
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – January 22, 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 January 8, 2024 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
3. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the 5:00 PM Executive Session Minutes of January 8, 2024 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
4. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the 6:00 PM Executive Session Minutes of January 8, 2024 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
5. Police Chief Robert L. Tusino was present to update the Board on Public Safety in Milford. Mr. Mazzuchelli noted there have been a “few incidents” in Milford the past week. He said residents are concerned. Mr. O’Loughlin told the Board that he would recuse himself from participating in this Agenda topic as his Law Partner and he have an interest in one of the incidents. Mr. O’Loughlin left the room at 6:05 PM. Chief Tusino said there was “good police work” in responding to and investigating all three incidents. He said he would be vague as all three cases are ongoing. The armed robbery at the Market on Beach Street was a “crime of opportunity”. The Police response included Detectives and the Canine Unit to process and investigate the scene. All three individuals alleged to have participated in the robbery were apprehended and the case was “buttoned up” very quickly. As for the stabbing on Main Street, the individuals involved knew each other. He said residents should “feel safe” walking any street in Milford. He also said he does not think there are any gangs in Milford. Mr. Walsh said the Chief and the Officers in the Department are doing a “phenomenal job”. He was impressed the Chief was on the scene for all three incidents and he used drones and called in the State Police and a Swat Team. Mr. O’Loughlin returned to the meeting at 6:22 PM.

6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – January 22, 2024

A. Mandatory Management Training – HR Director Kristin Melpignano has scheduled mandatory Training Management Supervisory sessions through the UMass/Collins Center on Wednesday, January 17th, from 9:30 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, January 31st and from 9 a.m. to noon, and Wednesday February 15th from 9 a.m. to noon. This is a comprehensive training program that will meet the minimum requirements for Anti-Harassment/Sexual Harassment and Discrimination training as well.

B. CPR Training- HR Director Kristin Melpignano has also scheduled two (2) CPR Training sessions for interested Town Hall employees. I want to thank her for setting up both training sessions.

7. Paulo's Kitchen filed an application to transfer its Common Victualler License to Paulo's Kitchen Group. The property address is 206 East Main Street, Unit 12, Milford. The new manager is Jhonathan Goncalves. All paperwork was in order. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the transfer of the Common victualler License. UNANIMOUS.
8. The Board reviewed an email from Police Chief Robert Tusino recommending the Select Board install an "Autistic Child" sign on South High Street. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the installation of an "Autistic Child" sign on South High Street. UNANIMOUS.
9. The Board reviewed an Annual Town Meeting Timeline from the Town Administrator requesting the Board schedule the Annual Town Meeting for Monday, May 20, 2024. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the Timeline and schedule the Annual Town Meeting for May 20, 2024. UNANIMOUS.
10. The Board reviewed a Memo from the Town Administrator recommending the Board appoint Kim Whiteley as Part Time Senior Center Program Coordinator. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To appoint Kim Whiteley as Part Time Senior Center Program Coordinator and that she be placed at Grade 3/Step 1 under Article 2 with a starting hourly wage of \$26.71 EFFECTIVE January 30, 2024. UNANIMOUS.
11. Invitation to Speak- None.

12. Mr. Walsh said he was contacted by residents living on Prairie Street who informed him that Enterprise Rent-A Car was parking its vehicles on the street in front of their homes. Mr. Walsh asked that the Police Chief notify Enterprise not to park their vehicles on Prairie Street.

13. Mr. Mazzuchelli read a Commendation Letter given to Police Officers Michael Johnson and Brendan Campbell by Sergeant Todd Testa. The Officers, due to their swift and decisive action, saved the life of a young man while responding to a call at the Fairfield Inn. Mr. O'Loughlin said these two Officers performed "serious Police work". Mr. Walsh said this is an example of how safe the residents of Milford due to the Police doing a great job in the community.

14. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To adjourn the Select Board meeting at 6:40 PM, UNANIMOUS.

Richard A. Villani
Minutes Recorder

Paul A. Mazzuchelli, Chair

Michael K. Walsh

Thomas J. O'Loughlin, Esq.