

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 5, 2009**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, January 5, 2009 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman B. Blake called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m. extending a Happy New Year to all. Chairman Blake asked those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

J. Blacketter  
B. Blake  
V. Ditchkus, Jr.  
A. Giannattasio  
M. Hardiman  
B. Lambert  
S. Manning  
R. Nunno  
J. Patterson  
J. Toohey  
N. Veccharelli  
P. Vetro  
R. Vitali  
S. Willey

Also Present

Mayor J. Richetelli, Jr.  
L. Bull DiLullo, Mayor's Admin. Asst.  
A. Jepson, City Clerk  
M. Case, City Attorney

Chairman Blake deferred to Mayor Richetelli for a special presentation.

Mayor Richetelli welcomed the many young ladies present who are members of the Milford Elks Pop Warner Cheerleading Squads. He spoke of their great success this year and the pride they have brought to our community. Mayor Richetelli proceeded to introduce each of the groups of cheerleaders reading and presenting them with a proclamation.

Chairman Blake offered congratulations to our champion cheerleaders.

Ald. Ditchkus requested a 5-minute recess in order to allow time to clear the hall.

The Board recessed at 8:00 p.m. Chairman Blake reconvened the Board in public session at 8:08 p.m.

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.

J. Prisco – 11 Riverdale Road – wished everyone a Happy New Year, but most of all offered good health to all. He stated he would have hoped the Chairman and the Mayor would have named a committee to help senior citizens. He stated he would continue to keep an eye on this. He also spoke of his resolution list and expressed his hope taxes would be kept down. He also spoke of a known fact concerning 3,000,000 in a separate committee account and that the senior citizens could use some of that money, stating things are tough for all.

K. Huffman – 20 Pond Street – stated she was here tonight to shine light on the Milford Historic District – South of the Green and that she wished to share a letter sent to the Mayor and Historic District. She also noted the minutes of their June and July meetings concerning 20 Pond Street are not posted on the City's web site. She proceeded to read her letter specifically referring to Carol Malloy Smith and her actions as Chairperson of the South of the Green Historic District. Her letter also referenced the Milford Code of Ethics and the treatment she (Ms. Huffman) received during her dealings with this Commission, specifically Ms. Smith.

Chairman Blake asked Ms. Huffman to sum up her remarks.

Ms. Huffman stated in summary she would like to see some disciplinary action taken against Ms. Smith and asked the Board not to reappoint her.

D. Morris Curt – 41 Green Street – invited the Board to visit 20 Pond Street. She spoke as to rules being followed, and in this case they were not. She went on to explain the history concerning a carport. She also stated she wished to point out the house not was built in 1954 and that it is a part of the Trowbridge House and that she has the photographs depicting this. She stated it is not fair they thought they could get away with something and that a carport is not part of a historic district.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on December 1, 2008.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Veccharelli made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 1, 2008.

Ald. Manning noted two corrections. First on page 6, the last paragraph (item 8e) should reflect it was Ald. Toohey who seconded the motion and on page 7, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph from the top (item 8f) should reflect it was Ald. Toohey who seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously with the corrections noted above.

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

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Blake extended a Happy New Year and commented he hoped all had an excellent holiday. He stated Milford's best and brightest were in the hall tonight ready to volunteer their time and services to our city. He thanked those individuals for their willingness to serve. He reported the Mayor also had some appointments and welcomed Ms. Lisa Bull DiLullo.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to re-order the agenda to have items 8a and 8h follow item 6a.

Mayor Richetelli raised a point of order stating he believed there was a special meeting.

Chairman Blake responded it was not put on the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### 6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Richetelli stated it was an honor to be here in the presence of so many people who have volunteered to give their time and serve the City of Milford. First he stated he wished to make the Board aware of some administrative changes specifically listed in item 6b. He stated the Board is aware of an Ordinance that spells out the process to select a new Executive Director for the Personnel Department and that process was carried out over several months. He reported he interviewed all of the candidates who were forwarded to him and in accordance with Article IV, Section 2-78 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford, the appointment of John H. O'Connell, to the position of Executive Director of the Personnel Department for a term of four (4) years effective December 29, 2008 through December 29, 2012.

Mayor Richetelli stated that left an opening in his office and in accordance with Article III, Section 1 of the Charter of the City of Milford, and he appointed Lisa Bull DiLullo, to the position of Administrative Assistant to the Mayor effective December 29, 2008. He stated her resume was in the aldermanic package noting she is a long-time Milford resident and spoke of her law enforcement and that he was proud and pleased to have her on his team. He stated the third change was that of City Attorney and in accordance with Article V, Section 6 of the Charter of the City of Milford, he announced the appointment of Winthrop S. Smith, Jr., to the position of City Attorney effective January 12, 2009. He stated six months ago the City's long time city attorney decided to take a regular retirement and that he asked if longtime friend and former state senator and state legislative commissioner to take that position for a short time. He thanked Attorney Case for the time he has served as city attorney and all the years he has served the citizens of Milford. He stated he looked forward to working with Attorney Smith and that he will serve the people of Milford well. Mayor Richetelli went on to announce the following Mayor's appointments as noted in item 6a and asked when their name was called to come forward to be sworn in.

Chairman Blake interjected and asked if those individuals could come forward after all the appointments had been completed.

#### 6a. Mayor's appointments:

Milford Council on Aging, two-year term expiring 12/31/10

(D) Lillian Holmes, 100 Oxford Road, reappointment

(R) Michael J. Petrucelli, 4 Bayberry Lane, reappointment

(U) Philip A. Caporusso, DMD, 46 Shadows End Lane, reappointment

(R) Joyce Elwell, 41 Eveningside Drive, reappointment

Conservation Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/11  
(D) Dan C. Drago, 138 Broad Street, Apt. C, new appointment  
(D) Danielle Bercury, Esq., 162 Melba Street, reappointment  
(R) Carol T. Dunn, 54 Creeland Avenue, reappointment

Fowler Memorial Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/11  
(R) John a. D'Amico, Sr., 49 Meetinghouse Lane, reappointment

Inland Wetlands Agency, three-year term expiring 12/31/11  
(U) Kenneth R. Cowden, 312 West River Street, reappointment  
Alternate:

(U) James D. Connors, 25 Country Lane, new appointment, to fill vacant position, term to expire 12/31/09

Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership, five-year term expiring 11/31/13  
(R) Samuel S. Bergami III, 16 Mayflower Court, new appointment

Human Services Department, two-year term expiring 12/31/10  
(R) Diane Candido, 4 Topfield Road, (City Administration Representative), reappointment

Veterans Graves Preservation Commission, one-year term expiring 12/31/09  
(R) Linda Natoli, 297 Forest Road, reappointment  
(U) Thomas Cody, Jr., 13 Dock Road, reappointment  
(U) Daniel S. Sefcik, Sr., 131 Baxter Lane, new appointment

Mayor Richetelli stated that concluded his report. He stated he would also recommend those items listed under 8a-8g and that he would be happy to answer any questions during the night.

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

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

Board of Assessment Review, three-year term expiring 12/31/11  
(D) Henry B. Healey, 192 West River Street, reappointment  
(R) Russell Mette, 6 Quaker Place, reappointment  
(R) Raymond G. Kirmaier, 26 Morris Lane, new appointment

Building Code Board of Appeals, five-year term expiring 12/31/13  
(R) Robert White, 27 Orient Avenue, new appointment

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Henry B. Healey, (R) Russell Mette, (R) Raymond G. Kirmaier, to the Board of Assessment Review; and (R) Robert White to the Building Code Board of Appeals. Motion carried unanimously.

Civil Service Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/11  
(R) Thomas N. Toohey, 59 Ruth Ann Terrace, reappointment

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the appointments of (R) Thomas N. Toohey to the Civil Service Commission. Motion carried 14 yes (Bier, Blacketter, Blake, Ditchkus, Giannattasio, Hardiman, Lambert, Manning, Nunno, Patterson, Veccharelli, Vetro, Vitali, Willey) and 1 abstention (Toohey).

Ethics Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/11  
(U) Maura Cockey, 594 Merwin Avenue, new appointment  
(R) Joseph M. Dooley, 88 Elgin Road, new appointment  
(R) Gregory F. Harla, 2 Anchorage Drive, new appointment, to fill vacant position, term to expire 12/31/09

Board of Finance, three-year term expiring 12/31/11  
(R) Paula L. Smith, 62 Hauser Street, new appointment

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the appointments of (U) Maura Cockey, (R) Joseph M. Dooley, Gregory F. Harla to the Ethics Commission; and (R) Paula L. Smith to the Board of Finance. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/11  
(U) William A. Brennan, 51 Milford Point Road, reappointment  
(R) Thomas Riso, Jr., 11 Driftwood Lane, reappointment

Golf Course Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/11  
(U) Richard J. Austin, 14 Village Road, reappointment  
(R) Richard A. Weir, 15 Snug Harbor Road, reappointment  
(R) Marilyn W. Blake, 99 Green Meadow Road, reappointment

Harbor Management Commission, five-year term expiring 12/31/13  
(D) Robert M. Brennan, 984 East Broadway, reappointment  
Alternates, two-year term expiring 12/31/10  
(R) David R. Newman, 57 Elder Street, reappointment  
(R) Ronald Miller, 306 Naugatuck Avenue, reappointment

Board of Health, three-year term expiring 12/31/11  
(U) Deborah MacLeese Woods, 42 Knobb Hill Road, reappointment  
(D) Dr. William F. Lynch, 73 North Street, reappointment

Housing Code Board of Appeals, five-year term expiring 12/31/13  
(R) James McMellon, 173 Red Root Lane, reappointment

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the appointments of (U) William A. Brennan, (R) Thomas Riso, Jr. to the Board of Fire Commissioners; and (U) Richard J. Austin, (R) Richard A. Weir, (R) Marilyn W. Blake to the Golf Course Commission; and (D) Robert M. Brennan, (R) David R. Newman (alternate), (R) Ronald Miller (alternate) to the Harbor Management Commission; (U) Deborah

MacLeese Woods and (D) Dr. William F. Lynch to the Board of Health; and (R) James McMellon to the Housing Code Board of Appeals. Motion carried unanimously.

Library Board, three-year term expiring 12/31/11

(R) Linda Creedon, 3 Flax Mill Lane, reappointment

(R) Linda L. Wanosky, 28 Ashburn Lane, reappointment

(U) Sandra L. Smith, 5 Anchorage Drive, reappointment

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the appointments of (R) Linda Creedon, (R) Linda L. Wanosky and (U) Sandra L. Smith to the Library Board. Motion carried 14 yes (Bier, Blacketter, Ditchkus, Giannattasio, Hardiman, Lambert, Manning, Nunno, Patterson, Toohey, Veccharelli, Vetro, Vitali, Willey) and 1 abstention (Blake).

Park, Beach & Recreation Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/11

(R) Suzanne DiBiase, 77 Lindy Street, reappointment

(R) Patrick J. Dooling II, 202 Stagecoach Circle, reappointment

Police Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/11

(R) Samuel Bergami, Jr., 310 Tanglewood Circle, new appointment

(D) Melvin Eisenhandler, 15 Winthrop Court, reappointment

Sewer Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/11

(R) Louis J. D'Amato, 481 Roses Mill Road, reappointment

Transit District Advisory Board, two-year term expiring 12/31/10

(D) John Piselli, 139 Westfield Road, reappointment

(R) Philip Bonder, 74 Camden Street, new appointment

Tree Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/11

(U) Mary Ludwig, 28 South Street, reappointment, moved from alternate position

(R) James T. Malaney, 64 Wilcox Road, Milford, reappointment

(D) George F. Noyes, Jr., 16 Seaside Court, new appointment, to fill vacant position, term to expire 12/31/10

Alternate:

(U) David Skirkanich, 32 Wilshire Boulevard, new appointment, to fill vacant position of Mary Ludwig, term to expire 12/31/09

Zoning Board of Appeals, five-year term expiring 12/31/13

(R) Edward Mead, 67 Peak Avenue, reappointment

Alternate, three-year term expiring 12/31/11

(R) David Hulme, 4 Callaway Drive, reappointment

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the appointments of (R) Suzanne DiBiase and (R) Patrick J. Dooling, II to the Park, Beach & Recreation Commission; and (R) Samuel Bergami, Jr. and (D) Melvin Eisenhandler to the Police Commission; and (R) Louis J. D'Amato to the Sewer Commission; and (D) John Piselli and (R) Philip Bonder to the Transit District Advisory Board; and (U) Mary Ludwig, (R) James T. Malaney, (D) George F. Noyes, Jr., (U) David Skirkanich (alternate) to the Tree

Commission; and (R) Edward Mead and (R) David Hulme (alternate) to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried unanimously.

8h. Board of Aldermen Appointments:

Animal Shelter Commission

(D) Marlene N. Scrivani, 165 Fresh Meadow Lane, new appointment, term to expire 12/31/13

Economic Development Commission

(D) Genevieve Salvatore, 17 Saint Andrews Lane, new appointment (Milford Bar Association Representative, three year term), term to expire 12/31/11

(D) Susan Ashelford, 45 James Street, new appointment (manufacturing/industry representative, four-year term), term to expire 12.31.12

(D) Susan Patrick, 660 Gulf Street, new appointment (Citizen Representative, four year term), term to expire 12/31/12

Flood & Erosion Control Board

(R) Michael Zabinski, 102 Shorefront, new appointment, term to expire 12/31/13

Historic District Commission:

(U) Suzanne Whittaker, 525 Milford Point Road, reappointment, term to expire 1/1/14

Alternate:

(D) Linda B. Stephenson, 67 Prospect Street, reappointment, term to expire 1/1/14

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the Board of Aldermen appointments to the Animal Shelter Commission, Economic Development Commission, Flood & Erosion Control Board and Historic District Commission as read above. Motion carried unanimously.

Historic District (South of the Green)

(R) Carol Molloy Smith, 21 Green Street, reappointment, term to expire 1/1/14

(U) Walter Ortoleva, 244 Seaside Avenue, moved from Alternate position to fill vacant position, term to expire 1/1/11

Alternates

(D) Gary M. Becker, 34 Pond Street, new appointment, term to expire 1/1/12

(D) Marjorie C. Jones, 49 Green Street, new appointment, term to expire 1/1/11

Human Services Department

(R) Kathleen Nelson, 3 Maple Street, reappointment (Consumer Representative, three-year term), term to expire 12/31/11

(U) Donna Nunno, 9 Elm Street, new appointment – to fill vacant position, term to expire 12/31/09

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the Board of Aldermen appointments to the Historic District (South of the Green) and Human Services Department as read above. Motion carried unanimously. NOTE: Ald. Nunno abstained from voting on the appointment to the Human Services Department.

Inland Wetlands Agency

(R) Daniel J. Higgins, 85 Milford Point Road, new appointment, term to expire 12/31/11

(R) Lynn McNamee, 27 Anderson Avenue, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/11

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the Board of Aldermen appointments to the Inland Wetlands Agency as read above. Motion carried unanimously.

MGAT (Milford Government Access Television) Committee

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

(D) Bob Adams, unknown address, new appointment, term to expire 12/31/09

(D) Philip T. Kearney, 23 Mountain View Drive, new appointment, term to expire 12/31/10

(U) Paula A. Patterson, 26 Strawberry Hill Road, new appointment, term to expire 12/31/10

(U) Michael A. Manente, Jr., 139 Kings Highway, Unit #2, new appointment, term to expire 12/31/10

Ald. Ditchkus raised a point of order stating there was a change and that Mr. Adams name was not on the agenda.

Chairman Blake responded it was a scrivener's error or a change that occurred.

Ald. Ditchkus stated he would like to table that one name and bring it up under New Business on the agenda.

Chairman Blake asked if that was in the form of a motion.

Ald. Ditchkus responded yes. Ald. Toohey seconded the motion.

Ald. Patterson asked why it would be New Business if it were being tabled.

Ald. Ditchkus stated he wished to remove it from the table and add Mr. Adam's name under New Business.

By roll call vote, the amendment failed 9 no (Blacketter, Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Manning Nunno, Patterson, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 6 yes (Bier, Ditchkus, Giannattasio, Toohey, Vitali, Willey).

Ald. Vitali raised a point of order. He stated he wished to understand the change and suggested perhaps a FOIA violation regarding this new name and that it did not appear on the stated agenda.

Chairman Blake stated he believed the minority had enough time to review this. He pointed out it still would not change the item if it was a scrivener's error.

Chairman Blake recessed the Board at 8:43 p.m. He reconvened the Board at 8:49 p.m. He responded to the point of order raised indicating that Robert Adams was not properly on the agenda. He read the main motion with the following names: Toby Zabinski, Philip Kearney, Paula Patterson, Michael A. Manente, Jr.

Ald. Willey commented regarding the Board's majority and pointed out when the Board was a Republican majority it ensured the minority part was represented and the best people were allowed to serve. He pointed out there is not one Republican on the Committee. He also pointed out Mr. Adams has a controversial website. He asked where the balance was and where there was not at least one Republican on the committee.



Ald. Vitali commented the appointments to this committee dismayed him as well. He expressed concern, as this is a State regulated committee and spoke as to the grant writing and that there should be checks and balances in place. He stated this appointment indicates to him there is no transparency and also pointed out since this is a new committee he would have imagined they would acquiesce to some majority representation.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Pension and Retirement Board

(R) Scott M. Firmender, 16 Centennial Drive, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/11

(U) William Schempp, 62 Lambert Drive, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/11

(R) Christopher Cody, 204 Oronoque Road, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/11

(D) Matthew C. Chaco, 83 Ruth Ann Terrace, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/11

(R) Jeffrey Matchett, 201 Seaside Avenue, reappointment (Police Local 899), term to expire 12/31/11

(D) Deborah McKenna, 94 Seaside Avenue, new appointment, fill vacant position, term to expire 12/31/10

#### Alternate

(R) Bernard F. Joy, Jr., 5 Harborview Avenue, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/11

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the Board of Aldermen appointments as read above. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to re-order the agenda and bring forward under New Business the appointment of Bob Adams to the MGAT Committee.

Mayor Richetelli raised a point of order stating there was already an item 9a under New Business.

Ald. Lambert stated she wished to add under New Business a request to amend the Resolution Re: Designation of the Devon Revitalization Committee (adopted by the Board of Aldermen on September 13, 2004 and amended by the Board of Aldermen on December 1, 2008 and replace it with the following language:

Rescind Section 2 of the Resolution as amended and replace it with the following language: “#2. The Committee shall consist of eight (8) voting members: The Mayor of the City of Milford or his or her designee, that person being a resident or business owner of the Devon Community; one citizen appointed by the State Senator from the 14<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District, that person being a resident or a business owner from the Devon Community; one citizen appointed by the State Representative from the 118<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, that person being a resident or business owner from the Devon Community; four (4) citizens or business owners from the Devon Community appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Board of Aldermen; and Speaker of the House James A. Amann who shall be a permanent voting member of the Committee, so long as the Committee shall remain in existence, in recognition of his founding the Devon Revitalization effort and his dedicated and constant work in securing State funding and improving the quality of life for all in Devon and the City of Milford. Three (3) Aldermen and two (2) Planning and Zoning Members from the Third District of the City will serve as non-voting liaisons to the Committee. In addition, there may be any number of non-voting Advisory Members consisting of Devon community/business representatives who shall be appointed by the Mayor, State

Senator, State Representative or Mr. Amann.” (All other language in the Resolution will remain unchanged.)

(Requested by State Senator Gayle Slossberg and State Representative-elect Barbara Lambert.)

Motion to adopt new business carried unanimously.

9b. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Bob Adams to the MGAT (Milford Government Access Television) Committee.

Ald. Willey stated he wished to emphasis his objection to this overwhelming Democratic committee. He stated this committee is about as partisan as you could be. He stated this is about Milford Government access and about bringing information fairly to the citizens. He renewed his objection.

Ald. Manning commented it was her understanding both the Republican and Democratic Town Chairman sat down and went over these recommendations.

Mayor Richetelli responded it was Mr. Spector’s name that was brought up and that was the name on tonight’s agenda. He stated Mr. Adams name was not discussed. He also stated it was late today that he received an e-mail from the Chairman Blake advising of this change.

Ald. Vitali stated his concern is with the grant and the grant writing and that he would have liked to see some bipartisan representation. He also reiterated his earlier concerns of being able to have checks and balances.

Ald. Ditchkus responded to Ald. Manning’s commented stating this was brought up to the Mayor and both party chairs, but he wished to point out this committee is strictly a Board of Aldermen appointment therefore the Mayor really has no say but the Board does. He stated concerns were raised that there was no minority representation and recalled back to the days of the late Lloyd Fleming when he was the Board’s chairman. He pointed out Mr. Fleming was the chairman and in the minority but despite that he still appointed balanced committees.

By roll call vote, the motion carried 9 yes (Blacketter, Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Manning, Nunno, Patterson, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 6 no (Bier, Ditchkus, Giannattasio, Toohey, Vitali, Willey).

City Clerk Alan Jepson administered the Oath of Office to those present as follows: Daniel Higgins (Inland Wetlands), Paula Patterson (MGAT), Robert M. Brennan (Harbor Commission), Dr. William F. Lynch (Board of Health), Russell Mette (Assessment Review), George Noyes (Tree Commission), Gary M. Becker (Historic District – South of the Green), Thomas Riso, Jr. (Fire Commission), Lillian Holmes (Council on Aging), Robert M. White (Building Code Board of Appeals), William A. Brennan (Fire Commission), Joyce Elwell (Council on Aging), Edward Mead (Zoning Board of Appeals), Paula Smith (Board of Finance), Patrick Dooling (Park, Beach Recreation), David Skirkanich (Tree Commission), Scott Firmender (Pension and Retirement Review Board), Bob Adams (MGAT), Tom Toohey (Civil Service), Ken Cowden (Inland Wetlands), Donna Nunno (Human Services), David Hulme (Zoning Board of Appeals), Matthew C. Chaco (Pension & Retirement), Melvin Eisenhandler (Police Commission), Genevieve Salvatore (Economic Development), Michael Manente, Jr. (MGAT), Lynne McNamee (MIWA), Marlene Scrivani (Animal Control), Henry Healey (Assessment Review), Walter Ortoleva (Historic District – South of the Green), Susan Ashelford (Economic Commission),

Mary Ludwig (Tree Commission), James Malaney (Tree Commission), Maura Cockey (Ethics Commission), Sandra L. Smith (Library Commission), Raymond G. Kirmaier (Assessment Appeals), Deb McKenna (Pension and Retirement) and Philip Kearney (MGAT).

Chairman Blake announced a 5-minute recess. The Board recessed at 9:03 p.m. Chairman Blake reconvened the Board in public session at 9:08 p.m.

9a. Ald. Lambert and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the request to amend the Resolution Re: Designation of the Devon Revitalization Committee (adopted by the Board of Aldermen on September 13, 2004 and amended by the Board of Aldermen on December 1, 2008 and replace it with the following language as read into the record (see above). Motion carried unanimously.

#### 7. Unfinished Business:

None.

8b. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the Greater Bridgeport Regional Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement pursuant to Section 7-339c of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut. (Note: Public Hearing pursuant to CGS Section 7-339c scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2009 at 7:15 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium.)

Ald. Lambert referred to Section 9 of the agreement “Voting Quorum” and stated she was seeking clarification. She stated she noted it stated one representative with one vote for all towns except the City of Bridgeport who shall have three. She asked why three for the one town.

Mayor Richetelli explained the committee felt since the plant is located in Bridgeport and because of the issues that can arise the committee felt they should have three votes. He stated basically it was done in recognition of the plant being in Bridgeport,

Ald. Lambert responded it is because they are the host town they have an advantage of two extra votes.

Mayor Richetelli replied if that is what Ald. Lambert wished to call it, but essentially there are many negatives to having it in your hometown and spoke as to some of those negatives. He stated the other towns felt Bridgeport’s vote should be weighted.

Ald. Lambert asked if the other towns had voted on the agreement.

Mayor Richetelli stated at the committee meeting there was no opposition to them having the three votes.

Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Allocation Transfer No. 7. Motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the Employment contract between the City of Milford and Health Director Dr. Andrew Dennis McBride, M.D., MPH.

Ald. Blacketter commented there are a number of other items in the aldermanic package that are retro active. With regard to this particular item it is dated September 2008. She asked if there was any particular reason for that.

Mayor Richetelli responded there is no particular reason and that it is a matter when they can get it on the agenda.

Chairman Blake stated the Board was provided with the new contract but not the old contract. He asked if there were any material changes.

Mayor Richetelli responded there were not particular changes and deferred to the City Attorney for further comment.

Attorney Case stated there was one change in paragraph 2 that begs “the Director shall be entitled. . . “ and read that sentence. He explained there was a question as to that particular language. He stated he went back to Attorney Lipton and inquired with respect to what the language meant as well as the intent. He stated he was told the intention was to provide Dr. McBride with four (4) weeks vacation. He stated he was also reminded the Health Director fall under the Schedule U-2 employees and that it states they cannot accrue vacation. He continued with a lengthy explanation explaining the change was made for clarification purposes. Attorney Case stated there were no other changes other than the dates.

Motion carried unanimously.

8e. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the request to authorize the Mayor to extend the City’s agreement with the United Illuminating Company by signing the ISO-NE 20 Minute Real-Time Demand Response Program Customer Agreements (Re: Milford Public Works Pump Stations at 1) 75 Deerwood Avenue (250kW), 2) 590 West Avenue (100kW), 3) 138 Shadyside Lane (100kW), 4) 1255 Oronoque Road (100kW), and 5) Milford Police Headquarters, 430 Boston Post Road (100kW) for the period from January 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010.

Ald. Lambert asked if there were any changes with this versus what the Board signed last time or if these are just date changes.

Mayor Richetelli responded this is the third renewal and explained how it works, the electricity grid and how the City is eligible for the program. He stated the dollar amount is slightly lower which has to do with the economy. He stated they have been told it is non-negotiable and it is what all the towns were being offered.

Ald. Blacketter asked about the kilowatt dollar and if there was any explanation. She also asked if the Mayor looked at the cost of providing generation and if it is cost effective to put on line.

Mayor Richetelli responded no to the question concerning the cost of generation. He asked Ald. Blacketter to repeat her second question.

Ald. Blacketter asked if it is cost effective to go on line.

Mayor Richetelli responded there is no additional cost to run the generator. He stated the UI company is willing to pay the city to go to generators during those times.

Ald. Blacketter asked about fuel and also the maintenance of the generators. She also asked if any analysis had been done to look at depreciation, upkeep, etc.

Mayor Richetelli responded no and that they are responsible for upkeep. He stated they would want to make sure the equipment is in proper care in case of an emergency.

Ald. Lambert commented there seems to be a trend on UI's part and that there was an agreement and it is being lowered. She stated they are not suffering by any means. She reiterated she hoped this was not a trend and expressed her hope the city would keep an eye on this and all of the cost associated with it.

Motion carried unanimously.

8f. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the request to authorize the Mayor to sign the Personal Services Agreement/Grant/Contract between the City of Milford and the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection – Forestry Division to accept a Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Greening of the Boston Post Road” project by the Milford Tree Commission and authorize the Finance Director to establish an account to deposit these Grant funds into, and further authorize the Finance Director to establish an account to deposit these Grant funds into, and further authorize the dispersement of these funds by the Finance Department as authorized by the Milford Tree Commission in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

Ald. Blacketter asked about matching services and if they are appropriated this year.

Mayor Richetelli responded the estimated costs are the amount they would be putting in and putting forth this year.

Ald. Lambert asked if this would encompass in-kind work do on behalf of the town.

Mayor Richetelli responded yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

8g. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Veccharelli made and seconded a motion to approve the request to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement between the City of Milford and American Medical Response of Connecticut to extend ambulance services to the City of Milford for a three-year period from December 1, 2008 through December 1, 2011 as recommended by Fire Chief/Emergency Operations Director Louis LaVecchia and take any and all steps necessary to effectuate said agreement.

Ald. Ditchkus commented this is the contract we have had in the past dating back a number of years. He added this service is at no cost to the City for the ambulance service even though we have rescue equipment that could double as responsible.

Mayor Richetelli responded Ald. Ditchkus was basically correct. He explained the service, which began with then Chamberlain Ambulance, and the AMR took over. He stated the city started with one vehicle in Milford and recently got two vehicles at no extra cost to the city. He went on to explain the license held by AMR and the history concerning transporting. He stated in extreme situations the fire department could transport. He stated if they went to a system of doing transporting there would be a significant cost involved, i.e. personnel, administrative personnel, equipment, billing, etc. Mayor Richetelli deferred to Chief LaVecchia for further comment.

Chief LaVecchia explained that type of license is called a PSA. He spoke regarding the three types of licenses. He also pointed out that AMR hold a transport license, which cannot be taken away. He also stated having the contract with AMR increases the department's ability to increase their services to the city at no extra cost.

Ald. Ditchkus asked if the Chief knew how many calls the ambulances have gone out on.

Chief LaVecchia responded he had numbers, but they were rough numbers as follows: priority calls 4,300; PI transport 3,560; dry run 500 responses with no transport and cancelled in route 200 responses.

Ald. Ditchkus commented it was his understanding having AMR transport frees up the rescue truck from going to the hospital.

Chief LaVecchia explained what happens on a PSA call. He also stated if needed the department's paramedics could ride in to the hospital.

Chairman Blake stated the current proposal is at no cost to the City. He commented he has had discussions with the Chief whether it would be cost effective to have the city do this in-house. He stated the Town of Branford generates \$1,200,000 in revenue having the ambulance service in-house and the Town of Wallingford generates about \$800,000 and noted they have a hybrid services. He stated this is something many towns have done to generate revenue. He noted in Wallingford they out source their billing. He asked if the department has done a cost and benefit analysis and if yes, he questioned if perhaps the Board consider a one year renewal instead of the three.

Chief LaVecchia stated the discussions he had with Chairman Blake were fire billing which is very different. He stated the department cannot take over the service from AMR and that he checked with the state and this has never happened before. He also pointed out the towns Chairman Blake referenced are volunteer towns and explained how it works. Chief LaVecchia stated the department would need to get a PSA license to consider any transport.

Ald. Patterson referred to Paragraph 17 – Termination and noted an error. He noted it is spelled out “one hundred twenty”, but the numerical is 180 and asked which number is correct.

Attorney Case responded the correct number is 180.

Chairman Blake asked if the legislative intent was sufficient or if the Board would need an amendment to the motion.

Ald. Patterson responded the legislative intent would be sufficient.

Ald. Ditchkus addressed the issue of a one-year contract. He also spoke of the burden on an already strained rescue crew. He also pointed out it would take much longer than one year to make the type of changes discussed as well as a huge capital outlay.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### 10. Budget Memo Transfers

None

#### 11. Refunds

(a) Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$6,841.42. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 12. Report of Standing Committees:

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

Ald. Patterson and Ald. Manning made and seconded a motion to approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, Sections 16.1-35, 16.1-39, 16.1-49, 16.1-55, 16.1-57, 16.1-58, 16.1-60, 16.1-61, 16.1-62, 16.1-65, 16.1-67, 16.1-68 and 16.1-71 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Harbor Management Plan).

Ald. Ditchkus stated he had reservations with the new changes made during the Ordinance meeting with regard to the three spaces being designated by the police commission. He stated during that meeting the Harbor Manager asked for leeway and noted he has accommodated people in the past. He stated Mr. Swift made a compelling plea to allow the leeway. He stated the police commission could come in and designate the 3 specific spaces. He also pointed out that Mr. Swift stated during the Ordinance meeting that two additional spots were being lost due to the return of the hotdog stand. Ald. Ditchkus stated he would like to see the Board withdraw that one section and allow the Harbor Manager to work as he has in the past. He also noted the people who use the area pay a fee.

Mr. Swift thanked Ald. Ditchkus for the comments. He stated as a former harbor commissioner and now the harbormaster, they have the best interest of the boaters and residents of Milford. He stated that is what they had in mind with this Ordinance. He stated either way whether it be an Ordinance of the Police Commission or the Harbor Commission they would get it done. He stated it was the Harbor Commission that forwarded the Ordinance as they saw fit. He asked the Board to give him the leeway to do this, but acknowledged it was the decision of the Board. He reiterated he was asking for the leeway to do it. He recognized the few Board members he see down at the landing and invited the others to come down and see what they do down there and how the operation runs.

Ald. Toohey stated she wished to clear the amendment made during the Ordinance Committee meeting was 3 parking spaces utilized with parking decals.

Ald. Patterson responded yes.

Ald. Toohey noted the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission has the authority over the snack stand at Gulf Beach. She stated it is her understanding the parking spaces at Gulf Beach are earmarked for someone to eat and that they are not required to have a Milford parking sticker.

Chairman Blake recognized Mr. Worroll, Chairman of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission.

Mr. Worroll stated there are 6 or 7 spots with a time limit for anyone to use at Gulf Beach.

Ald. Toohey stated if this Ordinance is approved with the change this Board would be voiding anyone else other than a city resident. She stated she did not think this Board would want to discourage anyone from being there. She expressed her hope there would be some type of turnover of those spaces.

Mr. Swift explained it was his suggestion to approve the request for the hot dog stand. He stated he was approached by a number of people who remembered when the hot dog stand and wanted to see it come back. He stated as the Harbor Master he makes every attempt to act on what people want. He went on to explain the background of that area pointing out it is a boat ramp and needs to be used to its fullest potential.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Toohey made and seconded a motion to amend the motion by striking that paragraph (b).

Ald. Ditchkus stated as the maker of the motion that since the Board has heard from Mr. Swift it would be prudent for the Board to send this back to the Harbor Commission and see what they come up with. He also stated the change was brought in last minute and he felt they should talk with the Harbor Commission and allow them to negotiate something.

Ald. Veccharelli stated striking out that paragraph takes away from the citizens of Milford. He stated sometime ago that front row was open for all and somehow they lost all of those spaces and the hotdog stand. Ald. Veccharelli stated if there were 400 spaces it still wouldn't be enough. He stated he was looking for 3 spaces for Milford taxpayers. He stated a fuss was being made out of nothing and that it is the citizens of Milford, the taxpayers who go down to the landing. He stated the number doesn't matter, and reiterated he was looking for 3 spaces for the citizens of Milford. He stated he would not be in favor of striking that paragraph out.

Mayor Richetelli stated there are a number of people that want the space to go down to the harbor for a hotdog, to fish, etc., that don't have a trailer. He pointed out Mr. Swift always finds a way to accommodate everyone and that no one is turned away. He stated it works and he was asking the Board to have some faith in the people who work there.

Ald. Vitali stated with all due respect this should be left to the harbor director. He stated it should be left as it is and questioned why this Board should feel they have to dictate. He suggested this Board leave the flexibility to the experts and let them do it as they see fit. He stated the integrity should lie with the harbor people since they know how to handle it.



Mr. Swift commented there are only 40 spots down there. He stated it has been said tonight that even 400 would not be enough and asked the Board to look at the percentage. He stated to the Board he would find a way to make it happen.

Ald. Veccharelli responded if Ald. Vitali wished to leave it the way it is, then the Board should leave it at the 8 parking spaces and questioned when those spaces disappeared. He stated he was not being greedy, but only wanted 3 spaces for our citizens.

Mr. Swift stated there would be 3 spaces, but the issue seemed to be how they would go about doing it.

Ald. Vitali stated he agreed with the 3 spaces, it was how it was being designated that he did not agree with. He reiterated his earlier comments and asked the Board again to let the people who know how to do it get it down and that is the harbor people. He stated he was hearing Mr. Swift say he would be able to designate 3 spaces and that his request is to let him do it.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he would like to make an amendment to the motion. He stated he did not have a problem with letting the harbor management do this and stated he would be in favor of the harbor manager figuring out where they should go. He stated he meant no disrespect to the harbormaster and stated he believed the harbormaster would have the taxpayers at heart.

Chairman Blake asked Ald. Ditchkus if he wished to withdraw his amendment.

Ald. Ditchkus stated he would like to hear Ald. Veccharelli's amendment before doing so. Ald. Ditchkus stated he would not have a problem with he and Ald. Veccharelli going to the next meeting of the Harbor Commission to see what they can work out and come back to this Board with the correct wording next month.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he would amend his motion from the current language "Board of Police Commissioners" to "*Harbor Management Commission*".

Attorney Case stated he wished to offer a suggestion so that the Board can give this back to the Harbor Commission, which he thought both Ald. Veccharelli, Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Vitali were saying and put forward the following language: "the Harbor Commission in its sole discretion shall designate up to three (3) parking spaces" . . . .

Ald. Toohey stated she would withdraw her second and Ald. Ditchkus withdrew his amended motion.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to amend Section 15.1-35 (b) to read as follows: *The Harbor Management Commission shall designate, in its sole discretion, up to three (3) parking spaces which are not restricted to vehicles with the registration plates required in paragraph a) but which are subject to a sixty (60) minute time limit restriction. Said vehicle must have a current resident parking permit decal properly attached.*

Ald. Toohey expressed her support of all of the discussions tonight. She stated by putting this to the Police Commission they would have had to patrol the area, ticket, etc., which she stated she believed would have been very difficult. She thanked Ald. Veccharelli and Ditchkus and the rest of the Board for allowing the discussion.

Chairman Blake commented he heard from constituents who had complained they had received parking tickets in the middle of the day at an amount of \$35.00.

Ald. Ditchkus thanked Ald. Veccharelli for the change he had been arguing for. Ald. Veccharelli stated the only thing he would like to have seen is the 60 minutes to 30 minutes. He stated reducing it to 30 minutes would have allowed more taxpayers to be able to use those spaces. He expressed his hope that would be reconsidered.

Ald. Blacketter asked with regard to the designation how it would be enforceable. She stated previously it was stated they had to go through the police.

Mayor Richetelli responded it is always the goal to make an enjoyable day for all and looking to accommodate those individuals who come down there. He stated Mr. Swift and his staff go out of their way to do that.

Ald. Vetro commented it was his understanding the police department was in charge of all parking spaces.

Mr. Swift responded they are in charge of enforcement. He also explained he has an attendant on duty during the busy months.

Ald. Vetro recalled when he served on the Library Board and were going through renovations they had to go through the police department with regard to parking.

Mr. Swift stated they are responsible for lining, spaces and signage.

The amendment carried unanimously.

On the main motion, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Beard, past chairman of the Harbor Commission thanked the Board. He gave of brief history of the on goings at the boat ramp that dates back to 1980. He noted they have come a long way and that the Harbor Commission has worked hard on public access. He also spoke as to the revenue side of things, which allowed the City to take \$100,000 to dredge that area. He stated they are dedicated to public access and serving the public.

b. Public Safety and Welfare Committee – no report.

c. Public Works Committee – Ald. Vetro reported Christmas trees are no longer picked up on garbage days. He stated the Public Works Highway would be picking up on the trees on designated days beginning January 7, 2009. He also reported there is no recycling at Walnut Beach or Tri Beach.

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 – no report.
- 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 – no report.
- h. Permanent School Facility Building Committee – no report
- 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 – Ald. Lambert reported the lottery is progressing well. She also reported the cameras which were approved would be installed shortly.
  
- l. Golf Course Commission – Ald. Hardiman reported they met in December but he was unavailable to attend and deferred to Ald. Toohey for a report. Ald. Toohey reported they finished up the year with the signing of the contract. She stated the course just gets better and better all the time and invited the members of the Board to get out and enjoy a round of golf.
  
- m. Inland Wetlands Agency – no report.
- n. Milford Academy Community Campus Bldg. Committee – no report
- o. Courthouse Expansion Committee – no report
- p. Liaison Health Department – no report.
- q. Milford Legislative Action Committee – no report.
- r. Devon Revitalization Committee – no report.
  
- s. Human Services Commission – Ald. Vetro reminded the Board the Human Services Commission is now in their new location with the same telephone number. He also reported they are still taking fuel assistance applications for Milford residents. He also reported through a donation from the Milford Clergy his available to assist residents with heating.

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.

- 14a. Status report and consideration of settlement of  
Banta Associates v. City of Milford  
**RE: 278 Old Gate Lane**

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Toohey made and seconded a motion to go into Executive Session regarding items 14a. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 10:31 p.m.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to come out of Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Blake reconvened the Board in Public Session at 10:40 p.m.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to authorize the City Attorney to enter into settlement in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor as discussed in Executive Session in the matter of Banta Associates v. City of Milford Re: 278 Old Gate Lane. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Blake stated it was a bittersweet moment for all as Ald. Lambert would be leaving the Board after tonight's meeting to take her seat in the Connecticut General Assembly, House of Representatives. He wished her well in her new endeavor.

Ald. Lambert stated she was submitting her resignation to City Clerk Alan Jepson. She stated it had been a privilege to work with all of the aldermen and the Mayor and the short time Attorney Case was with them. She stated most of all she wished to thank Chairman Blake stating it had been an honor and pleasure to work under such a formidable Chairman.

Chairman Blake extended congratulations to former Alderwoman Lambert.

15. Ald. Veto and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the request to appoint (D) Justin M. Rosen, 69 Carlson Drive to the Board of Aldermen representing the 2<sup>nd</sup> District to complete the unexpired term of (D) Barbara Lambert (resigned due to election to the State House of Representatives). Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Jepson administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Rosen.

Chairman Blake welcomed Ald. Rosen aboard noting he had been given a preview tonight of what he had to look forward to.

Ald. Vitali commented he had Justin as a former student when he was principal at Live Oaks School and wished him well.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Hardiman moved to adjourn at 10:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber  
Recording Secretary