

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 7/11/2023

Members in Attendance: Michael Zullas, Chair; Erin G. Bradley, Vice Chair, Roxanne Musto, Secretary; Benjamin Zoll, Member; Nicholas Milano, Town Administrator and Lynne DeNapoli, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Select Board

Guests: Kathleen Conlon and Christopher Hart, Members of the Airplane Noise Advisory Committee

Members Absent: Richard G. Wells, Jr.

Meeting Location: Council on Aging - Hybrid

Time Meeting called to Order: 7:02PM

Time Meeting Adjourned: 8:46PM

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Zullas called the meeting of the Select Board to order at 7:02 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment

Matthew Marong-136 Eliot Street

Mr. Marong, an Architect who specializes in Transit Facilities with a background in Planning asked the Town to forgo the request to re-classify the Town's Rapid Transit designation. The request is based on misinformation. Mr. Marong urged the Members to pressure the Planning Board to adhere to its charge and submit a well-thought-out solution to the MBTA Communities Zoning requirements.

14. Chairs Report

Chair Zullas asked Members if he could share a community update.

Chair Zullas read a letter from Linda and David Murray, parents of Cassidy Murray. Cassidy passed away unexpectedly in March 2022 while on vacation in Aruba.

Mr. & Mrs. Murray expressed their sincere appreciation to the Town of Milton for their support. Since Cassidy' passing they have been working with the government of Aruba to raise awareness on the importance of water safety. Aruba will enact new reforms in Cassidy's honor.

On July 13th, Bruce Cassidy, the Coach of the Las Vegas Nuggets will be bringing the Stanley Cup to Milton to promote the launch of the Cassidy Murray Foundation. Please join the Murray Family at 9AM at the Glover School and celebrate Cassidy's memory!

4. Discussion/Approval – Installation of a Bench at the corner of Quarry Lane and Pleasant Street in memory of Catherine Todd

Kate Daley and Diane Spinale, residents of Quarry Lane joined the Board to request their support of a memorial bench in honor of their friend and neighbor, Catherine Todd. Ms. Todd passed away unexpectedly last year. The location for the bench is at the neighborhood bus stop.

The Board Members thanked Ms. Daley and Ms. Spinale for their dedication and support.

Ms. Musto moved to approve the installation of a Bench at the corner of Quarry Lane and Pleasant Street in memory of Catherine Todd. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zoll. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

5. Discussion/Approval- Recommendations of the Airplane Noise Advisory Committee

Kathleen Conlon, Chair of the Airplane Noise Advisory Committee and Christopher Hart, Member joined the Select Board to provide a progress report on the Committee’s work and to request their Select Board’s support on the following:

a. Letter to the Federal Aviation Administration, (FAA) regarding MIT recommendations for Runway 4R dispersion

Ms. Musto moved to approve the letter to the Federal Aviation Administration, (FAA) regarding MIT recommendations for Runway 4R dispersion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zoll. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

b. Letter to the town’s congressional delegation regarding the FAA Reauthorization Act

Ms. Musto requested that the letter be amended to include Runway 33L. The Board and Members of ANAC had no reservations.

Ms. Musto moved to approve the amended letter to Milton’s congressional delegation regarding the FAA Reauthorization Act. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zoll. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

6. Discussion/Approval - Letter with respect to Milton’s Rapid Transit Designation

Chair Zullas shared the compliance guidelines relative to a rapid transit community provided by the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, EOHLC (formerly DHCD). Mr. Milano and Mr. Czerwienski, Director of Planning and Community Development were tasked with contacting the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority, (MBTA) to discuss the guidelines and transit definitions in greater detail. Mr. Milano and Mr. Czerwienski will follow up with the Select Board and Planning Board Members.

7. Discussion/Update - Letter to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation regarding the intersection improvement project at Randolph Ave. and Chickatawbut Road

Chair Zullas thanked the Board Members for collaborating on the letter to MassDOT regarding the intersection improvement project at Randolph Ave. and Chickatawbut Road. The letter was approved by the Board on July 6th.

Mr. Milano noted that he received a confirmation e-mail from MassDOT. The letter will be shared with all relevant parties within the Department. It is available to review on the Town's website.

8. Discussion/Approval – Year-End Transfers for Fiscal Year 2023 and authorize the Chair to approve appropriations transfers

Ms. Amy Dexter, the Finance Director and Mr. Milano provided the Board with an overview of the FY2023 Reserve Fund Transfers and the 2023 Year End Appropriation Transfers.

As of July 11th, the total transferred out of the Reserve Fund: \$295, 280. The remaining balance: \$293,390. The reserve funds will be reviewed and approved by the Chair of the Warrant Committee, Mr. Humphreys.

Following the discussion, Mr. Zoll moved to approve the 2023 Year End Appropriation Transfers. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

Mr. Zoll moved to authorize the Chair to approve the Reserve Fund Transfers for 2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

9. Discussion/Approval – Committee Appointments and Reappointments

a. Sign Review Committee

Ms. Musto moved to reappoint the following individuals to the Sign Review Committee for a one-year term to expire on June 30, 2024: John Zychowicz, Douglas Scibeck, Lawrence Johnson, Tim Czerwienski. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zoll. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

b. Shade Tree Advisory Committee

Ms. Musto moved to appoint the following individuals to the Shade Tree Advisory Committee for a one-year term to expire on June 30, 2024: William Madden and Maritta Manning Cronin. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zoll. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

c. Local Historic District Study Committee

Ms. Musto moved to reappoint the following individuals to the Local Historic District Study Committee for a one-year term to expire on June 30, 2024: Andrew Hoffman and Ryan McClain. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zoll. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

Ms. Musto reiterated her concerns regarding the process for appointing Boards and Committee Members. She feels that all committee appointments should be addressed during a regular scheduled meeting rather than a special meeting to address a time sensitive matter. Ms. Musto did not feel that the Committee Appointment noted on the July 6th Select Board agenda was time sensitive and could have been addressed at the next Select Board meeting on July 11th. The Youth Task Force was not scheduled to meet until the following week. She also stated that the Board must remain transparent.

Mr. Zoll shared a different perspective. He felt that the “Call to Action” from the Milton Police Department and the Milton Coalition regarding teen activity at Cunningham Park is a time sensitive matter. The input from the Task Force could help address the problem. Mr. Zoll noted that the kick-off meeting of the Youth Task Force had been scheduled. He wanted to make sure that the Appointee had sufficient time to complete the process before the meeting. Mr. Zoll stated that calling into question the Board’s motives or methodologies, only undermines the work.

Chair Zullas did note that it was not unprecedented for the Board to take action on such matters between meetings.

10. Discussion/Approval - Town Administrator’s Annual Performance Evaluation Summary

Ms. Bradley reported that there have been no changes to the Town Administrator’s Annual Performance Evaluation summary she previously provided.

Mr. Zoll moved to approve the Town Administrator’s Annual Performance Evaluation Summary. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bradley. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

11. Discussion/Approval-One Day Liquor Licenses:

- a. Eustis Estate-Historic New England: 1424 Canton Ave., August 19, 2023 from 11:30AM-6:00PM David Chesnut Jazz Festival**

Mr. Milano noted that abutting neighbors raised concerns regarding the event that Eustis Estate is hosting and requesting the license for.

The Board agreed to defer approval of the liquor license for Eustis Estate. The Board would like clarification from the Building Commissioner regarding zoning policy.

- b. Forbes House Museum: 215 Adams Street, August 20, 2023 from 5PM-7PM: One Act Play: “Lady Windermere’s Fan”**

Ms. Musto moved to approve the One-Day Liquor License for the Forbes House Museum on August 20, 2023 for the One Act Play: ‘Lady Windermere’s Fan.’ The motion was seconded by Mr. Zoll. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

12. Discussion/Approval -Meeting Minutes-June 23, 2023

Mr. Zoll moved to approve the meeting minutes dated June 23, 2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

13. Town Administrator’s Report

Mr. Milano provided an update on the goings on at Town hall.

The Department of Planning and Community Development will be hosting a remote Public Forum on July 17th at 7:00PM to discuss the MBTA Communities Zoning Law. Mr. Czerwienski and Mr. Eckart-Lee will be available at the Former’s Market on July 13th from 1PM-6PM to answer questions from residents.

The Town of Milton’s Open Space and Recreation Plan Survey is now open. Your feedback is encouraged! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MiltonOpenSpaceRecSurvey>

The Milton Health Department is conducting its first Community Health Survey to find out more about the health and wellbeing of Milton adult residents (18 and over). Please click the following link to fill out the five-minute survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/5ZNSSRV.

Mr. Milano congratulated Officers Molly Dillon and Aiden Johnson on their graduation from the Police Academy.

14. Chair’s Report

Chair Zullas shared his report earlier in the evening.

15. Public Comment Response

No comments at this time.

16. Future Meeting Dates:

The Board will meet on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, Tuesday, August 8, 2022 and Tuesday August 22, 2023.

17. Executive Session - Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) – To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining

- a. Milton Clerical Unit of the Southeastern Public Employees Association**
- b. Milton Professional Management Association**

c. Milton Firefighters, Local 1116

At 8:11PM, Chair Zullas moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining

- a. Milton Clerical Unit of the Southeastern Public Employees Association
- b. Milton Professional Management Association
- c. Milton Firefighters, Local 1116

based on my belief that discussion of this matter in open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Select Board. The Select Board will return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Board voted unanimously by roll call (4-0) to enter Executive Session.

MUSTO: YES

ZULLAS: YES

BRADLEY: YES

ZOLL: YES

18. Executive Session - Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(6) – To discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property (Blue Hill Ave: B 7 5 and 676 Brush Hill Road: B 7 4)

Chair Zullas moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property (Blue Hill Ave: B 7 5 and 676 Brush Hill Ave: B 7 4) based on my belief that discussion of this matter in open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Select Board. The Select Board will return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zoll. The Board voted unanimously by roll call (4-0) to enter Executive Session.

MUSTO: YES

ZULLAS: YES

BRADLEY: YES

ZOLL: YES

19. Executive Session - Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(6) – To discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property (Town Landing, Wharf Street)

Chair Zullas moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property (Town Landing, Wharf Street) based on my belief that discussion of this matter in open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Select Board. The Select Board will return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Board voted unanimously by roll call (4-0) to enter Executive Session.

MUSTO: YES
ZULLAS: YES
BRADLEY: YES
ZOLL: YES

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:44PM.

20. Discussion/Approval - Memorandum of Agreement with the Milton Clerical Unit of the Southeastern Public Employees Association for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025

Following an update from Mr. Milano, Ms. Musto moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Milton Clerical Unit of the Southeastern Public Employees Association for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zoll. The Board voted unanimously (4-0) to approve.

21. Discussion/Approval – Lease Agreements for the Town Landing, Wharf Street

This matter has been deferred.

22. Adjourn

At 8:46PM, Mr. Zoll moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Board voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Lynne DeNapoli, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Select Board.

Documents

Letter from the residents of Quarry Lane/Pleasant Street in support of a Memorial Bench for Catherine Todd.

Letter from Lisa Courtney in support of a Memorial Bench for Catherine Todd.

Letter to the Federal Aviation Administration, (FAA) regarding MIT recommendations for Runway 4R dispersion

Letter to the town's congressional delegation regarding the FAA Reauthorization Act

Letter from the Select Board to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation regarding the intersection improvement project at Randolph Ave. and Chickatawbut Road

Communication from Amy Dexter, Finance Director: Summary of 2023 Reserve Fund Transfers and Year End Transfers.

Volunteer Applications for the Shade Tree Committee

Maritta Manning Cronin

William Madden

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