

1 **Joint Schoolboard and Selectboard Meeting Minutes**

2 **October 30, 2017 at 6:00 PM**

3 **MES Library**

4 **42 Herrick Ave, Milton, VT 05468**

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6 **Selectboard Members Present:** Ken Nolan, Vice-Chair; John Palasik, Clerk; John Cushing, Member;
7 Chris Taylor, Member

8 **Selectboard Members Present via Phone Call:** Darren Adams, Chair

9 **Staff Members Present:** Don Turner, Town Manager; Judi Ward, TM Executive Assistant; Kym
10 Duchesneau, Recreation; John Bartlett, Administration & HR; Jessica Morris, Finance; Jackie Dodge,
11 Finance; Celeste Lang, Finance; Steve Laroche, Interim Chief

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13 **School Board Members:** Lori Donna, Chair; Cathy Vadnais, Vice-Chair; Greg Burbo, School Trustee;
14 Michael Joseph, School Trustee; Ann Bradshaw, Superintendent; Don Johnson, School Business
15 Manager; Bruce Cheeseman, Manager Buildings and Grounds;

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17 **School Board Members Not Present:** Rae Couillard, Clerk

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19 **Others Present:** LACTV Technician; Kaylee Sullivan, Milton Independent

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21 **I. Call to Order** – L. Donna called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

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23 **II. Flag Salute** – L. Donna led the attendees in a Salute to the Flag

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25 **III. Call to Order** – K. Nolan called the Selectboard meeting to order at 6:10PM

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27 **IV. Agenda Review** – D. Adams asked to begin with Financial Services

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29 **V. Public Forum:** No one present for Public Forum

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31 **VI. Business**

32 **A. Financial Services Agreement**

33 A lengthy discussion took place regarding the Financial Services provided to the
34 school, from the two employees housed at the Municipal Building. The School Board
35 does not have the result of the Financial Study, that was supposed to be ready by
36 October 31st. A suggestion made by the School Board was to delay the decision by 60
37 days and the implementation of any changes made, by 90 days. This arrangement
38 raised concern among the Selectboard Members and D. Turner. D. Turner suggested
39 that since the timeframe would land in the middle of February it would be easier and
40 better for all concerned parties to ride out the existing contract to June 30, 2018. K.
41 Nolan shared his concern about the contract being run as a School Board decision and
42 not a joint conversation with the Selectboard. M. Joseph agreed that by going with the
43 current contract until June 30, 2018, would allow for a more comprehensive
44 conversation with the Selectboard. M. Joseph stated that the Selectboard would get the
45 auditor's recommendation and findings by December 15, 2017. M. Joseph made a
46 motion to continue with the financial services provided by the Town staff until the end
47 of June 30, 2018. C.Vadnais seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
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B. Facilities Use Agreement

Dialogue between the School Board and the Selectboard took place over the proposal for facilities usage. The School Board wants to charge a fee to the Town for Recreation using the School facilities, while the Town does not want to pay anything for the Recreation Department using the School facilities. It was brought up that the Teachers at the School use the Town Parks for fieldtrips, and BBQ's and do not pay any type of fee. L. Donna stated that school sports teams are not using the Town fields as they play on their own fields. D. Turner responded that the Town does not need to use the School's sport fields. L. Donna stated that she wants the agreement to be fair and that a closer look at what needs to be done in order to achieve this. K. Nolan stated that if the School is going to charge the Town for use of the School's facilities than Recreation dues will end up increasing or the taxpayer's will end up paying more but the Town needs to be able to explain why. It was agreed upon that D. Turner and A. Bradshaw would work together on this to achieve some sort of agreement.

The schools and town work well together in informal ways currently. For example, the Town purchases paper through the school for cost savings, as well as the Town shares salt with the schools. Discussion took place about the current status of shared efficiencies, short term ideas and longer term ideas. Both the School Board and the Selectboard agreed that further discussion about how to share efficiencies is required.

C. Joint Capital Improvement Plan

It was established that D. Keelty, B. Cheeseman and D. Johnson have been in a discussion that school projects are to be included in the Town's five year Capital Improvement Plan. A review draft will be available for discussion from the School Board facilities committee by December 1, 2017.

D. School Resource Officer

A Bradshaw and D. Turner will work together to develop a five-year agreement for a school resource officer by January 1, 2018.

E. Space Issues

A Bradshaw gave a quick review of the School's space concerns. A. Bradshaw outlined these concerns and each, were briefly discussed.

VI. Adjournment

K. Nolan recessed from the joint meeting at 7:45pm for Selectboard Executive Session.

VII. Executive Session per 1 V.S.A. § 313

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J. Palasik moved to find premature public knowledge about personnel, contracts and negotiations would cause the Town or person to suffer a substantial disadvantage. C. Taylor seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

J. Palasik moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel, contracts and negotiations to include K. Nolan, J. Palasik, J. Cushing, C. Taylor, D. Adams by phone, J. Bartlett, J. Morris, T. Yeates and D. Turner, under the provisions of **1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1) of the Vermont Statutes**. C. Taylor seconded the motion. Approved unanimously. No action was taken, as a result of the executive session

VII. Adjournment

J. Palasik made a motion to close the executive session at 9:29pm, seconded by C. Taylor. Approved unanimously.

VIII. Close Executive Session

J. Cushing made a motion to adjourn at 9:29pm, C. Taylor seconded. Approved unanimously.

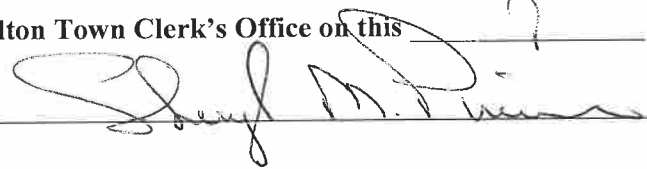
Respectfully Submitted,



Date: 11/08/17

John Palasik, Selectboard Clerk

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ATTEST: Milton Town Clerk