

Milton Selectboard Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2016 6:00 P.M.

Municipal Building Community Room

Selectboard Members Present: Kenneth Nolan, Vice Chair; John Bartlett, Clerk; John Cushing, Member; John Palasik, Member

Selectboard Members Not Present: Darren Adams, Chair

Staff Members Present: Erik Wells, Director- Administration & Community Affairs; Jacob Hemmerick, Planning Director; Nathan Lavallee, Water/Wastewater Superintendent; Dustin Keilty, Public Works Supervisor; Kym Duchesneau, Recreation Coordinator; Ben Nappi, Assistant Recreation Coordinator; Brett Van Noordt Chief of Police; Don Turner Jr., Fire/Rescue Chief

Others Present: Jessica Groeling, Joe Smith, Jim Goudie, Roger Dickinson, Marcel Choquette,

I. **Call to Order** – Nolan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

II. **Flag Salute** – Nolan led the attendees in a Salute to the Flag.

III. **Agenda Review-** None

IV. **Public Forum-** None

V. **Event Permits & Orders**

A. **Little League Opening Day Ceremony**

Bartlett moved to approve the Facility Use Permit for Milton Little League as presented, second by Palasik. **Approved unanimously.**

B. **Nordic Soccer Cup**

Cushing moved to approve the Facility Use Permit for Nordic Soccer as presented, second by Bartlett. **Approved unanimously.**

C. **Color Run 5K School Fundraiser**

Cushing moved to approve the Facility Use Permit for the Color Run 5K Fundraiser, second by Bartlett. **Approved unanimously.**

D. **Health Order**

The Selectboard acted as the Board of Health for this agenda item. Deputy Health Officer Roger Dickenson reviewed a Health Order for 158 Cobble Hill Road that addressed multiple violations of the Vermont Rental Housing Code. Bartlett moved approve the Health Order, second by Cushing. **Approved unanimously.**

VI. **Discussions**

A. **Economic Development Strategies**

Mike Miller, Planning Director for the City of Montpelier who previously held the same role for the City of Barre provided an overview of economic development strategies he had utilized in each community. Miller said to determine what the regional markets says in terms of viability and need, why development should be “here” rather than “there.” The critical first step is to have a well thought out and cohesive overall vision and to

49 market the community's strengths and provide incentives. The Selectboard will need to
50 decide on a comfort level regarding risk to take, Miller said. In terms of a tax increment
51 financing (TIF) district, that is deciding the amount of development and the scope
52 required to create an adequate amount of increment to satisfy indebtedness. In Barre
53 City, they had an active process to recruit employers to fill in the vacant store fronts
54 centered around the goal of adding 500 new jobs to downtown. The key element was
55 building a new space to house employers on Main Street in downtown- Barre City Place.
56 The Board thanked Miller for this time and valuable insight.
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58 **B. Water Leak Mitigation Progress Update**

59 Water/ Wastewater Superintendent Nate Lavallee explained that all the remaining leaks
60 had been identified with the use of leak detection equipment and consultants from the
61 State of Vermont. Two leaks were located on Middle Road and Maplewood Ave. that
62 will be repaired this week. The work under the railroad crossing at Turner Ave. resulted
63 in finding no leak under the tracks, but the water was able to be rerouted so the loss is
64 no longer taking place. Overall, after these repairs the Town's water loss will be less
65 than 10%, which is excellent Lavallee said. The Board thanked the Water Department for
66 all its hard work to resolve this issue.
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68 **VII. Old Business**

69 **A. Municipal Campus Security System Upgrade**

70 Don Turner, Brett Van Noordt and Dustin Keelty went through a proposal to upgrade the
71 municipal campus security system that had been first discussed with the Board last
72 February. A main control board needs replacement to enable the electronic entry
73 system in the municipal building to be repaired, the proposal requested that the
74 security system at the fire and rescue stations are upgraded at the same time so all the
75 buildings are tied into the same system. The system upgrade, with a cost of
76 approximately \$28,000 would be funded from the Police, Fire and Contingency budgets
77 for FY '16. \$20,000 of those funds would come from the Police Department budget,
78 which due to two open Patrol Officer Positions is running a surplus for the fiscal year.
79 Bartlett moved to approve the Municipal Campus Security System upgrade resolution as
80 presented, second by Palasik. **Approved unanimously.**
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82 **B. Community Solar Project 150 kW System Lottery**

83 Wells explained he is looking for Board approval to go ahead with entry into this lottery
84 that Jesse Stowell of Sun Edison addressed last month. It would be another option to
85 consider for the community solar array in Town and does not commit the Town to doing
86 anything. The projects will be further discussed this summer. Bartlett moved to
87 authorize Sun Edison to enter the 150kW solar lottery, second by Palasik. **Approved**
88 **unanimously.**
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90 **VIII. New Business**

91 **A. Police Education Grant**

92 Van Noordt explained this grant would assist in prevention and education for safe
93 streets to address speeding and drunk driving based on infractions in previous years.
94 Cushing moved to approve the Police Education Grant application as presented, second
95 by Palasik. **Approved unanimously.**
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97 **IX. Manager's Report**

98 Wells stated Barlow Casey had something unexpected come up so he was covering the meeting
99 in her place. He shared that the Park Clean Up this past Saturday was a great success and a
100 great help for getting Bombardier Park ready for the Spring. In addition, bids are out of
101 construction inspection and a construction contractor for the McMullen Sidewalk Project.
102 Construction is tentatively slated to begin in early June and be complete by September 1st.
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104 **X. Warrant/Report #23**

105 Bartlett reviewed warrant #23. He mentioned a few items, in random order:
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- 107 - Burlington Mitsubishi, \$462.05 - Town shared electric vehicle, VSI & front pads and rotors
- 108 - Champlain Water District, \$32,603.33 - March water bill. 16,076 gallons & Vermont Water
109 Supply Surcharge
- 110 - GMP, \$14,855.41 - electricity 2/24-3/23/16
- 111 - Radio North Group, \$6,411 - MFD purchase 10 pagers, 10 spare batteries and 2 portable
112 radios
- 113 - VT Gas, \$3,591.65 - natural gas 2/23-3/24/16
- 114 - WEX Bank, \$2,697.61 - Town gas card for unleaded fuel
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116 Bartlett moved to approve warrant report #23 in the amount of \$107,034.85, second by
117 Palasik. **Approved unanimously.**
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119 **XI. Minutes of April 4 Meeting**

120 Wells stated a correction regarding the police signing bonus incentive.
121 Cushing moved to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2016 Selectboard meeting as
122 corrected, second by Palasik. **Approved unanimously.**
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124 **Adjournment**

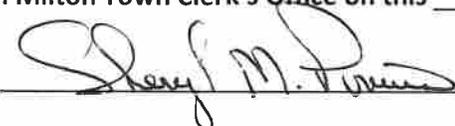
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126 Bartlett moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting. Second by Palasik. **Approved unanimously.**
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128 Nolan adjourned the meeting at 7:52 PM.
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130 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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132 _____ Date: 5/2/16
133 **John Bartlett, Selectboard Clerk**

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135 Filed with Milton Town Clerk's Office on this 3 day of May, 2016
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137 ATTEST:  _____ **Milton Town Clerk**