

**TOWN OF MILLBURY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
Millbury Municipal Office Building**

March 10, 2020

6:00 PM

Selectmen Present: Chairman Jon Adams, Vice-Chairman Mary Krumsiek, Scott Despres, Chris Naff, and Acting Town Manager James Kelley
Absent: Katie McKenna

Executive Session

The Chairman called for roll call vote, and the vote was unanimous to go into Regular Session.

**Regular Session 7:00 PM
Pledge of Allegiance**

7:00 PM Discussion on Coronavirus

Cheryl Rawinski, Public Health Nurse, Jim Morin Chairman of the Board of Health and Ron Marlborough of the Board of Health stated there was a conference call tomorrow that may change all the info they were explaining tonight. They talked about how to stop the spread of germs and how to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19. They also went over the symptoms, the severe complications from this virus, how to protect yourself, what to do if you are sick, a vaccine, a treatment, should you wear a mask when you go out in public, how do you test a person for COVID-19, should you be tested? What to do if you are sick with COVID-19? Steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick. They also went over the number of cases.

Citizens Speak-Fran Desimone of 1 Weldon Dr expressed concern over the members of the Town Manager Screening Committee

Chairman Adams asked if he was aware of the process and that you would have to change the charter.

7:23 PM Public Hearing-Joint Pole Petition-Ngrid/Verizon-Install on N Main St

Selectman Krumsiek opened the public hearing, seconded by Selectman Naff. Motion carried. Jeff Silva of National Grid was present.

Motion to close the public hearing made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Cristo. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to install 1 JO Pole and remove I JO Pole on North Main St beginning at a point approximately 60 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of North Main St and Grove St and continuing approximately 25 feet in a west direction. National Grid to install new 45'C2, P5-25 to provide service to 2 Grove St. Removing pole 5-75 made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Naff.

Motion carried unanimously.

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7:30 PM Plaque for Firefighter Anthony Krumsiek

Senator Moore presented Anthony a citation from the Senate for his 36 years. Chairman Adams, Selectman Krumsiek and Chief Hamilton all thanked him and his family and all his years of service is greatly appreciated and presented Anthony a plaque.

7:35 PM Chief Hamilton -Fire Dept Quarterly Report

Chief Hamilton stated the Fire Dept has maintained a very good membership presently 56 members. He also talked about the # of fires are down however conditions are now worse due to material in new construction & furnishings and have increased efforts to protect our members from carcinogens. He stated we are very organized with 5 members of the Board of Fire Engineers that appoints the Fire Chief who runs the day to day and one full time clerk. We have received numerous grants and one of our trucks are getting built now. Our inspection and public education programs have both been very successful. Chief Hamilton closed with Although our basic mission remains the same: Life, Safety, property conservation and fire prevention; the methods we use to make our practices safer and more efficient evolve over time.

7:44 PM Judy O'Connor-COA Quarterly Report

Judy stated she was a resident of Millbury and she is the only full time employee with several part time employees. The Sr Center is run economically and in a great manner. We have 103 volunteers. Meals on Wheels is one of the most important services and Mary Krumsiek has been participating for 20 years. Also the transportation runs 9-3. It is a great bus service. We serve holiday meals and offer several clinics and classes. We Welcome Everyone!

7:55 PM Aquarion Water - PFAS Update-Steve Olson

Steve stated that Oak Pond remains off-line, they have retained services of an Engineering Consultant to evaluate alternatives for the Oak Pond Well: Treatment, New/Replacement Source, Quarterly voluntary sampling: Oak Pond well & distribution system sampled on 2/19/20, Chairman Adams asked how quickly can a well become contaminated? Steve stated the compounds have been there since the 1950's unless it's a new source of contamination.

8:00 PM Appoint Brian Dalton to the Historical Commission

Motion to appoint Brian Dalton to the Historical Commission by Selectman Naff 2nd by Selectman Krumsiek. Motion carried unanimously

8:03 PM Approve Annual Lions Club Carnival, Road Race & Fireworks July 1 – July 4, 2020 Fireworks July 3 & 4th; Road Race July 4th.

Ron Marlborough talked about the carnival and the 43rd annual Millbury road race now known as the Joseph F Coggans Memorial road race that begins at the high school and end at Windle field.

Motion to approve the Annual Lions Club Carnival, Road Race & Fireworks July 1 – July 4, 2020. Fireworks July 3 & 4th. with a rain date of July 5 Road Race July 4th. by Selectman Krumsiek 2nd by Selectman Naff. Motion carried unanimously

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8:10 PM Approve The Town Manager Screening Committee RFQ

Justine stated she spoke to Town Counsel and they approved

Motion to authorize the Chair and Labor Counsel to finalize the Town Manager Screening Committee's RFQ and authorize Human Resources to issue it by Selectman Krumsiek, 2nd by Selectman Despres. Motion carried unanimously

8:13 PM Approve Drainlayers Renewal- Jolin Paving & Excavating

Motion to Approve Drainlayers Renewal- Jolin Paving & Excavating by Selectman Krumsiek 2nd by Selectman Naff. Motion carried unanimously

8:15 PM Discussion on Town Meeting Articles

Mr. Kelley explained each article, what department requested the article, the purpose, the amount, and the funding source.

Selectman Krumsiek asked if Mr. Kelley could look into the \$68,000. Mr. Kelley stated yes

Discussion to Increase Tax Exemption

Lee Keomani, Principal Assessor stated the Board of Assessors would like to increase all the exemptions by 20% . Chairman Adams asked what are the actual exemptions? Mr. Keomani stated there is one blind exemption, 2 elderly, and 2 veteran, however the Board of Assessors did not want to lower the age of the exemption. Mr. Kelley stated he was thankful Lee was at the Sr Center for the presentation. Selectman Naff stated we should be a bit more bold and suggested doubling the exemption. Chairman Adams, Vice Chairman Krumsiek and Selectman Despres all agreed with the Board of Assessors recommendation and not lower the age. Selectman Naff disagree.

9:00 PM Discussion on Ramshorn Pond Dam and Dorothy Pond Dam

Keith Caruso, DPW Supervisor stated we received letter from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We sent them a letter showing that we complied. Selectman Krumsiek asked if there was any penalty for being late? Keith stated no.

9:10 PM Acting Town Manager Report

Mr. Kelley updated the Board on the Snow & Ice Budget, Budget Issues which included Warrant Deadlines and Articles, Free Cash Funded Articles, Borrowing, MS4 Loan, Budget Busters, Deficiencies. He also spoke about Recycling & Transfer Station issues, Tax Exemptions, Social Media Policy, and Promotions & Job Postings

Motion to cancel the April 28, 2020 Annual Town Election by Selectman Krumsiek 2nd by Selectman Naff. Motion carried unanimously

9:16 PM Previous Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of February 11, 2020 by Selectman Krumsiek, 2nd by Selectman Naff. Motion carried unanimously

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Dates to Remember

List Attached

On 3/13 at lunchtime Mr. Kelley invited the Board to come and say Good Bye to the Assistant Town Accountant as she is retiring.

Sunday 3/15 from 12-3 at the Mill there is a Buzz off for Cancer at the Salon-Matt 's At the Buzzer will be there also

On a Good Note

Selectman Despres stated he has been watching the Asa Water calendar and there are a lot of fun events scheduled.

Selectman Naff stated the Millbury girls basketball lost but they had a Good Season

Selectman Krumsiek wanted to wish Happy Birthday to Chris Naff!!!

Mail

Motion to approve the Donation Letter from the Chief of Police by Selectman Despres, 2nd by Selectman Naff. Motion carried unanimously

Motion to approve the Donation Letter from the Town Planner by Selectman Despres, 2nd by Selectman Krumsiek. Motion carried unanimously

9:27 PM Motion made by Selectman Krumsiek to Adjourn the Meeting 2nd by Selectman Naff
Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Fleming, Secretary

Jon Adams

Mary Krumsiek

Scott Despres

Chris Naff

These Minutes were approved at the April 27, 2020 Board of Selectmen Meeting. Signatures will be affixed after the State of Emergency.