

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 1, 2010**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, February 1, 2010 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman G. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m. He asked those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for a moment of silence for the men and women serving our country.

**1. Roll Call**

Board Members Present

B. Bevan  
B. Bier  
B. Blake  
D. German  
F. Goodrich  
M. Hardiman  
B. Joy, Jr.  
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  
W. Smith, Jr., City Attorney  
J. Doneiko, Finance Director

Excused

A. Giannattasio

Chairman G. Smith deferred to the Mayor for a special proclamation.

Mayor Richetelli stated it was a privilege and honor to present proclamations to three outstanding cheerleading teams who advanced to the national cheerleading competition. He stated this was a first for Milford and the program. He stated all three teams placed with one team earning a bronze medal. Mayor Richetelli went on to recognize each of the girls as well as their coaches and parents stating the spirit award shows nationwide what Milford is all about. He went on to recognize the 2009 Pee Wee team (4<sup>th</sup> place), Junior Midget team (3<sup>rd</sup> place – bronze) and the Midget team (5<sup>th</sup> place).

Chairman G. Smith stated the Board would take a 2-minute recess to allow the teams to exit the hall. The Board recessed at 7:59 p.m. Chairman G. Smith reconvened the Board in public session at 8:04 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.

M. Hardiman – 183 Cottage Street – stated he was wearing his Chairman hat for the Saint Patrick’s Day parade which he stated is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year. He stated he was pleased to announce the Council General of Ireland will march in this year’s parade, adding it is a milestone for Milford. He stated he wanted to take the opportunity to invite each member of the Board to march and honor the Council General.

L. Malone – 14 Eighth Avenue – stated she is here because of a matter that concerns her. She stated she is concerned the DPLU may adversely impact the Inland Wetland agency. She stated it frightens her to think this department’s responsibilities could be lessened and expressed her hope this agency remain an independent stand alone agency.

M. Brown – 67 Point Beach Drive – stated he was speaking concerning the Kimball implementation and report. He stated the result of this report was to establish a new land use agency and that the new office would consolidate land uses and make the process easier. He questioned that process actually moving forward. He also stated an interim director was appointed at a rate of \$48.72 per hour or \$95,000 per year, then one month later he received a raise to \$51.25 per hour. He stated on the books the director is a temporary seasonal employee. He stated this director is the highest paid in this category. Mr. Brown also pointed out he was told by the land use secretary that there is no concierge to direct people. He asked when this land use position was going to be accounted for. Mr. Brown also stated the Board of Aldermen and Board of Finance have not amended the budget to account for these two positions. He asked when the project would go out to bid and how much the design cost. He stated there needed to be more transparency in filling these positions, how they are paid, why someone received a raise, etc.

K. Boath – 91 Hickory Avenue – stated she was here representing Pumpkin Delight PTA, its families, teachers and students for a much needed elevator. Reading from a prepared statement she stated this is something that has been her goal since she arrived at the school 6 years ago. She stated they collected 53 names for a petition, which was submitted to the Board of Education and that they have been joined in their plight by Mathewson School families. Reading from a prepared statement she asked the elevator at Pumpkin Delight be included in the Capital Improvement Plan and move forward as quickly as possible. She also stated this is not for one child or teacher, but equal access to the school for all. She stated there are parents and grandparents who have not been able to see their child’s environment where they learn.

R. Platt – 132 Platt Lane – expressed his concern about the implementation of the Kimball report. He questioned how the work is proceeding on the office. He also asked how the interim director is being paid. Mr. Platt stated the report was adopted by this Board, but stated there was no public hearing. He stated an appearance is being given there is no open government.

A. Berman – 77 Pelham Street – stated she was here tonight regarding the KRIT report, but she was more concerned with the remodel. She stated the Kimball report was necessary to ensure proper procedures would be put in place. She asked if all the agencies involved had been contacted. She stated as of this afternoon, she would say no. Reading from a prepared statement she stated the KRIT recommendations are not being followed. Ms. Berman asked the cost for the remodeling of the conference room and also if there were any capital improvement plan grants available. She also questioned the use of conference room A for offices and moving that conference room to the second floor. She stated having the conference room on the first floor is

more accessible for the elderly, handicapped, etc and that moving the conference room to the second floor would make it very difficult. She recommended that conference room A remain on the first floor. She also asked the Board to keep Planning and Zoning and the Inland Wetlands Offices separate.

B. Milton – 59 Elm Street – commented it seemed the implementation of the KRIT report was without any input from the Board of Aldermen.

D. Folloni – 12 Fairwood Avenue – spoke regarding backyard campfires. He stated he is getting “smoked-out”. He explained he lives where the houses are close and when someone is using an outdoor campfire it makes it difficult for the neighborhood. He asked the Board to consider looking at the law again and that he was asking on behalf of himself and his children. He reiterated this is an issue when houses are so close.

J. Ramey – 424 Swanson Crescent – stated she is in support of an elevator at Pumpkin Delight School. She stated the school is the only two-story elementary school in Milford. Reading from a prepared statement, she stated without an elevator wheelchair bound students cannot access the second floor. She asked the Board to approve the elevator for a safe environment for the school.

J. Prisco – 11 Riverdale Road – stated he is asking the Board to vote according to their principles and that they will have to live with their decision. He asked the Board to stay on the side of consistency. He also spoke regarding the elevator at Pumpkin Delight School also on the agenda tonight and reminded the Board this school has two stories and that they should vote in favor of it. He went on to read a poem regarding a veteran and thanked all veterans.

D. Dotson – 69 Wayne Road – stated she was in support of the Foran project. She also asked the Board to consider bonding for East Shore Middle School. She spoke regarding space constraints and noted the band practices with the gym classes.

E. Dotson – 69 Wayne Road – stated he too supported the Foran project and asked the Board to think about East Shore Middle School.

S. Strelez – 14 Sailors Lane – stated she is a teacher at Pumpkin Delight School and very much in favor of the elevator.

A. Candido – 4 Topfield Road – stated he is the Chairman of the Citizens for People with Disabilities and he was here tonight in support of the elevator at Pumpkin Delight. He stated Pumpkin Delight is the only two-story elementary school in Milford. He noted there is also a third floor used for special services. He pointed out the American Disabilities Act mandates every child be provided with equal needs. Reading from a prepared statement he urged the Board to consider the request for the elevator and make it a priority for the children and the staff. He also recalled work was done at that school to bring in more students. He spoke regarding the graduation ceremony that took place at the Parsons Government Center after a ramp was installed and allowed a Harborside student to graduate alongside his classmates.

P. Pitney – 454 West Avenue – stated he is a registered nurse and business owner in town and a member of the People with Disabilities Committee. He stated he was speaking tonight in favor of the elevator for Pumpkin Delight School. He commented children and adults with special needs are a big part of our environment and that it was important for them to have access. He stated people with disabilities should be allowed to participate

without barriers. He also offered the help of his Committee, if needed, stating they would be willing to help in any way.

G. Salvatore – 14 Saint Andrews Lane – spoke regarding the elevator at Pumpkin Delight and the comments made by the citizens tonight, which were so compelling. She stated we owed the same to our friends at Pumpkin Delight. She also spoke regarding Bodie's Place and that it would bring all children together. Ms. Salvatore stated the reason she actually came to speak tonight was concerning the KRIT implementation and the new department of the DPLU, which was to streamline the process. She stated her concern is that has not been done, but that another layer of bureaucracy has been added to the process. Reading from the budget book, she stated this is the only department with an 11% increase from last year. She stated the budget last year was \$897,000 and the new budget this year is \$1,169,000. She stated the citizens brought this problem to the Board, but they have been taken out of the process. She asked the Board to hold hearings and get the people involved. She also asked the Board to take time to do this right and do it right the first time and follow the spirit of the report.

S. Kraftmiller – 37 Sycamore Lane – spoke concerning the Kimball report. He stated the costs are not just salary, but additional staff as well as modifications to the work space. He asked who the "land czar" reports to and where the checks and balances were. He also expressed concern with the loss of conference room A which he stated at least 7 or 8 boards use. He stated another conference room may not be able to accommodate these Boards.

C. LaPlant – 39 Sherbourne Road – stated as a student of history, she considered this a great honor to be a part of this democracy. She stated she has spent the last 15 years as a fifth grade teacher at Pumpkin Delight. She stated the young man that was before the Board earlier in the evening is a student in her class and she is witnessed his struggles. She asked the Board to please come to the school and visit her class, Room 12 and watch the faces and look at the eyes of these children. She also remarked "society is judged in part as to how we treat our children". She stated to the Board the power was in their hands.

R. Silver – 55 Governors Avenue – asked the Board to approve the bonding for Foran High School – Phase III. She stated these high school projects have been going on for some time. She also asked the Board to look at East Shore Middle School. She spoke as to the large population at the school, which has the smallest physical plant.

M. Olsson – 112 Hilltop Circle – stated she has waited for 14 years as plans for our school facilities were put off. Reading from a prepared statement she spoke of the work recently done in the first two phases of the project and the work that needs to be completed. She stated the plans began about 5 years ago. She stated she would reap the benefits of these school projects as a citizen. She also asked the Board to take a look at East Shore Middle School and address the issues at that school.

L. Vaccino – 15 Barberry Court – stated she has a handicapped student at Pumpkin Delight School. She stated the school does what they can, but they cannot fix the physical plant. She asked the Board to please consider the elevator at Pumpkin Delight. She stated we should not isolate our children in their environment.

J. DellaMonica, Sr. – 60 Berner Terrace – stated he is the Vice Chairman of the Mayor's Committee with People with Disabilities. He stated it was very simple; they need an elevator at Pumpkin Delight School. He

told the Board they have heard from the citizens tonight and urged the Board to do this for the citizens because the children need this.

S. Borer – 204 Anderson Avenue – spoke regarding the consolidation of Stations 5 and 6. He stated this should be reconsidered and the people of Woodmont be considered. He also stated it is in the Woodmont charter that they have fire protection. He stated there are other alternatives that should be considered.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on January 4, 2010.

Ald. Veto and Ald. Blake made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 4, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

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

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman G. Smith spoke regarding the issues that would impact the budget. Reading from a prepared statement he expressed his faith the Board would represent the people of the great City of Milford in a fair and transparent government.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Richetelli

6a. Mayor Richetelli made the Board aware of the following Mayor's reappointment upon the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board:

Inland Wetlands Agency, three-year term expiring 12/31/12  
(R) Allan E. Cegan, 1037 New haven Avenue, 06460

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

6b. For informational purposes, Mayor Richetelli made the Board aware of a public auction the City of Milford would be holding for the Sale of City Property located at:

- 1) 2 Welton Street (corner of Stone Street) (a/k/a Map 16, Block 255, Parcel 1) and combined with 28 ft. of 6 Stone Street (a/k/a 16, Block 255, Parcel 15) – lot size 100 ft x 108 ft or 10,787 sq. ft. in an R-5 zone (approved for one residential building lot).
2. A rear lot on Stone Street (a/k/a Map 16, block 255, Parcel 11) – lot size 15,000 sq. ft. +/- in an R-5 zone (approved for one residential building lot).

Mayor Richetelli stated the auction would be held on Friday, February 19, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in City Hall Auditorium and that all information pertaining to the auction could be obtained from the Purchasing

Department or on-line at the City website. Mayor Richetelli stated items 8a-8m on the agenda and also the bond authorizations under item 12a (2) through (5). He stated he would be happy to discuss these items as they come up on the agenda.

Mayor Richetelli stated he would like to make the Board aware of certain items regarding the Kimball implementation. He reminded the Board that on October 5, 2009, the Board of Aldermen, in a non-partisan and unanimous way recommended the Kimball report. He went on to read the motion from the October 5, 2009 meeting which read in part “authorize the mayor to take all steps necessary. . . “. The noted there was one exception to the report, which was the elimination of the assistant city planner. He stated the Board voted to keep that position. Mayor Richetelli stated he was directed to take all steps necessary to implement the report. He stated it was in the best interests of the citizens of Milford to go forward with the report which included personnel and construction of conference room A in the Parsons Complex. He stated he came to this Board in December to pay for this project with State LoCip funds in an amount not to exceed \$112,000. He also explained a new conference room would be constructed on the second floor where the Office of Employment and Training had been located. Referring to comments made in the public session, he also pointed out the City has employees on the second floor with physical challenges, but have had no difficulties getting to their workplaces. He acknowledged there have been some minor issues with the elevator, but no complaints have been made to his office. Mayor Richetelli stated provisions are made for all, in the event of a fire including the handicapped. He stated they have never had a report of inaccessibility to the second floor. With regard to the Inland Wetlands, he stated there are no plans to fold the responsibility of that department and that was never contemplated by the Kimball report, nor is it now. That office may be combined into the current conference room A. He stated the Interim Director was hired in November after discussions with this Board of Aldermen and the previous Board. He explained the interim director was hired at a salary of \$95,000 and that there has been no raise. As to where it is being paid out of, he explained it is being paid from the Zoning Enforcement position which will not be filled until July 1, 2010. Mayor Richetelli stated the duties of the Zoning Enforcement Officer are being carried out by the Assistant City Planner. He also stated there would be no lose of service and explained the savings from that position. He also pointed out there is no 11% increase in that department and explained that is all of the divisions together implemented into the one department. He went on to explain it would not be revenue neutral because the Board of Aldermen decided to keep the Assistant City Planner position and that it was known to the Board it would not be salary neutral.

Ald. Vetro stated he wished to acknowledge a constituent, Michael Brown from the fourth district.

Chairman G. Smith responded he could not allow that at this time.

Ald. Blake raised a point of order.

Chairman G. Smith stated the Board of Aldermen was not holding a debate tonight between the Mayor and Mr. Brown.

Ald. Blake stated any Board member can recognize someone from their district. He pointed out it is stated in the aldermanic rules.

Chairman G. Smith called for a 5-minute recess. The Board recessed at 9:02 p.m. Chairman G. Smith reconvened the Board in public session at 9:06 p.m.

Chairman G. Smith referred the Board to item 4b of the aldermanic rules. He stated he was ruling against Ald. Blake's point of order, stating the rules in the last part of 4b state in order for an alderman to recognize someone from their district it must be regarding an agenda item.

Ald. Blake raised a point of order asking the Chairman how he knew what the speaker wished to speak about. He stated that perhaps the constituent wished to speak concerning item 6.

Ald. Blake and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to appeal the ruling of the Chairman.

Mayor Richetelli interjected and stated as a point of clarification that an affirmative vote is to challenge the Chairman and a negative vote is not.

By roll call vote, the motion failed 9 no (Bevan, Bier, German, Goodrich, Joy, G. Smith, P. Smith, Staneski, Vitali) and 5 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Patterson, Veccharelli, Vetro).

7. Unfinished Business:

None.

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

8a. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Grant Application for Department of Human Services. Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Grant Application for Youth and Family Services Activities. Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Grant Application for State Department of Social Services. Motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the request to authorize the City Attorney to issue the attached Notice regarding the city's "intent to designate the Milford Transfer Station as the area where Acceptable Waste, as defined in the Municipal Solid Waste Management Services Agreement (the "MSA") by and between the City of Milford and the Connecticut Resources Recover authority dated December 8, 2002. . . and generated within the boundaries of the City of Milford by residential business, commercial, and other establishments, shall be disposed; and more particularly, at the following location: 831 Oronoque Road," pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 22a-220a.

Ald. Patterson asked what kind of enforcement mechanism would be in place and what would stop them in the future.

Mayor Richetelli explained it is in accordance with CT General Statutes and MSA and that the need to put 60 days in affect before they start any notice.

Ald. Patterson asked if all 22 towns were on Board and also if a ticket would be required.

Mayor Richetelli explained the flow control Ordinance in affect. He stated it would be updated with the applicable court decision. He stated it would then come to this Board with an Ordinance to strengthen it. Mayor Richetelli stated Milford is the only town that has put this notice out, but that other towns may have already done so.

Ald. Blake recalled in 2008 the contract was approved. He questioned why the enforcement mechanism is in February 2010 and also is the city's minimum would be affected.

Attorney W. Smith explained CRRA has promulgated an Ordinance regarding a recent court case. He stated this notice is the first step and that the process is to help any criminal prosecution that may come forward.

Ald. Veccharelli asked about condominiums and commented if they do not come across the scale they would be in violation. He also questioned the law enforcement after they have left the city.

Attorney W. Smith responded through administrative remedies or such, but that Ald. Veccharelli's assumption was a good one. Attorney Smith stated actually catching them would be difficult. He stated this notice would put them on notice that Milford is updating their status.

Ald. Veccharelli asked how the weight is differentiated and how they can get a true indication. He stated as he looked through the documents he hoped these ideas would be put forward noting it would be easy to mix things up.

Chairman G. Smith addressed Ald. Veccharelli's comment, stating he hoped this would make it easier.

Motion carried unanimously.

8e. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the 2010 Vehicle Acquisition Plan.

Ald. Blake stated this request includes over \$1,000,000 in new vehicles. He stated while he understood some of the reasons are for safety, they still needed to consider the economic times. He asked if the list could be scaled back and forego some of the list to possibly 5-10 vehicles and put off some of the other vehicles for another year.

Mayor Richetelli replied the Board last year curtailed the entire list and suspended it in its entirety. He stated some of these items are from last year and not all of the items from this year even made the list. He explained the bonding on tonight's agenda for \$200,000 for emergency vehicles is needed to continue the services of the city. He explained how this program came about under former mayor Lisman and told a story about a snow storm that occurred his first year in office. He stated none of the monies are from the general fund explaining the city received \$409,000 in energy incentives, as well as \$165,000 from CRRA refund. He stated the only new funding is the bond authorization which has been done traditionally for all emergency vehicles.

Ald. Joy thanked the Mayor for putting this together. He stated everyone is concerned with taxpayer money they are spending. He spoke regarding the boom truck which can no longer to repair. He pointed out you can quickly fall behind if you don't keep up with equipment.



Chairman G. Smith stated he served with former mayor Lisman and recalled being drilled regarding rolling stock.

Ald. Staneski asked about the street sweep and noted currently there are two. She asked if they are required by any federal agency to do this.

Mayor Richetelli responded it is a DEP regulation and explained they do each street twice per year.

By roll call vote, motion carried 12 yes (Bevan, Bier, German, Goodrich, Hardiman, Joy, Patterson, G. Smith, P. Smith, Staneski, Veccharelli, Vitali) and 2 no (Blake, Vetro).

8f. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the request to designate the following resources to be used toward funding of the 2010 Vehicle Acquisition Program:

- 1) \$409,926 from United Illuminating Company (energy efficiency incentive payments), and
- 2) \$165,229.85 from Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority (refund of Milford's share of the closeout of the Bridgeport Project) and to authorize the Finance Director to deposit these funds in Account #0040-4121-0346-4720-0000, vehicle Acquisition Program.

By roll call vote, motion carried 12 yes (Bevan, Bier, German, Goodrich, Hardiman, Joy, Patterson, G. Smith, P. Smith, Staneski, Veccharelli, Vitali) and 2 no (Blake, Vetro).

8g. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Allocation Transfer No. 8.

By roll call vote, motion carried 12 yes (Bevan, Bier, German, Goodrich, Hardiman, Joy, Patterson, G. Smith, P. Smith, Staneski, Veccharelli, Vitali) and 2 no (Blake, Vetro).

8h. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the request to amend the FY2009-2010 General Budget of the City of Milford by adjusting Expenditures by reducing Account #0010-4996-0000-4001-0000, Education Operations Lump Sum Appropriation by \$1,530,584, from \$82,929,000 to \$81,398,416 and adjusting Revenue by reduction Account #0010-0000-0000-3517-0000, State Education Cost Sharing Grant by \$1,530,584, from \$10,728,519 to \$9,197,935 to reflect the sum of funds received directly by the Milford Board of Education from the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund pursuant to Title XIV of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 in accordance with Connecticut Public Act 09-1, Section 19.

Ald. Veccharelli questioned if this is money the Board gave the Board of Education and we are now taking it back.

Mayor Richetelli explained when the budget was put together last year the number was based on ECS money. He stated the lump sum reflects the money they would get from ECS. He explained subsequent to the vote the ECS used Federal stimulus money to give to the Board of Education. He stated because it was federal money it went directly to the Board of Education. Mayor Richetelli explained basically what this motion does is reduce the revenue to correspond with the money the Board of Education received and it balances the books. He stated he has been in discussions with Phil Russell at the Board of Education and they were in agreement with the numbers. He added the way the state did this caused some confusion in the budget for FY 2011-2012. He

stated there would be no adjustment next year, but it could be a tangible problem in FY 2012 when the money dries up, adding it begs the question of whether the state would then give the City what it received two years ago.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. P. Smith requested a 5-minutes recess. The Board recessed at 9:39 p.m.

Chairman G. Smith reconvened the Board in public session at 9:54 p.m.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to re-order the agenda and bring forward item 12a. Motion carried unanimously.

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

12a-2. Ald. Staneski and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve an Ordinance Appropriating \$9,640,000 for Various School Improvements and Authorizing the Issuance of \$9,640,000 bonds of the City to meet said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for such Purpose.

M. Cummings, Acting Superintendent of Schools stated this Ordinance covers both Foran and Pumpkin Delight. He stated at Foran the work is a 3-story addition at the south end of the building and will provide additional classrooms as well as relocating the administrative office, nurse's office, the child study center, etc. He stated it is important as they move forward that the administrators be with the students. He stated reconfiguring the child study lab will add 2-3 more classes. He went on to explain the details of the work.

Ald. Veccharelli stated the \$9,000,000 project was for additional classrooms.

Mr. Cummings responded yes and without it they could not create additional space. He also stated having the administrators out with the students is something that is sorely missed.

Ald. Veccharelli asked if the situation at Foran is the same as what they had at Law, where they needed more classrooms because of the number of teachers on carts.

Mr. Cummings responded it is similar.

Ald. Goodrich asked when the original project was approved.

Mr. Cummings explained the original plan was in 2002 and again in 2005. He stated this configuration was done when he was the principal at Foran.

Ald. Blake commented the former Board moved forward with the Law project because the bids were 25% less. He stated the original estimate cost had been \$4,000,000 at Law. He stated the original cost of the Foran project was \$11,000,000. He asked what the bids came in at.

Mr. Cummings stated he would defer to Mr. Silver.

Mr. Silver stated they received over 120 bid sets with 13 general contractors submitting which is a record amount. He explained the separate bid for abatement.

Ald. Veccharelli commented earlier in the Ordinance meeting he had stated he wanted to divide the question for the two bonding issues because of the number of questions he had. He stated in light of what the aldermen have learned he was hoping to move forward on this. He stated they would save quite a bit of money on this so he did not wish to divide the question.

Ald. P. Smith asked where the state would come in with regard to reimbursement.

Mr. Russell responded right not there are preliminary numbers depending on each town. He stated it should be around 39%. He stated the elevator is eligible for 100%. Mr. Russell stated with regard to the Foran project, only \$14,000 of the project is ineligible for reimbursement.

Ald. P. Smith stated it was her understanding it would be considered in 2011 of the legislative session.

Mr. Russell responded yes and that it was making the applications. He explained how it is done. He also stated it probably would not be approved until May or June of 2011.

Chairman G. Smith stated at this point they were speaking regarding the Foran project.

Ald. Vetro commented he found it interesting that 5 or 6 months ago the Democrats approved the Law addition and took a lot of flak for it. He questioned what has transpired over those months that we can now put the addition at Foran.

Chairman G. Smith responded this is a new Board and expressed his hope the people at home would understand since it was Ald. Vetro who wished to interject the "D's" and "R's" into the discussion. Chairman G. Smith stated they were trying to be as open-minded as possible. He also stated they were trying to be fair and transparent.

Ald Vetro stated he just wanted to point that out.

Ald. Staneski stated she was sitting on the other side last year and recalled this Board struggled with the economic times. She expressed her hope when this vote takes place it will be unanimous.

Ald. Hardiman asked about the Pumpkin Delight project and if the elevator would reach all three floors or just the second floor. He stated there still would be an issue with the back part of the building.

Ald. P. Smith commented she was on the Board of Finance last year and was very concerned with the state of the economy. She stated although she feels a little better, she was still nervous. She stated the longer this project is put off the longer they will have issues, but she recognizes the need to move forward. She reiterated although she is still uncomfortable, it is reasonable.

Ald. Vitali asked what is on the third floor and what it is used for.

Mr. Cummings explained it is at the back of the building. He stated there is a very steep set of stairs and that it exits out to the child development area.

Ald. Vitali asked how they could make that area accessible.

Mr. Cummings spoke regarding the music classrooms stating it was not an idea situation, but because of the steepness/slope, it was not possible for one elevator.

Motion carried unanimously.

12a-3. Ald. Staneski and Ald. P. Smith made and seconded a motion to approve an Ordinance Appropriating \$6,292,000 for Various Public Improvements and Authorizing the Issuance of \$6,292,000 bonds of the City to meet said Appropriating and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose.

Ald. Blake commented tonight this Board was being asked to consider \$22,000,000 in bonding. He stated much of the items seem appropriate, but he would ask that they scale it back. He stated there are things on the list that could be pushed off and do without. He stated the items regarding safety seemed appropriate, but the technology items should be considered in the operating budget and not bonding. He stated they sometimes lose site that bonding is not monopoly money. Ald. Blake stated buying curbing and granite is not something that should be on the top of the list. He questioned the message would be sending by approving this. He asked if these were things that had to be done right now. He stated he felt they were discretionary items and expressed his hope the Board of Aldermen would consider them and not turn City Hall into the Taj mahal.

Chairman G. Smith noted there were some subject matter experts on hand.

Mayor Richetelli added many department heads were present. He stated he would ask the Board to take each item one by one and listen to the department heads. Mayor Richetelli pointed out these items affect the long term infra-structure of the city and its long term needs. He stated many items on this request have been on the Capital Improvement Plan for over a decade. He asked the Board to make their decision based on facts and not political expediency.

Chief Mello provided a history of how they got to this point. He stated he received a notice from Motorola that their system is obsolete (he noted he received that letter nearly 6 years ago). He stated it was safe to say that have squeezed every ounce of life out of it. Chief Mello stated the system is no longer supported and it is becoming increasingly difficult to replace parts. He continued with a lengthy explanation of the needed items and also pointed out the towers needed to be replaced and upgraded.

Ald. Goodrich commented this was not the first time the police and fire departments have asked for communications, and noted in reality it goes back to 2007.

Ald. Blake asked if under communications overhaul they could combine the two dispatch systems to not only one location, but one unit.

Chief Mello responded they are looking into that. He explained the complexity of doing so and that they were not sure they labor costs would be saved.

Chairman G. Smith commented to Ald. Blake, while he applauded the questions, he would hardly call this discretionary spending.

Ald. Blake responded he specifically stated safety was not one of discretionary, but that he would take issue with curbing, carpeting and the like.

Chief LaVecchia spoke regarding the rescue truck. He also noted for the record that they requested a pumper which was cut from this list by the Mayor. Chief LaVecchia stated the department responds to over 4,500 EMS calls each year and the rescue truck goes on all of those calls.

Mayor Richetelli spoke briefly regarding the East Shore consolidation. He spoke regarding CIP preceding him, at least a decade ago and recalled in the late 1990's when Stations 3 and 4 were consolidated to the current West Shore Fire Station. He stated Stations 5 and 6 are close to one another and it would make sense to consolidate the two. He also referred to the department's ISO, Class 1 rating, noting Milford is one of only two in the State of Connecticut. He explained ISO started looking at their standards after a fire in South Carolina (a Class 1 department), claimed the lives of nine firefighters. He went on to explain the proposal in consolidating the two stations and what it would encompass. Mayor Richetelli stated the bonding on tonight's agenda was for land acquisition only and that in the future they would set up a committee comprised of aldermen, fire commissioners and citizens.

Chief LaVecchia stated they also fail under OSHA and NFPA standards with the two stations. He explained the ISO is a 100 point schedule and went on to explain the requirements. He stated the only other ISO department in Connecticut is Hartford and the next closest is in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Chief LaVecchia stated the department wants to retain its ISO rating and has met with ISO in determining the criteria. He went on to explain the handout "East Shore Fire Station Report". He stated the plan is to bring the fire department into the next century. He stated it is clearly the right thing to do for the fire department and the city.

Ald. Patterson asked if it would be a single company or two engines.

Ald. Veccharelli stated currently there are 6 three men engine companies and one full time rescue truck.

Chief LaVecchia stated all stations would have a minimum of five firefighters assigned.

Ald. Blake asked about the \$200,000 for load testing of the fire department flooring.

Chief LaVecchia explained the situation at station 1 approximately 20 years ago and that the cost exceeded \$400,000 worth of repairs for the replacement of a floor. He stated if they did that testing at Station 5 now, it would more than exceed that.

Ald. Joy commented the consolidation was well considered and added would provide coverage into Red Bush.

Chief LaVecchia stated the city has a parcel of land on Red Bush Lane under this plan.

Ald. Goodrich noted this has been on the CIP since 2002. He also noted stations 5 and 6 are over 50 years old.

Chief LaVecchia stated both stations were building in the late 1940's.

Ald. Joy asked how response times would be affected.

Chief LaVecchia replied they would drastically improve and they would have the required number of personnel.

Chairman G. Smith thanked Chief Mello (police) and Chief LaVecchia (fire) for their time.

Mayor Richetelli spoke regarding technology. He stated from time to time he would before to the Board to upgrade the infrastructure of the system. He stated three years ago they did that in the Finance Department. He explained this upgrade is for the Assessor's Office and the Tax Office. He stated these are large ticket items that should not be in the budget as they are purely capital items. He stated these items would assist with the city's in-house reval.

D. Thomas, City Assessor – explained this is a software upgrade and that the functions are interrelated. He stated the current system was installed in 1989. He stated the new programs are windows driven and would bring them current. He stated one of the problems in the tax office with the systems being so obsolete is that they do not have the capability to print receipts and corrected tax bills.

Ald. P. Smith related this purchase to something they did in her personal business. She stated she also agreed this is a standard necessary, adding the current system is a relic. She reiterated her earlier comments that she is always nervous spending money, but sometimes the investment is well worth it.

Ald. Staneski asked about the software upgrades and if they would be rolled in with the Kimball report. She stated she was asking if the systems would essentially talk to each other.

Mayor Richetelli responded this is similar to what they did two years ago.

Ald. Blake stated he was hearing this is a capital expense because it is have a 20 year life expectancy. He asked for assurances this department would not come back to the Board for 20 years.

Mr. Thomas responded no, he could not give those reassurances, but he pointed out the last system was purchased 21 years ago.

Chairman G. Smith stated he does know something about computers and back in 1989 it was windows 3.1 so it would be safe to say the citizens of Milford have gotten their money's worth.

Ald. Goodrich commented regarding software built before 1989.

Mayor Richetelli explained city sidewalks and road is done annually and spoke of the importance of keeping up with the resurfacing of our roads. He stated \$650,000 comes from this bond and \$350,000 comes from State LoCIP funds. He spoke about the municipal parking lot behind the former Harrison's in downtown Milford, which is a destination spot. He stated this work has been put off for two years. Mayor Richetelli also pointed out this request came from the Downtown Merchant. He stated he also wished to clarify that granite curbs are

not planned. With regard to City Hall, Mayor Richetelli stated it certainly is not the Taj mahal, but it is a historic building. He stated the building was last renovated in 1986. He stated it is not extravagant work that is planned, but work that needs to be done to maintain the building and explained the details of the work. Mayor Richetelli stated there is a schedule in place and the work has already been put off for two years. He stated they needed to keep up with their building schedule and reiterated they were not being frivolous.

Ald. Vetro asked about the parking lot behind the old Harrison's building and commented there is no doubt it is in disrepair, but he was concerned most of that area is private restaurants and business.

Mr. Kolwicz explained the parking lot is mostly the city and what the lot encompasses.

Ald. Vetro stated he has seen private parking signs.

Mr. Kolwicz stated in front of the former Harrison's there was a 2-hr parking sign when Harrisons was located there. He stated when the building is sold it would likely go back. He stated everything you see back there is city property with the exception of Shoreline Mortgage.

Ald. Bier if there would be any additional parking spaces created with the paving.

Mr. Kolwicz replied no. He explained a while back they were able to gain some parking.

Ald. Blake commented about the parking area after a Friday or Saturday evening of festivities and asked about clean up.

Mr. Kolwicz responded the public works department works with Citrus and Archie Moores. He stated a lot of what you find back there is from travelers. He stated the two restaurants have been very good. Mr. Kolwicz also pointed out with the paving there could be some maintenance that could include some plantings in the area.

Chairman G. Smith stated it was very tempting to put this off, but knowing they have already been put off for sometimes it was important to move forward. He stated he believed this was the time to do it.

Ald. Veccharelli requested a 5-minute recess. The Board recessed at 11:10 p.m.

Chairman G. Smith reconvened the Board at 11:21 p.m.

By roll call vote, the motion carried 13 yes (Bevan, Bier, German, Goodrich, Hardiman, Joy, Patterson, G. Smith, P. Smith, Staneski, Veccharelli, Vetro, Vitali) and 1 no (Blake).

12a-4. Ald. Staneski and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve an Ordinance Appropriating \$3,025,000 for Replacement of the Buckingham Avenue Force Main and Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,025,000 bonds of the City to Meet said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance there of the Making of Temporary Borrowings for such Purpose.

Chairman G. Smith acknowledged the presence of Ray Macaluso of Westcott and Mapes for an update on the next two projects.

Mr. Macaluso explained the Board has approved the bonding back in April. He gave a brief summary regarding the two force mains, which have had two breaks recently and are over 25 years old.

Mayor Richetelli noted the correction and that the original estimate of \$3,025,000 was replacement of one. he stated this bonding was to replace two.

Ald. German asked how many bids had been received.

Mr. Macaluso responded there were 13 and that Complete Construction was the lowest bid. He stated they have done a lot of work in the city.

Ald. P. Smith asked the timeframe of the work, if it is approved.

Mr. Macaluso replied about one year, from Shadyside down Buckingham, past the bridge to Ettadore Place.

Ald. P. Smith asked if the DOT could delay the project in any way.

Mr. Macaluso explained this is all city funded. He stated they also have to use their pavement drain, but they are on board with the project.

Ald. Goodrich commented it was his understanding these pipes have broken at least five times.

Mr. Macaluso responded yes. He explained force mains generally last 100 years, but because they were not wrapped and the salt from the marsh impact them as well. He explained they will be poly wrapped and last for a long time.

Motion carried unanimously.

12a-5. Ald. Staneski and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve an Ordinance Appropriating \$2,623,500 for Rogers Avenue Pump Station and High Street Sewer Upgrades and Authorizing the Issuance of 2,623,500 Bonds of the City to meet said Appropriation and pending the Issuance thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose.

Mr. Macaluso explained this project is Rogers Avenue and 1500 linear feet. He stated it would also include an increase in size of the sewer main to 12". He continued with a lengthy explanation.

Ald. Veccharelli asked if High Street was the only street that would be torn up.

Mr. Macaluso replied yes, but it would just be for the 1500 feet of linear pipe.

Ald. Veccharelli asked how long it would take to come to fruition.

Mr. Macaluso explained it would be 4-6 weeks to go out to bid and then 6-8 weeks to construct.

Ald. Patterson stated the second priority on the Sewer Commission's list serves the people in his district. He asked if Brewster road to Merwin Avenue now moves up to number one.



Mayor Richetelli stated it has been included in the next CIP, which will come out before the end of the fiscal year.

Motion carried unanimously.

8i. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Cash Advance for Various School Improvements – 2010 (Foran High School – Phase III & Pumpkin Delight School – elevator). Motion carried unanimously.

8j. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the request for resolution Re: Milford Board of Education Concerning Pumpkin Delight Elementary School.

Ald. Patterson asked if this was a duplication of the previous item.

Mayor Richetelli explained item 8i is the Resolution which entrusts this project to the Permanent School Facilities Building Committee and allows the Board of Education to apply for reimbursement.

Motion carried unanimously.

8k. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Cash Advance for Various Public Improvements – 2010.

By roll call vote, the motion carried 13 yes (Bevan, Bier, German, Goodrich, Hardiman, Joy, Patterson, G. Smith, P. Smith, Staneski, Veccharelli, Vetro, Vitali) and 1 no (Blake).

8l. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Cash Advance for Rogers Avenue Pump Station and High Street Sewer Upgrades. Motion carried unanimously.

8m. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Cash Advance for Replacement of the Buckingham Avenue Force Main (Amended). Motion carried unanimously.

The Board recessed at 11:40 p.m.

Chairman G. Smith reconvened the Board at 11:43 p.m.

Ald. P. Smtih and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to add new business to the agenda as follows:

(a) Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer 5, Fund 10, FY 2009-2010.

(b) Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer No. 6, Fund 10, FY 2009-2010.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Budget Memo Transfers (New Business)

(a) Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer 5, Fund 10, FY 2009-2010. Motion carried unanimously.

(b) Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer No. 6, Fund 10, FY 2009-2010. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

(a) Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$19,521.25. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

- b. Public Safety and Welfare Committee – no report.
- c. Public Works Committee – no report.
- d. Claims Committee – no report.
- e. Rules Committee – no report.
- f. Personnel Committee – no report.

13. Report of Special Committees:

Chairman G. Smith noted the minutes of the following meetings are found on the city's web-site.

a. Liaison Sub-Committee – Board of Education – Ald. Vitali reported the BOE has met several times for board introductions and learning and budget sessions.

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

c. Liaison Sub-Committee – Park, Beach & Recreation Comm. – Ald. Bevan reported the Committee met on January 6, 2010 and that election of officers took place.

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 he and Ald. Staneski attended the meeting where election of officers took place. He also reported on agreements with the busing company for upcoming trips.

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 –

l. Golf Course Commission – no report.

m. Inland Wetlands Agency – no report.

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

o. Liaison Health Department – Ald. Vitali reported 29 clinics were held recently for the H1N1 vaccinations and that over 3100 have received inoculations.

p. Devon Revitalization Committee – no report.

q. Human Services Commission – Ald. Vetro announced anyone needing services should call the department. They also offer snow removal (shoveling), etc.

Ald. Staneski commented it was important the public know these agencies are available here in Milford and can assist our citizens.

r. Liaison Pension & Retirement Board – no report.

s. Milford Government Access Television (MGAT) – Chairman G. Smith reported he and Ald. Hardiman attended the meeting..

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. Vetro and Ald. Patterson moved to adjourn at 11:52 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber  
Recording Secretary