

47 **Appointments - Economic Development Commission Appointment**

48 Ken Nolan stated that the board has received Mr. Neary’s application, however, they
49 wanted to hear in his words why he is interested in this commission. Mr. Neary stated
50 that he was asked to consider joining the commission. He is local, he moved from
51 South Burlington to Milton and works for a bank in Milton. He is looking forward to
52 investing his time with the community of Milton. John Bartlett asked if Mr. Neary has
53 been able to form an opinion in his ten years of economic development as to the
54 reasons why he is doing it, if he is trying to bolster economic development. Mr. Neary
55 stated that it means a lot to him, especially with the profession that he is in. He wants
56 to help develop a strong community and that is really a focus for him and he really
57 wants to see what he can accomplish during this time. John Bartlett moved to approve
58 Michael Neary for a three year term on the Economic Development Commission as
59 presented. John Cushing seconded the nomination. Approved unanimously.
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61 **V. New Business**

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63 **A. Accept Fireworks Display Donation**

64 Kym Duchesneau updated the Selectboard about the Ninth Annual Winter Festival.
65 Subway and Michael Boisjoli donated a large portion of the fireworks display. This is
66 a resolution to acknowledge that donation. John Palasik put forth a motion to accept
67 the resolution as presented to Michael Boisjoli for a \$2000.00 donation for the
68 fireworks for the Milton Winter Festival. Ken Nolan asked if the Board could get a
69 copy of the policy 98.06 in order to get a better understanding of the policy.
70 Approved unanimously.
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72 **B. Milton McMullen Road Solar LLC Net Metering Proposal**

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74 William and Victory Veve presented the McMullen road Solar LLC net metering
75 proposal. The project itself is a 496 kw ground mounted solar system which will
76 occupy approximately 3 ½ acres of property off of the McMullen road, an agreement
77 with the Jenkins family trust has been made. The solar array will be located on the
78 east side of the tracks on the southern area of the field in the scrub brush area that
79 they use to store old equipment. There will be 2200 panels on the project, and the
80 system is going to be interconnected with Green Mountain Power. The panels will
81 produce electricity that will be fed back into the grid, the meter credits are being
82 offered to the Town of Milton as the primary beneficiary and the renewable energy
83 credits will be retained by Solar LLC. Solar LLC, has received their certificate of
84 public goods, so specifically they are offering the Town of Milton a connection with
85 Green Mountain Power through virtual net metering. Solar LLC, can offset the utility
86 rates, thereby the object is to save the Town of Milton money on their electric bill.
87 The Town of Milton will be set up as a beneficiary of net meter credits and through
88 an arrangement which is a group net metering contract will save the Town money,
89 predictable over 20-25 years, conceivable up to 35 years. Basically how it works is
90 through an offset through a networking PPA, it is a service agreement. The draft of

91 the agreement was developed by the Vermont League of City and Towns and other
92 organizations. Through the agreement the system owner provides meter credit to a
93 municipality or school through a long term contract at a reduced rate. How it works is
94 the Town would receive a credit on their electric bill and at the same time would
95 receive an invoice from the system owner (Solar LLC). The Town would retain 10%
96 of the credits and pay the system owner 90% of the credit value. The 10% retained is
97 the effective discount that the Town would see on their bill. There is no risk to the
98 Town, you are not owning or operating a system and you share no liability with us
99 system owners. This is merely a service agreement, we provide net metering credit,
100 not electricity. A project of this size takes 10-12 weeks. Upon mechanical
101 completion, there would be a series of testing with Green Mountain Power which
102 would take anywhere from 45-90 days. Then they would flip a switch and it would
103 start producing into the grid after they certify it. October would be a safe completion
104 timeframe and credits would show up in FY18. Ken Nolan asked the board if they
105 were okay with this project being done on a private parcel, as the board has always
106 talked about municipal land before now. John Cushing made a motion to send the
107 contract to the Town Attorney. Motion approved unanimously.
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109 **C. Regional Dispatch**

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111 Charlie Baker, Aaron Frank, Dawn Francis and Steve Lock were all present to
112 represent the Regional Dispatch initiative and Joint Survey Committee. Charlie Baker
113 started the discussion by addressing the board with a request for an appointment to
114 the Joint Survey Committee, for the purposes of evaluating the creation of a regional
115 public dispatch service as a union municipal district, which would be subject to a
116 municipal vote as early as March 2018. A technical study took place on January 31st,
117 at which time a consultant came to the Town of Colchester to deliver their
118 recommendations, and at the same time the Town of Colchester had a governance
119 committee that Dawn attended. Some of these governance meetings are attended by
120 Town Managers, Public Safety Chiefs and they address governance issues. After
121 looking at a lot of governance models, a conclusion was made, that if we are going to
122 do a regional dispatch operation, a union municipal district was the vehicle in which
123 to do it, so that there was shared ownership among the municipalities that own it. The
124 public safety answering point was addressed. The map shows where your call goes
125 when you call 911. Currently when you call 911, it goes to the Williston State Police,
126 call answering center, then it gets transferred to the Colchester Police then to Milton
127 Police or Milton Fire. The information the Town of Colchester is getting for the 911
128 center is that there is up to a 60-90 second delay in that twostep process going from
129 Williston to Colchester to getting the right person to where they need to be. Charlie
130 Baker thanked the board, as the Town of Milton was one of eight municipalities that
131 helped to pay for the consultant. The consultant identified four major issues, these
132 included; 1) staffing; 2) mutual aid; 3) fire and EMS calls and 4) staffing and money.
133 The timeframe for this project was discussed at length. John Cushing stated that he
134 thought that this project needed to be a state wide project and not just a few
135 communities, he felt that all the people in the state deserved what the project had to
136 offer. John Palasik inquired if the Town of Milton had a full vote on this committee

137 or is the appointed person a full voting member. Dawn stated that if the Town of
138 Milton wanted to be a part of the Municipal Dispatcher District as opposed to contract
139 for that service, then the Town of Milton would have to have a representative on the
140 committee. If the Town of Milton stayed as a contracting member, the Town would
141 still have input via the monthly meetings with the Public Safety Chiefs of the region.
142 Ken Nolan reiterated that the Town decides who is the representative on the board
143 and stated that this needs to be the main criteria of the discussion that is taking place.
144 Ken also stated that the Town needs to be in a position that they can affect what is
145 actually being done. Ken stated that what he hears the committee saying is that they
146 are moving to regional policing and fire. Aaron did state that this is what is happening
147 now with ambulance and fire, however, with police there is more that needs to be
148 sorted out. Ken Nolan stated that if the towns go to this regional dispatch, then they
149 have to be willing to accept other communities beyond Chittenden County into the
150 regional dispatch. Thus you are creating the next question, now we have a problem
151 with the police and we have to deal with the resources being allocated there. This is
152 something Milton needs to understand going into this, that there is a potential that we
153 are sending our police officers to neighboring communities and it all starts with this
154 whole dispatch discussion. Discussion took place about when Milton would receive
155 invoices and for which incidents would create an invoice. Charlie Baker stated that
156 the Town Managers' underlying reason for starting this committee was to see if there
157 was a more cost effective way of doing this. Ken Nolan stated that he doesn't dispute
158 what the committee is looking for, but he does dispute what the end result will be.
159 Dawn stated that what needs to be worked on in the next 6-8 months is the actual
160 charter, what the voting rights are, who is going to be members, how much will it
161 cost, what is the make-up of the board. Additionally, Aaron added, what is the basis
162 of payment, is it call for service or is it grand list. Discussion no vote.
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164 **D. Authorize Municipal Highway Grant Submission**

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166 Dustin Keelty presented a Class II Roadway Grant, seeking authorization to apply.
167 Dustin stated that he has a meeting tomorrow with John Cushing and John Palasik to
168 try and nail down what the paving plan is going to be. He states that tomorrow they
169 will come to a consensus on which Class II road they want to apply for the \$175,000
170 grant. Dustin reiterated that he is simply requesting approval from the board to apply
171 for the grant. John Bartlett made a motion to authorize the municipal highway grant
172 submission after the meeting tomorrow with John Cushing and John Palasik. Motion
173 was seconded. Approved unanimously.
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175 **E. Executive Session per VSA Title I Section 313** 176 **Pending Litigation**

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178 John Palasik moved that the premature public knowledge about pending litigation
179 which caused the Town or person to suffer a substantial disadvantage. Motion was
180 seconded. Approved unanimously.
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182 **F. Executive Session per VSA Title I Section 313**

183 **Pending Litigation**

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185 John Palasik moved to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation to
186 include supervision of one VSA Section 313 A1 of the VT Statues to include Town
187 Manager and Representative of the Town Attorney’s office Amanda Lafayette. John
188 Bartlett seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
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190 **Entered Executive Session at 7:52 PM**
191 **No action taken as a result of Executive Session**
192 **Executive Session closed at 8:20 PM**
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194 **G. Pre-Town Meeting Day Presentation**

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196 Donna presented to the board that since Town Meeting Day is quickly approaching,
197 she wanted to know if the Selectboard wanted to give some direction to staff. Donna
198 stated that last year seemed to be an unusual year for presenting things. Donna stated
199 that since it was the board’s budget, did they want to present the budget and have
200 Sarah and herself available to answer questions. Donna wanted to know if the board
201 wanted Sarah to perhaps resent a power point presentation, or present something on
202 the screen and review the budget. Donna reminded the board that they were short
203 staffed in the Manager’s office so she would like to get a head start on this so she can
204 provide the board with drafts and they could approve them. John Bartlett stated that if
205 Sarah has the resources available to her to put the information out there to the public,
206 even if it is only 15-20 people who show up to the meeting, it is a good thing for the
207 Town to provide. Ken Nolan asked if the Board was comfortable with Sarah and
208 Donna doing the presentations and the board answering the questions. John Bartlett
209 asked Sarah if she could put hard copies of the presentation of the table on Town
210 Meeting Day, Sarah responded that she could.
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212 **VI. Old Business**

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214 **A. Adopt Tax Sale Resolution**
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216 Sarah presented a packet of a resolution authorizing the Town to initiate a tax sale.
217 Sarah stated that there are 105 parcels that are delinquent on their property taxes
218 totaling \$314,000, of those 22 have active payment arrangements. Of the 105, 47 are
219 mobile homes, six of those have agreements of the \$314,000 delinquency, \$51,000 is
220 attributed to the mobile homes. Sarah stated that the Finance department is in the
221 stages of putting a list together of all of the properties. The first step would be
222 sending out the demand letter from the Attorney saying we are beginning tax sale
223 proceedings, this is your outstanding balance you have ten days to pay in full before
224 we move forward from there. But in order to start we need authorization from the
225 board. John Cushing asked why the Town Attorney is sending the notice out as that
226 costs money. Sarah explained that part of this resolution allows the Town of Milton
227 per Statue to charge back Attorney fees to the delinquent tax payers up to 15% of the
228 delinquent principal. That cost will be charged back to the delinquent tax payer, the

229 cost to prepare that letter, the second letter, the publication in the local newspaper and
230 do the sale. Sarah stated that the Finance Department has send their own late notices
231 and demand letters, and have managed to get this number down from almost
232 \$500,000 to \$314,000. People on the list are those who owe more than \$1,000.00 or
233 have multiple years delinquent. The taxpayers with payment arrangements are not
234 going to tax sale so the number is actually more like 83 vs. 105. John Palasik asked if
235 all of these people have been notified at least once, or more than once and have failed
236 to pay. Sarah stated that they do not go door to door, but everyone did receive a letter
237 stating that if they failed to pay by November, they would be going to tax sale. Sarah
238 stated that they all received a letter by first class mail. Sarah explained how the tax
239 sale works step by step, and that the taxpayer has up until the day of the tax sale to
240 pay their delinquent amount. John Bartlett moved to adopt the tax sale resolution as
241 presented. John Palasik seconded. Approved 3-1 with John Cushing voting no.

242 243 **B. Town Core TIF District Financing Proposal**

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245 Sarah presented the incremental values for TIF reporting to the board as part of the
246 new TIF rule. Sarah stated that starting in the North South TIF district, the original
247 taxable value in 1998 is \$26,911,147. We are certifying for grand list 2015, so that is
248 April 2015. This report is for FY16 and the total TIF value in the North South TIF
249 district as of April 1, 2015 is \$60,431,690 which is both municipal and education and
250 that is an increase. Reports are attached to the packets that Sarah handed out to the
251 board, these reports were printed directly out of NEMRIC Grand List which supports
252 these figures. Sarah stated that she recently spent the month of February recertifying
253 the original taxable value with VEPC.

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255 Milton Town Core District, the original taxable value year was 2008, value is
256 \$124,186,560, we are certifying April 2015 grand year list for this TIF district was up
257 to \$156,915,213 on the municipal side and slightly lower on the education side at
258 \$156,774,253. The variation is a result of the covenant housing. Supporting
259 documentation is attached in the packet that was handed out. John Bartlett asked
260 Sarah to put a copy in Darren's mailbox, Sarah stated that she would.

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262 ***Town Core TIF District Financing Proposal***, Donna stated that staff is looking to
263 help the Selectboard to make a decision about what the highest amount of money they
264 are willing to ask us to identify that we can use for expenses. Donna stated that the
265 staff wants the highest number that the Selectboard is willing to consider seeking
266 voter approval for. Donna and Sarah discussed the Hour Glass project at great length
267 and reviewed the numbers and gave ample explanation as to why they are
268 comfortable making this investment. Sarah and Donna explained the infrastructure
269 investment called the Southern Gateway project which would cost an additional
270 \$600,000. Donna kept explaining to the board that it is very important to incentivize
271 the Town of Milton so that developers will want to develop here. Sarah gave an
272 overview and in depth explanation of the TIG funds available. Donna explained to the
273 board that the Town has one shot in the fall to get the voters to approve the number
274 that the board approves, and the narrative that goes with it needs to be compelling.

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John Cushing asked Sarah in what year did the board vote for the \$800,000. Sarah stated March 2012. A discussion of the board ensued that they were uneasy about asking the voters to approve large amounts of money, when they have not even spent the \$800,000. Ken Nolan stated that he was having a hard time understanding the process, what is needed and the timeline. Donna reviewed the Hour Glass project and what it covers and the Southern Gateway project. Ken Nolan asked why can't the town do a TIF capital plan that they can present to the voters to vote on in November that will be funded with TIF funds. Sarah needs to give VEPC an amount and a list of projects they could spend money on by June. Sarah explained that the tax rate is set separate from the TIF rate. Sarah stated that during the month of May the Finance department would be working on the Town's substantial change packet to VEPC in order to que everything up so the domino's fall for a November 15th vote. Ken Nolan stated that he would like the staff to run with the capital plan concept and start listing all of the projects you think you might want to do with the money so we have that in front of us when we are having the conversation on the 6th. John Bartlett asked who the staff members are that are mentioned on the memo. He asked is it just Sarah and Donna. Donna responded that she and Sarah have spoken with Don Turner, Erik Wells, and Jake. They have touched based with Dustin and Nate and we have spoken with the entire leadership about the concept without asking anybody to raise hands. In general it is an awareness, we can get more specific. John Palasik asked Ken if they should hold a special meeting before the 6th to get Darren up to date before the 6th.


VII. Warrant #18

Ken Nolan moved to accept warrant for \$256,645.04. Motion seconded. Approved unanimously.

VIII. Minutes from 2/06

Ken Nolan moved to approve minutes however, no minutes were available.

Respectfully Submitted,



Date: 5/00/17
John Palasik, Selectboard Clerk

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ATTEST:  _____ **Milton Town Clerk**