fire Department Grant- I have been informed by Fire Chief Mark Nelson the Fire Department has received a match grant of \$11,050 which will supplement the award with emergency management and expense budget funds to purchase gas detection meters. The total expenditure is \$17,638 and will fund the following: (4) multi-gas meters for oxygen, hydrogen sulfide, lower explosive limits, and carbon monoxide,

- (4) single gas meters for hydrogen cyanide and (2) calibration stations for meter maintenance. This FEMA grant has been utilized for a variety of equipment each year. This new metering equipment will allow the Department to perform air monitoring with the latest meters and to replace older equipment that is used on a daily basis.
- B. Storm Water Grant – I have been informed by Highway Surveyor, Scott Crisafulli, that the Town has received a Water Management Act Grant (WMA) in the amount of \$48,000 to be used for developing conceptual designs for three (3) priority stormwater projects and then to develop the most easily implemented project to 80% design. The project will also evaluate suitable sites for small-scale infiltrating rain gardens similar to Town Park, and develop a model drought plan, which will serve as a template for the Town of Milford (Milford) and communities across the watershed to personalize and adopt. He hopes to use the Highway Department resources to construct the rain gardens.
- C. Metrowest Regional Transit Authority- MassDOT and the Legislature have reauthorized the TryTransit Program for 2024. MetroWest Regional Transit Authority Fixed Route and Demand Response riders will have fare free options from January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024. Fixed Route riders will need to have a registered MWRTA Catch Card to take advantage of this promotion. Catch Cards are free to all riders and can be picked up from any MWRTA Fixed Route driver, or at the MWRTA Central Hub at 15 Blandin Ave., Framingham MA. Catch Cards must be registered to receive the promotion. Please use the Town website at www.milfordma.gov for more detailed information on this Program.
6. In accordance with MGL chapter 140, section 151, the Board is required to designate an Animal Control Officer by February 1, 2024. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To designate Keith Haynes as the Animal Control Officer for the Town of Milford. UNANIMOUS.
7. Police Chief Robert Tusino was present and recommended the Select Board install two (2) “Slow Children at Play” signs on Coolidge Road. He said this signage will bring awareness to individuals travelling on this road as this is a thickly settled residential district. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the installation of two (2) “Slow Children at Play” signs on Coolidge Road. UNANIMOUS.
8. Police Chief Robert Tusino was present and recommended the Select Board approve adding “Parking Opposite of a Driveway/Entrance” as a \$25.00 fine to the current Traffic Rules and Regulations. He said he has met with residents who have advised him that vehicles being parked opposite their driveways is making it very difficult to enter and exit their own driveways. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To

approve adding "Parking Opposite of a Driveway/Entrance" as a \$25.00 fine to the current Traffic Rules and Regulations. UNANIMOUS.

9. Invitation to Speak- None.

10. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To adjourn the Select Board meeting at 6:19 PM, UNANIMOUS.

Richard A. Villani
Minutes Recorder

Paul A. Mazzuchelli, Chair

Michael K. Walsh

Thomas J. O'Loughlin, Esq.