



**Town of Milton**  
43 Bombardier Road, Milton, VT 05468  
**Teleconference/Virtual Regular Selectboard Meeting**  
**Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

**Selectboard Members Present:** John Palasik, Chair; Michael Morgan, Vice Chair; Chris Taylor, Clerk; Brenda Steady, Member; John FitzGerald, Member

**Staff Members Present:** Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager; Sheila Mooney, TM Executive Assistant; John Bartlett, Director of Admin/Facilities/HR/IT; David Allerton, Director of Public Works; Stephen Laroche, Chief of Police; Sgt. Paul Locke; Corporal Christopher Grenier; John Gifford, Treasurer; Kristin Beers, Assistant Town Clerk; Michaela Foody, Director of Public Safety

**Others Present:** Buddy Mueller; Randy Barrows; Diane Barrows; Peter Lavallee; Lisa Rees; John Harrington

**I. Call to Order**

J. Palasik called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**II. Flag Salute**

C. Taylor led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Agenda Review**

Addition of item XII., recognition of John Palasik for lifelong service to the community.

**IV. Public Forum**

None.

**V. Consent Agenda**

- **Approval of Public Hearing Minutes of 02/16/21**
- **Approval of Selectboard Meeting Minutes of 02/16/21**
- **Approval of Warrant #19**

**Motion made by B. Steady to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with a second by J. FitzGerald. C. Taylor, Yes; B. Steady, Yes; J. FitzGerald, Yes; J. Palasik, Yes. Motion Approved Unanimously.**

M. Morgan joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m. after moderating the Annual Town Meeting.

**VI. Resolution - Police Department Recognition for a Life Saving Incident**

*John Palasik, Selectboard Chair*

## Recognition for a Lifesaving Incident

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Milton and the Milton Police Department believes in the recognition of their officers, their actions, and outstanding service to the community. We would like to recognize Milton Police Sergeant Paul Locke and Corporal Christopher Grenier;

**WHEREAS**, on Friday, February 19, 2021, at 10:15 A.M. the Milton Police Department, Milton Rescue, and Milton Fire Department received a 911 call on Thrush Drive in the Town of Milton for an unconscious male trapped under a tree;

**WHEREAS**, both Sgt. Locke and Corporal Grenier responded to the scene within minutes;

**WHEREAS**, both Sgt. Locke and Corporal Grenier quickly assessed the scene and the patient, a 29 year old male, who was unresponsive with shallow breathing pinned under a felled tree;

**WHEREAS**, Corporal Grenier instructed one of the workers present to attempt to cut the portion of the tree near the patient. Sgt. Locke quickly recognized the gravity of the situation and was able to use another larger chainsaw to successfully cut the tree in half, allowing the top portion of the tree to be lifted off the patient. While the tree was being cut, Corporal Grenier used his body to shield the patient's face and body from sawdust and debris. Once the tree was lifted by Sgt. Locke, Corporal Grenier slid the patient out onto the roadway so the patient was no longer in danger of being further pinned and began medical treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, Sgt. Locke's and Corporal Greiner's quick response, recognition of the severity of the emergency, and immediate actions, a failure to act or action after delay could have led to a tragic outcome.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Milton Selectboard, on this date, extends the appreciation of the community and the Selectboard to Sgt. Paul Locke and Corporal Christopher Grenier for their professionalism, caring, quick thinking, and dedication to law enforcement; and

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Manager, Don Turner, Jr., will present this Resolution to Sgt. Paul Locke and Corporal Christopher Grenier, on behalf of the Selectboard of the Town of Milton.

**Motion made by M. Morgan to approve the Resolution recognizing Sergeant Paul Locke and Corporal Christopher Grenier for their actions and outstanding service during a lifesaving incident on February 19, 2021 with a second by J. FitzGerald. M. Morgan, Yes; C. Taylor, Yes; B. Steady, Yes; J. FitzGerald, Yes; J. Palasik, Yes. Motion Approved Unanimously.**

## VII. Town Clerk/Treasurer Compensation

*Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager*

*Kristin Beers, Assistant Town Clerk*

*John Gifford, Treasurer*

Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager gave an overview of the Town Clerk and Treasurer compensation.

**Motion made by J. FitzGerald that the Town Manager, or his designee upon certification of the election results, enter into an agreement establishing Kristin Beers pay at \$55,735.99 and documenting responsibilities as a Town Department Head for the position of Town Clerk. The pay is the rate approved by the voters in the FY21 budget and in accordance with the Selectboard approved Administrative Code last amended in 2014 with a second by M. Morgan. M. Morgan, Yes; C. Taylor, Yes; B. Steady, No; J. FitzGerald, Yes; J. Palasik, Yes. Motion Approved.**

**Motion made by M. Morgan that the Town Manager, or his designee enter into an agreement upon certification of the election results, establishing John Gifford's pay at \$15,000 with a Cost of Living Increase ("COLI") and documenting responsibilities as a Town Department Head for the position of Town Treasurer. The pay is at the rate approved by voters in the FY21 budget and in accordance with the Selectboard approved Administrative Code last amended in 2014 with a second by J. FitzGerald. M. Morgan, Yes; C. Taylor, Yes; B. Steady, Yes; J. FitzGerald, Yes; J. Palasik, Yes. Motion Approved Unanimously.**

**VIII. Temporary Employment Agreement**

*Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager*  
*Sheryl Prince, Town Clerk (not in attendance)*  
*Kristin Beers, Assistant Town Clerk*

Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager gave an overview of the Temporary Employment Agreement for Sheryl Prince.

**Motion made by M. Morgan that the Town Manager, or his designee enter into an agreement establishing a temporary employment agreement with the former Town Clerk, Sheryl Prince to remain in the Town's employment through April 30, 2021 with a rate of pay at \$26.80 per hour to train and assist the new Town Clerk, Kristin Beers with a second by B. Steady. M. Morgan, Yes; C. Taylor, Yes; B. Steady, Yes; J. FitzGerald, Yes; J. Palasik, Yes. Motion Approved Unanimously.**

**IX. Contract Amendment for Cherry Street Sidewalk with New England Central Railroad**

*David Allerton, Director of Public Works*

David Allerton, Director of Public Works gave an overview of the contract amendment with the New England Center Railroad for the Cherry Street sidewalk.

**X. Naming New Road of Hourglass Project – "Keelty Crossing"**

*Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager*

Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager gave an overview of the naming of the new road of the Southern leg of the Hourglass Project – "Keelty Crossing".

**Motion made by M. Morgan authorize the Town Manager, or his designee to name the new road of the Hourglass Project – “Keelty Crossing” after Dustin Keelty a former Town employee with a second by B. Steady. M. Morgan, Yes; C. Taylor, Yes; B. Steady, Yes; J. FitzGerald, Yes; J. Palasik, Yes. Motion Approved Unanimously.**

**XI. Town Manager’s Update**

*Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager*

- The School District may be interested in the old fire station property on Kienle Road for a school district maintenance facility.
- The Police Department is named in a lawsuit along with all other Chittenden county law enforcement agencies. The Police Department did not have direct contact with individual. The Vermont League of Cities & Towns is dealing with the issue and the Town counsel has been notified.
- Hardscrabble Road and Murray Avenue chip seal projects are not holding up as promised and we are working with the contractor to evaluate the issue.

**XII. Resolution - Recognition of John Palasik for Lifelong Service to Our Community**

M. Morgan read the following Resolution recognizing John Palasik for his lifelong service to the community:

**Recognition of John Palasik for Lifelong Service to Our Community**

**WHEREAS**, John Palasik has served the Community of Milton as a Police Officer, Volunteer Chief of Rescue, Legislator and a Selectboard Member; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1985 John joined the Police Department as a Patrol Officer working his way up the ranks to the position of Sergeant retiring on February 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1986 John joined the Milton Ambulance Service (then a division of the Fire Department) as a volunteer. One year later, John was appointed by then Fire Chief Maurice “Mike” Adams to serve as Captain-Head of the organization (Chief). He held this position for the next fifteen years; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 2016 John was elected to the Selectboard and will complete his tenure on March 1, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, John was elected by his peers to serve as Chair of the Selectboard on March 3, 2020 through March 1, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2018 John successfully ran for one of the two Milton seats in the Vermont Legislature, he was subsequently re-elected for another two year term by this community in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, John has provided exemplary service and assistance to the Members of the Milton Selectboard, Town Staff, Taxpayers, Citizens and Guests to Milton; and

**WHEREAS**, the Selectboard acknowledges you have spent uncounted hours preparing for and faithfully serving in the roles highlighted in this Resolution and this effort has required personal sacrifice, including time spent apart from family and friends; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that, the Selectboard hereby expresses its appreciation and thanks on behalf of the Town Staff and Citizens, for your many and varied contributions to the quality of life and prosperity of our community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Milton Selectboard is proud to place your name on the plaque in the Municipal Building Community Room entitled "In Honor and Deep Appreciation of Faithful and Devoted Service to the Town of Milton."

**Motion made by M. Morgan to approve the Resolution recognizing John Palasik for his lifelong service to the community with a second by C. Taylor, B. Steady and J. FitzGerald. M. Morgan, Yes; C. Taylor, Yes; B. Steady, Yes; J. FitzGerald, Yes. Motion Approved.**

### **XIII. Executive Session**

An Executive Session was not held.

### **XIV. Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion made by B. Steady to adjourn the meeting with a second by M. Morgan. M. Morgan, Yes; C. Taylor, Yes; B. Steady, Yes; J. FitzGerald, Yes; J. Palasik, Yes. Motion Approved Unanimously.**

J. Palasik adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sheila Mooney

APPROVED MINUTES:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chris Taylor, Selectboard Clerk

Filed with the Milton Town Clerk's Office on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_, Milton Town Clerk