

1 Town of Milton  
2 Selectboard Meeting Minutes  
3 January 24, 2015 6:00 PM Board Meeting  
4 Community Room  
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6 **Selectboard Members Present:** Darren Adams, Chair; John Gifford, Vice Chair; John Bartlett, Clerk; and  
7 Brenda Steady

8 **Selectboard Members Not Present:** Stuart King

9 **Staff Members Present:** Brian Palaia, Town Manager; Paul Bohne, Interim Town Manager; Ann Janda,  
10 Management Fellow; Don Turner, Fire & Rescue Chief; Jacob Hemmerick, Town Planner; Kym  
11 Duchesneau, Recreation Coordinator; Roger Hunt, Public Works Director; Nathan Lavallee,  
12 Water/Wastewater Superintendent; Dustin Keelty, Public Works Supervisor; Meghan Bellavance, Library  
13 Director; and Robert Ware, Assistant to the Assessor  
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15 **Others Present:** John Barone, Milton School District Superintendent; Don Johnson, Milton School District  
16 Business Manager; Mary Knight, School Board Member; Eric Houghton, School Board Member;  
17 Catharine Vadnais, School Board Member; Portia Renaud Smith, School Board Member; Karen LaFond,  
18 School Board Member; and Ron Hubert, Milton Representative  
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20 I. **Call to Order** – Adams called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.  
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22 II. **Flag Salute** – Adams led the attendees in a Salute to the Flag.  
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24 III. **Budget Review**  
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26 **A) Fiscal Year 2016 Proposed Municipal Budget**

27 The Selectboard presented the Town of Milton's FY2016 Budget and Capital Plan,  
28 including a Route 7 Improvement TIF Article. The plan calls for a 4.1% budget increase,  
29 which would mean a 2 cent increase on the tax rate. For a homestead assessed at  
30 \$250,000, this would be about a \$50 increase in property taxes. School Board Member,  
31 Catharine Vadnais asked what type of signage was planned for the Route 7  
32 Improvement TIF Article. Gifford said the signs will be similar to the one in front of the  
33 Municipal Building.  
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35 **B) Fiscal Year 2016 Proposed School District Budget**

36 John Barone, Milton School District Superintendent, presented the Superintendent's  
37 Recommended Milton Town School District FY16 School Budget Plan. This plan calls for  
38 a 5.52% increase. Barone also stated that if the FY14 surplus was added back into the  
39 FY16 budget, the plan would then call for a 3.32% increase. However, if the FY14 surplus  
40 was put towards capital improvements and/or to offset the implementation of Universal  
41 Pre-K, the revised percentage increase for the FY16 School Budget would be 8.84%. He  
42 also presented a budget with additional reductions that are not supported by the  
43 Leadership Team, which would result in a 3.46% total increase. Selectboard member  
44 John Gifford asked for the tax rate increase that would be associated with each  
45 potential budget number. Barone said he did not have that information, but would get it  
46 to him and the School Board at the next School Board Meeting. There were several  
47 comments about the cuts that are not supported by the Leadership Team. All of the  
48 comments were against the additional cuts. Milton Representative Ron Hubert asked

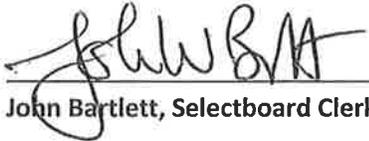
49 that Don Johnson call Beth Pearce, the State Treasurer, about billing back for grant  
50 money. He also warned that the school needs to be ready for potential penalties for  
51 having platinum health plans in the Affordable Care Act, which could affect the FY17  
52 budget.

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54 **IV. Adjournment**

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56 The meeting ended at 1 p.m.

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

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60 **Respectfully Submitted,**

61  Date: 2/2/15  
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63 John Bartlett, Selectboard Clerk

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65 Filed with Milton Town Clerk's Office on this 2nd day of Feb, 2015

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67 ATTEST:  Milton ~~Assistant~~ Town Clerk