

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2010**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, January 4, 2010 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman G. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:56 p.m. extending a Happy New Year to all. Chairman Smith asked those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

B. Bevan
B. Bier
B. Blake
D. German
F. Goodrich
A. Giannattasio
M. Hardiman
J. Patterson
G. Smith
P. Smith
P. Staneski
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor J. Richetelli, Jr.
L. Bull DiLullo, Mayor's Admin. Asst.
L. Stock, City Clerk
M. Woods, Trial Counsel

Excused

B. Joy, Jr.

2. Public Statements

Public statements are limited to the legislative function of the Board of Aldermen. He stated only residents; taxpayers or electors may address the Board. The time limit granted to each speaker shall be three (3) minutes. He asked each speaker to adhere to the three-minute limit.

T. Chaucer – 104 Hawley Avenue – provided the Board of Aldermen with a packet of information regarding the Downs House. He went on to explain the map and other handouts in the packet. He stated the Downs House gives the City great character. He also stated it should be open to the public. He went on with a lengthy history of those prominent individuals who are linked to Milford's history in addition to John Downs, such as Nathan Hale, Joseph Plumb Martin, and others who have such valuable links to Milford.

R. Platt – 132 Platt Street – wished the Board a Happy New Year. He also thanked Mr. Chaucer for the history lesson and stated he was in support of his idea for the Downs House. Mr. Platt stated the Downs House was saved from demolition by neglect. He stated with regard to the house that the interior has been gutted, but you can still see in great detail how the 18th Century house was put together. He stated he was also in support of the modification to the demolition delay Ordinance, which eliminates the 50% and that he was happy after his strong pleas that this was finally before the Board. He expressed his hope it would be passed tonight.

J. Prisco – 11 Riverdale Road – stated he was speaking tonight regarding Pumpkin Delight School and the need for an elevator in that school. He stated it is the only elementary school in Milford with two floors. He stated he hoped this Board would approve an elevator for the school. He spoke as to State funds which might help. He also mentioned the Devon project and how long it has taken. He asked the Board to please think of the kids.

G. Salvatore – 17 Saint Andrews Lane – stated she wished to speak concerning two issues. The first regarding blight as it has been called, previously called by the EDC, neighborhood preservation. She expressed her concern over the 50 individual complaints of properties have been received that need attention. She stated if people take the time to notify the City that they should be kept in the process. Ms. Salvatore stated once a person has made a complaint they don't get a response because that office is overwhelmed. She stated she was here to ask this Board to consider a review of the blight Ordinance to keep the citizens involved in the process and that the City owed that to them. She stated the second reason for speaking was to state her support of the revision of the Demolition Delay Ordinance. She stated it is a step in the right direction and also in keeping the character of the City intact. She stated it was important to keep our foundation from crumbling so that the character is not lost. She concluded by stating to have a future you have to preserve the past.

T. Beirne – 55 Bayshore Drive – he stated he along with the late Walter Farley were on the Board when the original Demolition Delay Ordinance was passed and told of a story about what happened to properties at Fort Trumbull beach that became condominiums. He stated that would not have happened and this Ordinance could improve by having an enforcement officer. He stated the problem with the Ordinance is no one is overseeing it and suggested the City Historian be appointed as the enforcement officer.

B. Genovese – 19 Belmont Street – wished the Board a Happy New Year. She thanked the Board for passing the amendment to the Demolition Delay Ordinance. Regarding from a prepared statement regarding the Downs House, she stated the current administration would like to knock it down. She continued reading stating this administration needed to stop the destruction of our history. She asked the Board to always do their homework especially when dealing with historical properties and consider all the facts.

C. Martin – 14 Roswell Street – stated she wished to address Milford and the Board of Aldermen regarding a safety issue regarding the West Shore Fire Department, which is located in her backyard. She stated her concern is with the aerial ladder and her air rights which are being violated. She read the definition of air rights. She stated when the ladder is tested it extends onto her property and that it is trespassing as well as a safety issue. She stated this department does not have any concern for her house or her property. She stated that they recently violated her air space on December 23, 2009 and that the lieutenant on duty that day had no regard for the angle of her yard. Ms. Martin stated she has done her research with regard to aerial ladder injuries and that it is something that should not be taken lightly. She stated she has serious concerns and stated she hoped the Aldermen would take this into consideration and look into it.

K. Bonetti – 157 Seaside Avenue – stated she was speaking tonight regarding someone that is missing, the MGAT camera man. She stated there is one name they can all call friend and it is Dennis Guaglianone. Ms. Bonetti stated he is everywhere in Milford all year round and that he is all things Milford. She stated he has taken MGAT to incredible heights. She also pointed out he recently was awarded a partnership award from the Milford Board of Education for his work. She also stated his broadcasts have been live and if you missed it you would have the opportunity to see it later. She addressed his recent firing as being political and stated he is the

last person you would think of in that way. She stated he simply does what he is asked and then some. She expressed her hope the Board would be able to re-instate him.

J. Dellamonica, Sr. – 60 Berner Terrace – wished the Board a Happy New Year. He stated the Board of Aldermen opens each meeting with the pledge to our flag. He stated he would like to see the Board consider 15 seconds of silence for our men and women who are dying for us in the service. He asked the Board to think about all the things happening without our freedom and that we would have nothing. He asked the Board to please acknowledge these men and women by a brief moment of silence.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on December 7, 2009.

Ald. Blake and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 7, 2009.

Ald. Goodrich noted one correction, stating Ald. Bier, Hardiman and Joy were not present at the December meeting.

Ald. Hardiman stated he would abstain from the vote since he was not present.

Motion carried 13 yes (Bevan, Bier, Blake, German, Goodrich, Giannattasio, Patterson, G. Smith, P. Smith, Staneski, Veccharelli, Vetro, Vital) and 1 abstention (Hardiman), with the correction as noted.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman G. Smith commented he hoped everyone had a safe, happy holiday. He also acknowledge the passing of Ald. Staneski's mother and noted the members of the Board were wearing the color purple in memory of her mother Evelyn as it was her favorite color.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Richetelli stated he looked forward to a great year working with the Board and our citizens. He stated he considered it an honor and privilege to present those men and women who have volunteered their time to serve our City. He stated he was happy to present the following mayor's appointments as well as those appointments under item 8a which are Mayor appointments with Board of Aldermen approval. He went on to thank all of those citizens, past and present who have volunteered to serve our City on the various Boards and Commissions. He stated he would also recommend approval of those items under 8b-e and asked the Board to consider item 8f as an addendum.

6a. Mayor's appointments:

Milford Council on Aging, two-year term expiring 12/31/11
(D) Terri M. Amann, 515 Popes Island Road, 06461, reappointment

- (R) Shirley A. Serrano, 36 Meetinghouse Lane, 06460, reappointment
- (R) Connie L. Jagodzinski, 27 Berkley Terrace, 06460, new appointment
- (D) Cynthia R. DeLuca, 222 High Street, 06460, reappointment
- (R) Richard E. Dowin, 554 Merwin Avenue, 06460, reappointment

Conservation Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/12

- (R) Kathleen M. Kobishyn, 26 Pond Street, 06460, new appointment
- (U) Oden H. Seaholm, 11 Wayland Road, 04660, reappointment
- (D) William D. Poutray, 25 Willow Street, 06460, reappointment

Fowler Memorial Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/12

- (U) Russell W. Edwards, 138 Melba Street, 06460, reappointment
- (U) Christine L. Smith, 235 Plains Road, 06461, new appointment

Inland Wetlands Agency, three-year term expiring 12/31/12

- (U) James D. Connors, 25 Country Lane, 06461, reappointment

Veterans Graves Preservation Commission, one-year term expiring 12/31/10

- (R) Linda Natoli, 297 Forest Road, reappointment
- (U) Thomas Cody, Jr., 13 Dock Road, reappointment
- (U) Daniel S. Sefcik, Sr., 131 Baxter Lane, reappointment

City Clerk Linda Stock swore in those citizens who were present for above Commissions.

Mayor Richetelli interjected and stated he wished to address a comment made during the public session which was so very inaccurate. He stated he is not and was never in favor of demolishing the Downs House and that the statement made so was very far from the truth. He stated if they did not take the action they did 5 years ago, the house would have come down. He stated there is no basis for those statements made and that they were grossly inaccurate and factually not true.

7. Unfinished Business:

None.

8. New Business (from Mayor's Report Items 8a-8e)

8a. Board of Aldermen approval is hereby requested of the following Mayor's Appointments to the Boards and Commissions as listed.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Veccharelli made and seconded a motion to approve the following Mayor's Appointments:

Building Code Board of Appeals, five-year term expiring 12/31/14

- (D) Ray S. Oliver, 404 Gulf Street, 06460, reappointment

Civil Service Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/12

- (D) Henry B. Healey, 192 West River Street, 06460, reappointment
- (D) Joel R. Baldwin, 252 Seaside Avenue, 06460, new appointment

Ethics Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/12

- (R) Rabbi Schneur Z. Wilhelm, 24 Pearson Avenue, 06460, new appointment
- (D) Jane T. Holler, 1 Norwood Avenue, 06460, new appointment

Board of Finance, three-year term expiring 12/31/12

- (R) Scott Marlow, 353 West Main Street, 06460, new appointment
- (D) Joseph J. Fitzpatrick, Jr., 7 Flax Mill Terrace, 06460, reappointment

Fire Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/12

- (R) Karen A. Craig, 43 Elgid Drive, 06460, new appointment
- (R) Howard F. Stein, 391 Herbert Street, 06461, reappointment
- (D) John F. Healy, Jr., 146 Pond Point Avenue, 064610, reappointment

Golf Course Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/12

- (U) William D. Healey, 37 West Shore Drive, 06460, reappointment
- (D) Daniel W. Worroll, Jr., 457 Swanson Crescent, 06461, reappointment

Harbor Management Commission, five-year term expiring 12/31/14

- (U) Alan Waterman, 412 Welches Point Road, 06460, reappointment

Board of Health, three-year term expiring 12/31/12

- (D) Joan M. Costello, RN, 33 Walker Street, 06460, reappointment
- (R) Dr. Constance Young, 37 Loomis Street, reappointment

Human Services, Milford Department of, three-year term expiring 12/31/12

- (U) Donna Nunno, 9 elm Street, 06460, (*Consumer Representative*), reappointment
- (R) Paul J. Geer, 64 Hitching Post Lane, 06460, (*Organized Labor*), new appointment

Housing Code Board of Appeals, five-year term expiring 12/31/14

- (R) David S. Denhup, 75 Herbert Street, 06461, reappointment

Library Board, three-year term expiring 12/31/12

- (D) Scott Barnett, 1201 New Haven Avenue, 06460, reappointment
- (U) Suzanna E. D'Anna, 88 West Main Street, 06460, reappointment
- (R) Peter Vita, 52 Sparrow Bush Lane, 06460, reappointment

Park, Beach & Recreation Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/12

- (D) Daniel W. Worroll, Jr., 457 Swanson Crescent, 06461, reappointment
- (U) Ann Fabian, 294 Welches Point Road, 06460, reappointment
- (R) Sharon A. Fowler, 50 Pine Knob Terrace, 06461, new appointment, to fill vacant position, term to expire 12/31/11

Police Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/12
(R) Carol Faruolo, 19 Fenway North, 06460, reappointment
(D) Alberta Jagoe, 1 Morningside Drive, 06460, reappointment

Sewer Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/12
(R) Lee S. Cooke, 48 Kohary Drive, 06460, new appointment
(U) Donald F. Anderson, 33 Driftwood Lane, 06460, reappointment

Transit District, four-year term expiring 12/31/13
(U) Peter J. Carroll, 73 Shelter Cove Road, 06460, reappointment
Advisory Board, two-year term expiring 12/31/11
(U) J. David Griffin, 72 Harborside Drive, 06460, reappointment
(R) Marie J. Capiris, 15 Nicole Drive, 06460, new appointment

Tree Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/12
(U) Kate D. Orecchio, 165 North Broad Street, 06460, reappointment
(U) David Skirkanich, 32 Wilshire Boulevard, 06460, new appointment,

Zoning Board of Appeals, five-year term expiring 12/31/14
(D) Richard Carey, 103 Hawley Avenue, 06460, reappointment
(R) Joseph A. Tuozzola, Sr., 118 Gulf Street #24, new appointment, to fill vacant position, term to expire 12/21/13

Alternate, three-year term expiring 12/31/12
(R) Thomas C. Nichol, 477 Roses Mill Road, new appointment
(U) William J. Evasick, 15 Maple Street, 06460, new appointment, to fill vacant position, term to expire 12/31/10

Ald. Blake stated he wished to congratulate all those citizens named to those Boards and Commission. He stated there is a new year upon them and time for resolutions. He expressed his hope the Board would work towards another tax decrease, stating too many people are struggling and the economy is still struggling as well. He stated to all he has made his new year's resolution and expressed hope those here tonight had done the same for the betterment of the City of Milford.

Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Linda Stock swore in those individuals who were present to their various Boards and Commissions.

Chairman G. Smith congratulated the new appointees and asked those present to come forward to be sworn-in.

The Board took a 5-minute recess at 8:44 p.m.

Chairman G. Smith reconvened the Board in public session at 8:52 p.m. He stated he would entertain a motion to re-order the agenda to bring forward items 8e and 8f.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to re-order the agenda and bring forward items 8e and 8f. Motion carried unanimously.

8e. Board of Aldermen Appointments:

Animal Shelter Commission

(R) Marilyn Blake, 99 Green Meadow Road, 06461, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/14

Economic Development Commission

(D) Robert Kapusta, 10 Flax Mill Lane, 06461, new appointment (*Citizen Representative*, four-year term), term to expire 12/31/13

Historic District Commission:

(D) Mildred V. Beyer, 31 Governors Avenue, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 1/1/15

Historic District (South of the Green)

(R) Arthur W. Stowe, 36 Fresh Meadow Lane, 06461, reappointment, term to expire 1/1/15

Human Services Department

(D) Gary Johnson, 70 Terrace Road, 06460 reappointment (*Chamber of Commerce Representative*, three-year term), term to expire 12/31/12

(D) Alan Chapin, 78 Barton Road, 06460, reappointment (*United Way Representative*), three-year term, term to expire 12/31/12

(U) Ross DeLeonardo, 166 West River Street, 04660, reappointment, two-year term, term to expire 12/31/11

Inland Wetlands Agency

(R) Joel F. Levitz, 44 Point Beach Drive, 06460, new appointment, term to expire 12/31/12

(U) Eric Robert Karlsen, 4 Hickory Avenue, 06460, new appointment, term to expire 12/31/10

MGAT (Milford Government Access Television) Committee

(D) Toby F. Zabinski, 102 Shorefront, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/11

(R) Michael Cavallaro, 32 Beaverbrook Road, 06461, new appointment, term to expire 12/31/11

Pension and Retirement Board

(U) Joseph R. Sartor, 290 Roses Mill Road, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/12

(D) William Shea, 255 Housatonic Drive, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/12

(R) Richard L. Elwell, 41 Eveningside Drive, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/12

(D) Tyler S. Lewis, 11 Earle Street, 06460, (*Local 1566*) reappointment, term to expire 12/31/12

(R) James r. Whittaker, 43 Ardmore Road, 06461 (*Local 2018*), reappointment), term to expire 12/31/12

Alternate

(U) Michael Hedman, 1137 Naugatuck Avenue, 06461 (*Public Works – Local 1566*), reappointment, term to expire 12/31/12

(U) Gary Nosal, 133 Foxwood Close, 06461 (*Local 2018*), reappointment, term to expire 12/31/12

(U) Thomas Piskura, 433 Welches Point Road, 06460 (*Local 944*), new appointment, term to expire 12/31/12

(D) Robert E. Riordan, 49 Dale Drive, 06461 (*Local 899*), new appointment, term to expire 12/31/12

(R) William R. Parry, III, 155 Edgefield Avenue, 06460, new appointment – to fill vacant position, term to expire 12/31/11

(R) Khalid M. Ali, 953 New Haven Avenue, 06460, new appointment – to fill vacant position, term to expire 12/31/11

Motion carried unanimously.

8f. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Cathleen A. Collins, 233 Housatonic Drive, 06460, as an alternate member to the Inland Wetlands Agency. Term to expire 12/31/12. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Linda Stock administered the Oath of Office to those present.

8b. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the request to authorize the Public Works Director and the Purchasing Agent to dispose of obsolete and unusable equipment as listed on the memo from Public Works Director Bruce C. Kolwicz dated December 28, 2009.

Ald. Blake commented he understood this would be advertised in the legal notices, but that not that many people read that section. He asked if it had been investigated to use sources such as e-bay, Craig's list or the like to get a better rate.

Mayor Richetelli explained for many years this has been the method and that the request comes before this Board in a very transparent way. He stated the items are available for the Board's inspection. He also stated they follow the applicable laws. He stated the City does not have the availability to use e-bay or Craig's list and questioned if Ald. Blake were asking the City pay someone to investigate this. He stated many times these items end up scrapped, adding this equipment has been used and reused and there is not much value.

Ald. Staneski stated in follow up to Ald. Blake's comments, she would suggest these items be posted on the notice and on Channel 79 and then the citizens could see it.

Ald. G. Smith added these items part of the agenda. He stated he agreed with Ald. Blake that other options be looked at for the future.

Ald. Goodrich suggested the items be posted on the City's web-site.

Ald. P. Smith stated when looking at other alternatives they needed to keep in mind there is sometimes a fee involved.

Ald. Blake stated they may find e-bay or Craig's list is not the right fit, but it could be experimental to see how it goes and there certainly would be no harm in trying.

Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the request for an emergency waiver of bid to repair the heating system at Fire Headquarters to E.N.T. Heating and Cooling, Wallingford, CT, in an amount of \$12,500 per memo from Battalion Chief William D. Healey dated December 24, 2009.

Chairman G. Smith recognized Chief LaVecchia.

Chief LaVecchia stated he wanted the Board to know he takes the bidding process very seriously and that in his 14 years as Chief, the department has brought possibly four waivers to bids to this Board. He stated the repair was for the boiler at fire headquarters. He explained the boiler is in sections and that they tried to patch it, but it did not hold. He went on to explain the prices. He stated they have determined to go with a repair while they look for funding possibly through a block grant and that they have contacted Tom Ivers for his assistance with this. Chief LaVecchia stated he also contacted the City's purchasing agent and was told E.N.T. holds a contract with the City.

Ald. Veccharelli spoke at length regarding the monies. He stated he understood the monies were being used from building repairs but noted it would wipe out the entire account. He asked what would happen if there were other emergencies.

Chief LaVecchia compared this amount to that of a transmission or pump. He stated they would have to take the funds from somewhere else if necessary. He also explained there are several account that cover various repairs. He noted this is a capital repairs account.

Ald. Patterson commented this was on the agenda just for approval of the bid waiver.

Chief LaVecchia responded yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Allocation Transfer No. 6 (per attached memo from Milford Department of Human Services Executive Director Lisa Diamond-Graham dated December 17, 2009).

Mayor Richetelli explained the Board was being asked to vote on the revised amount, which is \$4,000 and not the \$20,000 as previously requested.

Ald. Staneski stated she works closely with the department and acknowledged how busy they are. She asked if this request would in any way hinder their coming back for additional funds if necessary.

Mayor Richetelli stated Ms. Diamond-Graham was present for any detailed questions. He stated the responsibilities in this department have increased dramatically, but that they believed the calculations arrived at should cover the rest of the year.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Budget Memo Transfers

None

11. Refunds

(a) Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$10,349.57. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

a. Ordinance Committee – Chairman Giannattasio reported the Committee met earlier in the evening to discuss two Ordinances and voted favorably to recommend the Ordinances to the full Board.

Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Veccharelli made and seconded a motion to approve an Ordinance Repealing and Substituting §6-6 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Demolition Delay). Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Giannattasio reported the second Ordinance Establishing Article VII of Chapter 2 §§2-110 through 2-112 of the Milford Code of Ordinances (City Historian) was tabled for further adjustments.

b. Public Safety and Welfare Committee – no report.

c. Public Works Committee – Ald. Vetro reported the Public Works department has asked residents to bring Christmas trees to be recycled to either of two locations; Walnut Beach or Tri-Beach for disposal.

Mayor Richetelli thanked Ald. Vetro for his report and stated he wished to elaborate that while they are encouraging recycling, for those who are not able to drop off their trees, public works would be picking up trees that have been cut into 4 ft sections.

d. Claims Committee – no report.

e. Rules Committee – no report.

f. Personnel Committee – no report.

13. Report of Special Committees:

a. Liaison Sub-Committee – Board of Education – Ald. Vitali reported the budget process has begun with budget workshops being scheduled. He also reported the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is being discussed and the process has begun for capital improvements.

b. Liaison Sub-Committee – Flood & Erosion Board – no report.

c. Liaison Sub-Committee – Park, Beach & Recreation Comm. – no report

d. Liaison Sub-Committee – Planning & Zoning Board – no report.

e. Liaison Sub-Committee – Sewer Commission – no report.

f. Liaison Sub-Committee – Harbor Management Commission – no report.

g. Liaison – Council on Aging – Ald. Vetro reported there was no meeting in December.

h. Permanent School Facility Building Committee – Ald. Vitali gave an update for the bids for Phase III at Foran High School.

i. Liaison Sub-Committee – Library Board – no report

j. Liaison Sub-Committee – Fowler Memorial building – no report

k. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership –

l. Golf Course Commission –

m. Inland Wetlands Agency – no report.

n. Milford Academy Community Campus Bldg. Committee – no report

o. Liaison Health Department – no report.

p. Devon Revitalization Committee – no report.

q. Human Services Commission – no report.

r. Liaison Pension & Retirement Board – no report.

s. Milford Government Access Television (MGAT) – Chairman G. Smith noted the citizens of Milford did not have the opportunity to watch tonight’s meeting live and expressed his hope that could be worked out.

14. Executive Session. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting is required for any item to be considered in executive session. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting is required to go into executive session.

The Chairman shall announce, in public session, those items to be covered in executive session and call for a vote to enter executive session. If a two-thirds (2/3) vote, to enter executive session, is obtained, the hall shall be cleared and executive session declared.

Ald. Patterson and Ald. Veccharelli moved to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary