## TOWN OF MILLBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES UPPER TOWN COMMON

July 16, 2019

3:30 pm RECEIVER

Selectmen Present:

Chairman Jon Adams, Vice-Chairman Mary Krumsiek, Scott Despres, PM 2: 22

Katie McKenna, Chris Naff and Town Manager David Marciello

**3:30 PM** Motion made by Selectman Krumsiek to Open the Meeting, seconded by Selectman McKenna

Motion carried unanimously

Chairman Adams stated it was an honor to Welcome Governor Charles Baker & Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Kathleen Theoharides. He then thanked them both for the \$1,000,000 to Millbury to address the Stormwater Runoff in our Armory Village town's center. He thanked Laurie Connors the Director of Planning and Development and her staff for all their outstanding work and effort acquiring this grant which solves many regional problems. He thanked and acknowledged the other Selectmen, State Senator Moore, Representative Frost, Presidents from our local banks, our Town Engineers Weston & Sampson, owners of local businesses, Town Officials and staff -the \$1,000,000 grant is a huge economic boost. Chairman Adams announced after the event he invited everyone to Asa Waters to sample a taste of our local cuisine. He thanked all the restaurants and businesses for their donations. He thanked Governor Baker and Welcomed him to Millbury.

Secretary Theoharides spoke of climate change, careful planning and economic change. She also explained this is Phase I of a long- term project. This is a real grant to protect properties, it is good for the community, good for tax payers and that it takes a real partnership to make it work. She then announced it was with great pleasure to introduce Governor Baker.

Governor Baker said he found it unusual that he was in a local community with an official named Jon Adams he stated he was going to take a selfie with him. He said in 2016 he signed this executive order to create this initiative and it was Secretary Theoharides convincing cities and towns. Governor Baker also spoke about when he was in DC in February of this year and he was talking to other Federal agencies like FEMA. He explained The Feds put out grants to do the kind of vulnerability planning and mitigation that this program is about. Governor Baker said he spent alot of time with Senator Moore and Representative Frost and they are both doing their job representing Millbury. The Governor stated he has been here before and this won't be the last time we see him in this town giving out money.

Secretary Theoharides turned the program over to Laurie and stated it was a terrific reflection on the staff of the town of Millbury.

Laurie thanked Madame Secretary and Governor Baker on bestowing the means to make the Armory Village Revitalization Project a reality. She thanked the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Finance Committee, colleagues, staff, residents and all that supported this program and lastly Weston & Sampson for their beautiful design. Laurie described the program which includes ADA crosswalks, rain gardens, bio retention bump outs and flow thru planters. She explained that this project is key to making the Blackstone River better.

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Senator Moore expressed his support of these efforts and asked for the funds for Phase II. He also thanked Laurie.

Representative Frost thanked both the Governor and Madam Secretary for awarding this money for this project. He also stated he knows how hard Laurie has worked on this. Congratulations to Millbury, Governor Baker and Secretary Theoharides.

4:17 PM Motion to Recess to Asa Waters made by Selectman Naff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Despres Motion carried unanimously

4:40 PM Motion made by Selectman McKenna to Adjourn the Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Naff Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Fleming, Secretary

Jon Adams

Mary Krumsiek

Scott Despres

Katie McKenna

Chris Naff

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