

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2008**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, January 7, 2008 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman B. Blake called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. welcoming everyone and asked those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

B. Bier
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.
J. O'Connell, Mayor's Admin. Asst.
A. Jepson, City Clerk

Chairman Blake stated he had once announcement before proceeding with Public Statement. He stated Item 7a has been removed from the agenda. He stated he has spoken with many of the tenants at the Tommy K's plans and they had expressed to him they would appeal to their landlord if OTB had gone in stating OTB would not be a good fit. He also noted the landlord has rented that space to another tenant.

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 due to the lengthy agenda.

R. Platt – 132 Platt Lane – commented he is saddened over the events of the last month with regard to the Cadley/Merwin property. He stated he thought he had a good working relationship with the mayor's office and that he was not informed of things he should have been informed of. He stated the trust between himself and the mayor has been broken. Reading from a prepared statement he spoke as to the demolition delay order and that it requires that the city historian be notified and give 45 days to review any request to demolish a house built before 1902. He also commented he received a call from a city employee in October 2006 that the Cadley/Merwin property was going to be razed and the events that transpired over the last few months. He

stated he called the mayor's office and was assured by the Mayor's Assistant that the house would be restored. He stated he wrote to Mayor Richetelli to express his shock and dismay. He continued reading from his statement wherein he stated he was asking the Milford Preservation Trusts to seek an investigation and stated he has communicated his concerns to the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen.

C. Maher – 165 Platt Street – continued reading Mr. Platt's statement concerning the investigation he was seeking. The written letter of Mr. Platt referenced Article III, Section 8 of the City Charter.

L. Stephenson – 67 Prospect Street – stated she was speaking concerning the David Merwin House and as President of the Milford Preservation Trust. She stated she is outraged with the blatant disrespect of Milford policy and procedure. She continued by reading from a prepared statement as to the Merwin House (Cadley Property). She spoke as to the process of the application and the building official who made the error and expressed her hope he had not been fired over this entire incident. She also spoke as to the Building Official stating that is not a hired position, but an appointed position and that the city needed to look into not renewing his contract until a thorough investigation had been done. She demanded the need for responsible fiscal management.

T. Chaucer – 104 Hawley Avenue – stated he is a former City official and an active member of the Milford Preservation Trust. He stated he was speaking tonight on behalf of Milford and asked why Milford demolition delay was violated. He referred to Article III, Section 8 of the City Charter giving the Board of Aldermen the power to investigate any and all departments and the power to issue subpoenas. He continued by reading from a prepared statement and also spoke as to the public's right to know.

A. Maher – 50 Prospect Street – stated she is a member of the Milford Preservation Trust Citizens Advocacy Group and respectfully asked the Board to investigate the Cadley property. She spoke as to the Board's ability to have subpoenas issued and the Board's ability to investigate and asked the Board to exercise their right.

L. Flannigan – 44 Prospect Street – stated she too is a member of the Milford Preservation Trust. She stated the Cadley matter should remind us that when we destroy we deplete and deprive our children. She noted there is an appearance of impropriety and asked if everything was truly being done in the up and up. She asked the Board to investigate this tainted Cadley fiasco.

S. Carroll Dwyer – 771 Milford Point Road – stated she is troubled by the loss of another historical home in Milford. She noted is too is a member of the Milford Preservation Trust. She read from a prepared statement urging the Board to be aware of a collective responsibility to preserve such treasures.

A. Wheaton – no address given – stated he is a member of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities. He stated Mr. Candido does not ask if you are a democrat or a republican. Master Wheaton stated he is neither, just a kid. He spoke as to all the work Tony Candido has done for the Milford and urged the Board to reappoint him.

M. Dempsey – 1070 New Haven Avenue – stated he too is a member of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities and that he is here tonight to support Tony Candido's appointment to the Police Commission. He stated Mr. Candido has helped so many people. He spoke as to the disability team at his school and that he has always been taught not to discriminate. He stated that Mr. Candido is a genuinely good person and should be appointed.

J. Fowler – 50 Pine Knobb Terrace – spoken as to the item that was taken off the agenda earlier. He stated last month it was tabled because members of the Board opposed the location or what was to be the location. He stated he himself does not gamble, never went to Jai Alai and doesn't even buy lottery ticket. He stated the overriding thing is that this business would have generated over \$70,000 for Milford. He stated he was confident the Mayor and Economic Development would find another location. He commented this Board would have some problems in their budget if another location is not found and \$70,000 is lost. He stated he wished to speak tonight for Tony Candido. He stated he is adequately qualified for the position and that this should not be about vengeance, revenge or vendettas, but about being qualified. He stated whether he worked for you or against you in your election should not have any bearing. He stated not only has he been a good commissioner, he has done more good to keep so many happy in this city. He expressed his hope and prayed this Board would reappoint him.

M. Galullo – 21 Deerfield Avenue – spoke regarding the Cadley property. He spoke of the number of neighbors he has that learned to horseback ride there. He stated its gone and there is a lot of anger and frustration. He stated he was here tonight regarding appointments. He spoke as to the ethics disclosure form. He stated this Board was about to put people on Boards and that they are not accountable to the electoral Board. He asked the Board's cooperation and hope that they disclosure form was put to use.

J. DellaMonica, Sr. – 60 Berner Terrace – stated he was here tonight to support Tony Candido. He stated he has heard that this appointment will not happen. He reminded the Board the citizens of Milford elected them and that there job is to appoint the best people to those Boards and Commissions. He urged the Board to have common sense and the decency to put this man back on that Board. He stated there was no room for partisan practice on this issue. He told the Board they were obligated to the City resident to put the best people forward, like Tony Candido. He asked the Board not to use a political ploy to take him off this Board. He also spoke as to a photograph on the democratic website that showed Mr. Candido celebrating with the republicans. He stated he was merely supporting his wife that had run as a republican and noted the man in red next to him was yours truly. He urged the Board to put Tony Candido back on that Commission.

K. Rose – 292 Naugatuck Avenue – stated she works in a building department in another city and that she has tried to coach some of the members of the Preservation Trust. She stated she also brought some other Ordinances regarding demolitions from other cities but would not read them all. She proceeded to read from Section 29-260. She also reminded the Board the building official is appointed not hired.

C. Montalbanno – 30 Revere Place – commented Milford is blessed to have so many people that are passionate about preservation. He read from a prepared statement asking the Board to initiate a formal investigation.

M. Case – 300 Bic Drive – spoke regarding the Cadley property and stated he represented the Schriber family. He stated he has read and heard things that concern him. He stated he wished to set the record straight. Reading from a prepared statement he explained the city in 2002 pursued his client and that his client sold the city 5 building lots. He explained each of those building lots. He also commented his client has never been contacted by any preservation trust group. He also explained open space lots 1 & 2 and that it was to be for passive recreation. He also noted the structure was accepted as is and gave no representations or assurances. He also stated no work has been done on that house for a very long time. He also stated this house is not listed on any state or federal historic register and that his client did not want any part of that. He stated this mayor made a commitment for open space and he did that.

M. Capiris – 15 Nicole Drive – commented in November the citizens of Milford spoke and spoke very loudly. She stated tonight this Board is charged with appointing several people to various Boards and Commissions and that politics should not play a part of that.

M. Kramer – 104 West River Street – stated she is saddened and frustrated over the Cadley property. She spoke of a workshop she recently attended regarding demolition delay. She spoke as to the scope of that workshop. She also questioned why Milford is not more proactive. She continued by reading from a prepared statement and implored the Board to conduct a complete investigation and that the people deserve a full disclosure.

J. Prisco – 11 Riverdale Road – spoke as to the Board of Education's budget in 2006-2007 and that it was \$77,000,000 and that there is a difference in the numbers and asked where it is. He also spoke as to tax relief and stated the Board did not have to go by the State and that they could establish whatever they wanted. He also read a poem from a Navy shipman friend of his regarding respect.

R. Serrano – 36 Meetinghouse Lane – commented he promised himself he would not come to these meetings. He stated the members of the Board talk just to hear themselves talk and continue to beat a dead horse. He spoke as to the OTB issue and stated they never caused this community or the City any hardship. He asked the Board to put that \$65,000 to the youth and the sports fees they pay or towards senior citizens.

P. Beckwith – 20 Butternut Court – stated he was speaking to support the mayor's appointments to all those being put forward tonight and especially his friend Tony Candido. He stated Tony is a unique person and should be put back on that Commission. He spoke of all Mr. Candido has done for the community. He urged the Board to get on with the people's work and make the appointments before them. He also thanked the Mayor for his leadership.

R. Masud – 18 Intervale Parkway – stated tonight they needed to talk about respect and the lack of it that they get from the city. He stated this Cadley Farm issue came as a surprise. He stated it's only a matter of time. He recited the slogan "Respect – Catch It and Pass It On".

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on December 3, 2007.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus moved to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion carried as unanimously.

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

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Blake stated he heard most of the folks tonight discuss concern of the Cadley demolition. He stated the property was purchased and then sold at a significantly reduced price that concerns him. He stated the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen have a fiduciary interest to protect. Chairman Blake stated he would call a special meeting as soon as all relevant department heads are available.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to re-order the agenda and move Items 8a and 8h to follow Item 6a.

By roll call vote, motion carried 10 yes (Bier, Blacketter, Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Manning, Nunno, Patterson, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 5 no (Ditchkus, Giannattasio, Toohey, Vitali, Willey).

The Board recessed at 8:40 p.m.

Chairman Blake reconvened the Board in public session at 8:46 p.m.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations.

Mayor Richetelli stated he would respectfully ask the Board to consider and take action on items 8a-8g. He also asked the Board to look at items 6b a request from Milford Human Resources Development to change their name. He stated he asked the city attorney to draft an Ordinance. He explained the name has lead to much confusion for some time. He reiterated he has asked the city attorney to draft and Ordinance and asked this be forwarded to the Ordinance Committee. Mayor Richetelli stated item 6c refers to the plan for tax relief and he would respectfully ask the Ordinance Committee to take this up. He commented all of us our in favor of some tax relief for our citizens and that one possible scenario is the one included in the aldermen packets. He also spoke to the appointments on the agenda noting some are mayor's appointments exclusively and proceeded to read those names. He thanked all the members whether being appointed by the mayor, Board of Aldermen or the mayor with the approval of the Board of Aldermen. He thanked those individuals for making it a point to serve to make this a better city. He also commented without volunteerism the various Boards and Commissions would not be able to function. He also commented whether you are a democrat or republican these individuals have decided to put their names forward. He stated they have displayed or he believes they have displayed no perceived notions. He thanked each of those individuals stating he had the utmost respect for all.

6a. Mayor's appointments:

Milford Council on Aging, two-year term expiring 12/31/09

(D) Terri M. Amann, 515 Popes Island Road, reappointment

(R) Shirley A. Serrano, 36 Meetinghouse Lane, reappointment

(D) Cynthia R. DeLuca, 222 High Street, reappointment

(R) Richard E. Dowin, 554 Merwin Avenue, reappointment

Conservation Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/10

(R) Frances E. Whelan, 1013 Naugatuck Avenue, reappointment

(R) Maureen Mauro-Desanti, 1089 West River Street, reappointment

(D) Carolyn Greer, 10 Pond Street, new appointment

Fowler Memorial Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/10

(D) William T. Donahue, 33 Melba Street, reappointment

(R) Leona L. D'Amico, 49 Meetinghouse Lane, reappointment

Inland Wetlands Agency, three-year term expiring 12/31/10

(D) Philip J. Fulco, 10 Kendall Green Drive, reappointment

(R) Stephen V. Munson, 116 Wepawaug Drive, reappointment

(R) John Ludtke, 24 Village Road, new appointment, to fill unexpired term of Robert C. Nunno (elected to Board of Aldermen), term to expire 12/31/09

Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership, five-year term expiring 11/30/12

(D) Raymond J. Arnold, 50 Herbert Street, new appointment

Veterans Graves Preservation Commission, one-year term expiring 12/31/08

(R) Linda Natoli, 297 Forest Road, reappointment

(U) Thomas Cody, Jr., 13 Dock Road, reappointment

(U) Daniel S. Sefcik, Sr., 13 Baxter Lane, new appointment

7. Unfinished Business:

(7a) Board of Aldermen approval is requested to authorize the operation of an OTB (Off Track Betting) facility at 321 Boston Post Road (site of the former Tommy K's facility) to include Sunday wagering as required by Connecticut General Statute 12-571a(b) and to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached Resolution per the request of Autotote Enterprises dated November 13, 2007. (Tabled at December 3, 2007 meeting.)

REMOVED

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

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

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

(D) Richard F. Jagoe, 1 Morningside Drive, reappointment

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Veccharelli made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Richard F. Jagoe to the Building Code Board of Appeals. Motion carried unanimously.

Civil Service Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/10

(R) Ruth Dowin, 554 Merwin Avenue, reappointment

(R) Ronald V. Winfield, 17 Lynmoor Street, reappointment

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (R) Ruth Dowin to the Civil Service Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (R) Ronald V. Winfield to the Civil Service Commission. Motion carried unanimously

Ethics Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/10

(U) David T. Nassef, 2 Bryan Hill Road, new appointment

(U) Jeffrey L. Forte, 159 Rivercliff Drive, to fill vacant position, term to expire 12/31/09

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (U) David T. Nassef to the Ethics Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Veccharelli made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (U) Jeffrey L. Forte to the Ethics Commission. Motion carried unanimously

Ald. Bier suggested they read all of these together as they have done in the past and then take a vote.

Ald. Vetro replied he would rather read each one separately.

Board of Finance, three-year term expiring 12/31/10
(D) Bran A. Lema, 17 Maple Street, reappointment

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Brian A. Lema to the Board of Finance. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/10
(R) Richard W. Smith, 21 Millwood Street, reappointment
(D) Jonathan D. Berchem, 216 Centennial Drive, new appointment

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (R) Richard W. Smith to the Fire Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Lambert made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Jonathan D. Berchem to the Fire Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Golf Course Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/10
(R) Ronald Peruzzi, 37 Harvest Lane, reappointment
(D) George J. Amato, Jr., 10 Orchard Road, reappointment

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Lambert made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (R) Ronald Peruzzi to the Golf Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) George J. Amato, Jr. to the Golf Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Harbor Management Commission, five-year term expiring 12/31/12
(U) Robert Post, 15 Oakland Avenue, reappointment
(U) Nancy B. Bodick, 26 High Street, new appointment, to fill vacant position, term to expire 12/31/10

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (U) Robert Post to the Harbor Management Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (U) Nancy B. Bodick to the Harbor Management Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Health, three-year term expiring 12/31/10
(D) Dr. Howard Fink, 57 Stone Manor Drive, reappointment
(R) Dr. Mitchell Quintner, 7 Snug Harbor Road, reappointment

(R) Ernest Judson, Jr., 27 Sylvan Court, reappointment

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Dr. Howard Fink to the Board of Health. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (R) Dr. Mitchell Quintner to the Board of Health. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (R) Ernest Judson to the Board of Health. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(U) Noe A. Charland, 42 Raycroft Street, reappointment

(D) Joel Baldwin, 252 Seaside Avenue, new appointment, term to expire 12/31/11

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Lambert made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (U) Noe A. Charland to the Housing Code Board of Appeals. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Joel Baldwin to the Housing Code Board of Appeals. Motion carried unanimously.

Human Resources Development Agency, three-year term expiring 12/31/10

(R) Mary Lou Kecko, 449 Housatonic Drive (Consumer Representative), reappointment.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (R) Mary Lou Kecko to the Human Resources Development Agency. Motion carried unanimously.

Library Board, three-year term expiring 12/31/10

(D) Maria Librandi, 21 Timber Trail, reappointment

(D) Mary C. Tinti, 27 Jasmine Circle, new appointment

(R) Telka diFate, 369 Herbert Street, reappointment

(U) Sandra L. Smith, 5 Anchorage Drive, new appointment, to fill vacant position, term to expire 12/31/08

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Maria Librandi to the Library Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Mary C. Tinti to the Library Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (R) Telka diFate to the Library Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (U) Sandra L. Smith to the Library Board.

Chairman Blake stated he would abstain from the vote as he is related to this individual by marriage.

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 12/31/10
(D) Kerri Rowland, 464 Pond Point Avenue, new appointment

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Lambert made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Kerri Rowland to the Park, Beach & Recreation Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/10
(D) Reverend Carleton Giles, 45 Nolan Terrace, reappointment
(R) L. Kenneth Fellenbaum, 182 Forest Road, reappointment
(D) Anthony Candido, 4 Topfield Road, reappointment

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Reverend Carleton Giles to the Police Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Lambert made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (R) L. Kenneth Fellenbaum to the Police Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Anthony Candido to the Police Commission.

Ald. Ditchkus stated they heard a lot of people support Mr. Candido for this reappointment to this commission. He also spoke as to the statement that Mr. Candido was on the democratic website. Ald. Ditchkus stated Mr. Candido is a good person who has served this city well as well as the Democratic Party. He stated it is admirable that he stands out while supporting his wife. He also commented Mr. Candido has a background in law enforcement. He also stated Mr. Candido gives his heart and soul to the city. He stated he hoped this Board would consider him as a viable candidate.

Ald. Vitali stated he heard a good cross section of the populous. He stated change just for the sake of change is incomprehensible. He stated Mr. Candido deserves consideration. Ald. Vitali also noted that word had it there would be opposition to this appointment. He stated he supports Mr. Candido and that he has his respect for this position.

Ald. Willey stated he has not heard from any democratic member that this will be opposed as he read in the newspaper because he supported his wife. He pointed out there is a candidate coming up on the agenda who supported her democratic son. He stated the election is over and it is time to move on.

Ald. Ditchkus stated looking out in this audience he could list 10 people that he has had gripes with or grievances with. He stated he is not here to play party politics and that this should be bipartisan. He stated he felt strongly about this person that he should be reappointed.

Ald. Bier asked if before they voted on this person he could hear one reason from the democrats why this was being opposed. He noted he had only heard positive things tonight. He stated he just did not understand this and expressed his hope someone would explain to him why this person is not being appointed.

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

Sewer Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/10

(D) Robert J. Carroll, 5 Snow Apple Lane, reappointment

(D) Michael V. Brown, 67 Point Beach Drive, new appointment

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Veccharelli made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Robert J. Carroll to the Sewer Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Michael V. Brown to the Sewer Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Transit District Director, four-year term expiring 12/31/11

(R) Robert Atkinson, Jr., 168 Pumpkin Delight Road, reappointment

Advisory Board, two-year term expiring 12/31/09

(R) Ralph Vanacore, 46 Housatonic Avenue, reappointment

(U) J. David Griffin, 72 Harborside Drive, reappointment

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Lambert made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (R) Robert Atkinson, Jr. to the Transit District Director. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (R) Ralph Vanacore to the Transit District Director (Advisory Board). Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (U) J. David Griffin to the Transit District Director (Advisory Board). Motion carried unanimously.

Tree Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/10

(U) Tammy Jorgensen, 246 High Street, reappointment

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Lambert made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (U) Tammy Jorgensen to the Tree Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(R) Nanci Ann Seltzer, 74 Camden Street, new appointment

Alternate, three-year term expiring 12/31/10

(D) Charles Montalbano, 30 Revere Place, new appointment

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (R) Nanci Ann Seltzer to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Charles Montalbano to the Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate). Motion carried unanimously.

8h. Board of Aldermen Appointments:

Animal Shelter Commission

(D) Sarah Nierenberg, 160 Meadowside Road, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/12

Economic Development Commission

(U) Robert Stanton, 135 New Haven Avenue, reappointment (Retail/Industry, three-year term)
term to expire 12/31/10

(D) Tessa Marquis, 67 Point Beach Drive, new appointment (citizen, four-year term) to fill vacant position,
term to expire 12/31/09

Historic District Commission

(D) Robert Berchem, 125 West River Street, reappointment, term to expire 1/1/13

Historic District (South of the Green)

(D) Arthur Pualson, 10 Pond Street, reappointment, term to expire 1/1/13

Human Resources Development Agency

(U) Ross DeLeonardo, 166 West River Street, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/09

Pension and Retirement Board

(D) Robin Lynch, 66 Baxter Lane, reappointment (MEA), term to expire 12/31/10

(R) Paul G. Staneski, 35 Point Lookout, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/10

(D) Leo T. Mahoney, 75 Fenway East, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/10

(D) David D. Eisenhandler, 109 Pine Knob Terrace, reappointment (Fire – Local 944), term to expire 12/31/10

Alternates:

(U) Glenn Behrle, 171 Beach Avenue, reappointment (MEA), term to expire 12/31/10

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

Ald. Nunno and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to amend the motion to include the appointment of (U) John Richards, 1120 New Haven Avenue, to the Inland/Wetlands agency, term to expire 12/31/10. Motion carried unanimously.

On the main motion, motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Blake deferred to City Clerk A. Jepson to swear in those appointees present.

The Board recessed at 9:13 p.m.

Chairman Blake reconvened the Board in public session at 9:21 p.m.

8b. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the request to authorize the Purchasing Agent and the Police Chief to dispose of several non-usable, obsolete, and unserviceable mobile data laptop computers which are approximately ten (10) years old and have been replaced per the request of Police Chief Keith Mello memo dated November 19, 2007 and list from Lieutenant J. Pietrafesa dated November 19, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: State of Connecticut Local Capital Improvement Program Assistance for Milford Road Resurfacing Program – 2007.

Ald. Patterson and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to amend the motion to reflect language in the last paragraph, Nowthere, be resolved and replace the word “resolved” with “Ordained”.

Ald. Patterson stated this is not an Ordinance; it is a Resolution and therefore the change necessary.

The amended motion carried unanimously.

On the main motion, the motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the request to authorize the Purchasing Agent and the City Clerk to dispose of the, now obsolete, lever operated voting machines in the most profitable and expeditious way for the City and that any funds generated from the disposition be placed directly into the Elections Account (Account #0010-4112-4701-0000), by the Finance Director, in accordance with the request from the City Clerk dated December 14, 2007.

Ald. Ditchkus suggested they keep one machine speaking as to the historical value of having one.

Mr. Jepson agreed that would be a great idea.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Veccharelli made and seconded a motion to amend the motion to keep one machine. Motion carried unanimously.

On the main motion, motion carried unanimously.

8e. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the request to authorize the Mayor and the Director of Health to accept a grant on behalf of the Milford Health Department from the State of Connecticut Children’s Trust Fund for the implementation of a Parent Leadership Training Program and to authorize the Mayor and Director of Health to take all steps necessary to effectuate the acceptance of these funds and the implementation of the program including preparing and signing all agreements, contracts, and any other documents required for this program. The Board of Aldermen further authorizes and directs the Finance Director to create an account to deposit the proceeds of this grant and account for the dispersing of funds out of this account to pay for the implementation and operation of this program. Motion carried unanimously.

8f. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the request to accept the donation of approximately three (3) acres of open space property on Pond Point Avenue, Map 56, Block 529, Parcel 26-3 of which Margaret L. Ignatowski, 26 Louis Street, Trumbull, CT is the owner, in accordance with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board dated December 6, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

8g. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Allocation Transfer No. 3 (33 ½ Village Road – blight demolition).

Ald. Veccharelli commented they needed to make sure the proper paperwork is followed up on so as to make sure there is no mix up.

Chairman Blake asked for clarification if this needed to go out to bid.

Mayor Richetelli responded yes, if it exceeds the threshold over \$7,500. With regard to the remark made by Ald. Veccharelli, Mayor Richetelli explained this property has been cited by the Health Department as a blighted building so it does not fall under the Ordinance.

9. New Business not on the Agenda which may be introduced by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting.

Ald. Patterson and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to the agenda the appointment of Peggy Kearney as Constable to fill the unexpired term of Howard Haberman, resigned. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Peggy Kearney as Constable. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk A. Jepson swore in Mrs. Kearney as Constable for the City of Milford.

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 \$7,113.72. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

- a. Ordinance Committee – Ald. Patterson reported the Committee met earlier this evening and voted to table the matter until they get additional information. Ald. Patterson asked about item 6c under the Mayor's report and stated back in September the mayor stated there would be an ad hoc committee. He asked the status of that.

Mayor Richetelli responded the agency to take this up would be the Ordinance Committee and that it has been referred to that Committee.

Chairman Blake stated he wished to confirm the mayor's office would not be appointing a committee.

Mayor Richetelli responded yes.

Chairman Blake asked about information they had discussed at the agenda setting meeting.

Mayor Richetelli stated the information he has is preliminary and reiterated to Chairman Blake that he would forward the information to him when he receives it.

b. Public Safety and Welfare Committee – no report.

c. Public Works Committee – Ald. Vetro reported the Public Works Director agreed to put a list on the website and the newspaper as to what streets would be worked on. He also reported they have spent \$59,879 in snowstorms to date. He also reported they have a new recycling truck and to date have picked up 600 tons and have also taken down 1,000 trees.

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 –

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 – no report

l. Golf Course Commission – Ald. Hardiman reported they met on December 12, 2007 and that the paving of the parking lot is complete and that there would be improvements to the clubhouse during the off-season.

Ald. Toohey added that so much effort has been put into this course and that rounds are up over 3,900 this year, which is remarkable. She stated they would be looking at fixing the traps for next year.

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. Education Funding Committee – no report.

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.

Chairman Blake reminded the Board they would be meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2008 for a Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Hardiman moved to adjourn at 9:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Board Secretary