

Milton Selectboard Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2015 6:00 P.M.

Municipal Building Community Room

Selectboard Members Present: Stuart King, Vice Chair (via phone); John Bartlett, Clerk (Presiding Chair); Kenneth Nolan, Member (late arrival – after public forum); John Cushing, Member

Selectboard Members Not Present: Darren Adams, Chair

Staff Members Present: Donna Barlow Casey, Town Manager; Celeste Lang, Selectboard Assistant; Joanne Davis, Finance Director; Erik Wells, Director Administration & Community Services; Mary Thompson, Administrative Assistant Town Manager's Office; Jacob Hemmerick, Planning Director

Others Present: Henry Bonges, Mark Bove

I. Call to Order – Bartlett called to order at 6:02 PM

II. Flag Salute – Bartlett led the attendees in a Salute to the Flag.

III. Agenda Review- none

IV. Public Forum –

Henry Bonges, Milton citizen, proposed suggested update to town seal to include a Sun for “Solar” as another of the Renewable Energy symbols currently indicated by Wind & Hydro power. Gave examples of others that have successfully updated logos/seals. Felt now with the M4D project would be an appropriate time to consider recommendation.

V. New Business and Department Items

A. Declare November 1, 2015, Extra Mile Day

Donna Barlow Casey, Town Manager proposed to accept Nov. 1st as Extra Mile Day which brings awareness of those that go the extra mile benefiting communities. Mission to create 550 Extra Mile cities/towns in America who encourage citizens and celebrate individuals and organizations within its community who “go the extra mile”– currently four towns in VT listed on website.

Being such a short time frame suggest broadcast to populace via newspaper. Incorporate with Sat. M4D project walk along Rte 7. Limited timeline for this year, however, request board adopt resolution.

John Cushing made motion to approve acceptance of proposed resolution. King Seconded.

No further discussion. Independent Roll: King Yes, Nolan Yes, Cushing Yes, Bartlett Yes

Motion passes.

B. Monthly Update – Town Finances

Joanne Davis, Finance Director presented monthly finance report. Measure of town taxes end of Sept. cash collected – on target. Focus working on budget with all Department heads.

45 Discussion on why auditors overriding having funds moved back to reserve after a very
46 specific Selectboard vote to do so – discuss later with auditors.

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48 **C. Authorize Town Manager to Sign Agreement with State of VT to Develop Rte. 7**
49 **Intersection Improvement Project Conceptual Construction Cost Estimate**

50 Donna Barlow Casey, Town Manager, (Roger Hunt DPW Director out ill).

51 Barlow Casey presented agreement with State of VT Agency of Transportation, which
52 approved proposals late today. Minor revision. No substantive change which both lawyers
53 looked over. Federal funds 100%. State proceeding with Northern hourglass portion.
54 However, State only willing to manage Southern section -ballpark cost preliminary hold until
55 April.

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57 Resolve between Nov & April. Agreement states Milton agreeing to timeline. Conceptual
58 cost. Voters approved \$800K at Town Meeting in March for Milton portion – need to know
59 whether to ask for more money before agreeing. Timeline March vote and April deadline.
60 What do we need to do to get to there by April?

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62 More conversation needed with previous Town Manager, Palaia for background. No action
63 taken tonight.

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65 **D. Authorize Town Manager to Make Loan Payment on Truck Purchase**

66 Donna Barlow Casey, Town Manger request authorization to make Truck Purchase loan
67 payment. Take money out of debt service and debt service interest and capital
68 improvements.

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70 Nolan made motion to approve loan payment on truck purchase. Cushing Seconded.

71 Independent Roll: King Yes, Cushing Yes, Nolan Yes, Bartlett Yes,

72 **All approved. Motion passes.**

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74 **E. Set Date for Next Selectboard Meeting**

75 Donna Barlow Casey, Town Manager

76 Next scheduled Selectboard meeting Nov. 2nd at 6 PM. Four present members are available.

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78 **VI. 7:00pm – Public Hearing**

79 **Boves of Vermont, Applicant, has applied for Public Monument and Statue Application**

80 **Approval.** The parcel is owned by GBIC and has a Site Plan & Zoning Permit approval for a
81 20,000 square foot manufacturing use and building. The proposal requests the addition of an
82 illuminated (4) four-foot wide, (11) eleven-foot long, and (15) fifteen-foot high statue (mounted
83 on a concrete base with an interpretive plaque) along the sites' US Rte. 7 frontage.

84 Recess Selectboard meeting at 7:08PM and open Public Hearing.

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86 Jacob Hemmerick, Planning Director presented staff findings of request of a Public
87 Monument/Statue by Boves Factory. Hemmerick defined the difference between a sign,
88 monument, and statue; and why it is being presented to the board having varied restrictions.
89 Three concerns from staff:

- 90 • Impact to character & harmony of area- not compatible with scaling & massing
- 91 • Transportation impact, safety and neighborhood welfare – distracted driving.
- 92 • Future plan multi-use path – may require future easement

93 Staff recommends relocating statue within the flat open area adjacent to the building and
94 parking lot.

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96 Mark Bove summarized proposal and history of statue rather than an “obnoxious sign” paying
97 homage to uncle whose family 75 years ago started Boves Restaurant business. Proposed
98 sculpture is of a monkey and will incorporate pots, pans, ladles & kettles from restaurant and
99 will be piece of art designed by artist on Pine St. in Burlington. Small sign telling story of uncle
100 hanging monkey from children’s drink glasses to be read by anticipated multi-use path users
101 illuminated by non nuisance low level lights on actual sculpture. Compare to Whale Tails on I-89
102 as “art piece” and landmark. Anticipate tours of building with history of restaurant inside, café’.
103 Only anticipated “sign” directing traffic to offices or deliveries. Don’t want a “billboard” but to
104 be discreet with simplicity of sculpture.

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106 Board questioned if to be used in marketing – no.

107 Board stated understood emotional remembrance of family history. Concern is for Milton and
108 future objectives and implications.

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110 Bonges stated support of Art piece fitting into new design concept that Milton is trying to
111 achieve.

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113 Close public hearing 7:44PM and restart Selectboard meeting.

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115 Board concluded to discuss in Executive Session on Nov. 2 after giving people opportunity to
116 comment and getting guidance before making a decision. Selectboard has 45 days to make
117 decision.

118 VII. Old Business

119 A. Authorization Bond Anticipation Note –

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121 Barlow Casey presented Bond Anticipation Note for Route 7 conceptual design project
122 (Milton 4D) supported by the bond vote approved on Town Meeting March 3, 2015.

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125 Cushing moved to approve authorization of Bond Anticipation Note for \$70,000 with
126 People’s United Bank as presented. Nolan seconded. No further discussion.
127 Independent Roll. **Unanimously approved. Motion passes.**

128 B. H.249 Regional Council of Governments

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130 Barlow Casey requested feedback, questions, thoughts from board on legislation
131 introduced enabling Regional Planning Commissions to convert to a Council of Government
132 and be able to offer municipal government services to municipalities on a regional basis.
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134 Board supports concept of collaboration between towns, however, not government
135 interference grabbing power from local towns and telling them what to do. Mistake to
136 support as only have one representative within group, which would ultimately decide and
137 tell town what to do.
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139 Rather Representatives of town need to inform Selectboard to what's going on at State
140 level to anticipate effects things will have on town. Possible VT League of Cities and Towns
141 can be more helpful as well to upcoming effects at State level.
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143 **VIII. Reconsideration - none**
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145 **IX. Manager's Report**

146 Barlow Casey mention M4D walk about in town 9AM-12PM this coming Sat. the 24th. Had a
147 great orientation of project on 14th. See results of first draft in Nov.
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149 **X. Potential and/or Future Agenda Items - none**
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151 **XI. Warrant/Report #8 & Supplemental Warrant**

152 Bartlett presented Warrant/Report #8 in the amount of \$147,168.63

153 Line items mentioned in random order no specific reason.

154 Vt Labor \$3000 VOSHA penalties –reduced after mediation

155 Walsh Electric \$4,221 – 9 new LED exterior light poles @\$469/ea (8 MFD, 1 @ commuter lot).-
156 all faulty, less expensive than purchase of new bulbs for old fixtures.

157 \$700K Boots for ten employees – rubber/steel toe – Names to be listed in future for contractual
158 tracking.
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160 Purchase of two Shearer Chevrolet trucks for Public Works dated Sept. 18th.

161 2015 Chevy 2500 \$28,468 and 2015 Chevy Silverado 2500 Crew Cab – diesel \$34,076.95

162 Currently three trucks with 4-sale signs presumed not trade-in.

163 Discussion if in budget and process of purchase over \$10,000 being signed off by select board.

164 Requisition July two days after new Town Manager started. 7/9 quotes coded to CIP account.

165 Selectboard recommends to pull those two truck invoices for \$67,640 for further approval
166 review.
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168 Bartlett recommends approval of adjusted orders in the amount \$79,528.63
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170 Cushing made motion to approve orders as presented on Warrant Report #8, less the truck
171 invoices, for a revised total of \$79,528.63. Nolan seconded. No further discussion.

172 Independent roll. **Unanimously approved. Motion Passes.**
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175 **XII. Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting of September 21th, 2015.**

176 Cushing made motion to approve the minutes of the selectboard meeting of September 21st as
177 presented. King seconded. Independent Roll. **Unanimously Approved**
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179 **XIII. Possible/Anticipated Executive Session per V.S.A. Title 1 Section 313**

180 Move to Nov. 2nd when Adams is present.
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182 **XIV. Adjournment**

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Cushing made motion to adjourn Selectboard meeting. Nolan seconded.
Unanimously approved.

Bartlett adjourned meeting at 8:14 PM

These proceedings were live-streamed and filmed by LCATV and audio-recorded by the Town.

Respectfully Submitted,

_____ **Date:** _____
John Bartlett, Selectboard Clerk

Filed with Milton Town Clerk's Office on this _____ day of _____, _____

ATTEST: _____ **Milton Town Clerk**

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