

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 9, 2007**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, April 9, 2007 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairperson T. Beirne called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. asking everyone present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked all those present to remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of Milford Police Officer Daniel Wasson on this 20th Anniversary of his death.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

P. Beckwith
T. Beirne
B. Bier
B. Blake
V. Ditchkus, Jr.
J. Garbus
B. Genovese
M. Hardiman
B. Lambert
J. Patterson
J. Politi
K. Rowland
J. Toohey
N. Veccharelli, Jr.
P. Vetro

Also Present

Mayor J. Richetelli, Jr.
J. O'Connell, Mayor's Admin. Asst.
A. Jepson, City Clerk
M. Lipton, City Attorney
J. Doneiko, Finance Director

Chairman Beirne deferred to Mayor Richetelli for a special presentation.

Mayor Richetelli stated he was honored tonight to a proclamation to a group of young ladies who have brought honor and dignity to our City. He spoke of how the Foran Cheerleaders competed and won the Class L Championships in cheerleading for the first time in the history of our City. He stated they went on to compete in the Regional Tournament in New Hampshire and were runner-ups. Mayor Richetelli read the proclamation issued by the Mayor's Office and introduced members of the team along with their coaches.

2. Public Statements

Public statements are limited to the legislative function of the Board of Aldermen. The time limit granted to each speaker shall be three minutes. Residents, taxpayers or electors may address the Board. Chairman Beirne also explained the Board does not respond to questions.

J. Prisco – 11 Riverdale Road – stated he was speaking regarding several items. First he spoke regarding Milford Academy and commented over \$50,000 was spent and expressed hope they were going to get some of that money. He also spoke regarding the situation in Devon commenting those people really need our help and

asked what we were waiting for. He stated he also has a problem on his street with water on his street. He stated the manhole is full and needs to be raised and pumped. He stated the water does not recede on his street.

R. Dunphey – E. Broadway – commented regarding the Foran Cheerleaders and their first state championship. He commented when you go to other schools they have a state championship flag. He stated Milford should have one too and that this should be looked into.

E. Tamas – 10 Wayland Court – stated he spoke last Wednesday regarding the Board of Education budget. He stated he saw many things that can be cut and that every year they appear before this Board and say “something is going to be cut”. One year it was athletics and this year Agro. He also asked about an English program “Fairy Tales and Myths” and also a Mystery class about women and then they have lengthy discussions. He asked why not cut these two programs and wondered how many would protest if these were cut. He stated the BOE uses parents and students like puppets. He asked which Board members wants to tell our citizens their taxes are going up and that they can’t stay in their homes. He reiterated he did not understand these types of courses that fall under English and asked for an explanation. He asked the Board to take a good, hard look at the budget and emphasized it needs to be cut. He also spoke regarding the teacher/student ratio. He also commented the favorite word of the BOE is “mandate”.

C. Montelbano – 11 Revere Place – submitted through the Chair articles regarding the recent hire of a new Superintendent of Schools.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on March 5, 2007.

Ald. Genovese and Ald. Ditchkus moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion carried as unanimously.

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

None.

5. Chairman’s Report and Communications.

Chairman Beirne stated he has the duty of appointing people to the committee called Permanent Schools Building Committee. He stated due to the resignation of Joseph DellaMonica, Sr. from the Permanent Schools Building Committee he was appointing Raymond G. Vitali, 48 Founders Way to this Committee.

Mr. Jepson swore in Mr. Vitali.

Chairman Beirne reported he received a letter from the Veterans Foreign War who will be hosting the 2007 Memorial Day Parade that will be held on May 27, 2007. He read the list of events to be held that day and commented it is a wonderful way to recognize our veterans.

Ald. Vetro stated he attended the Police Commission meeting earlier this evening. He reported a special ceremony would be held on Thursday, April 12, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at Police Headquarters. He also noted there would be a breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations.

Mayor Richetelli stated he was respectfully submitting for consideration items 8a-8l and that he would be happy to discuss each one as they come up. He also commented there were several people from various Boards and Commissions in the City that could answer any questions the Board may have. He also reported the City received a special plaque for their outstanding efforts to build a disaster area and explained the citation.

7. Unfinished Business:

None.

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

8a. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Vetro moved to approve the request for Resolution RE; Milford Board of Education concerning Jonathan Law High School (Phase III Additions, Alterations, and Energy Conservation). Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Vetro moved to approve the request for Resolution Re: Milford Board of Education concerning Joseph A. Foran High School (Phase III Additions and Alterations).

Ald. Toohey asked for clarification as to what was discussed. She stated she was concerned with the completion of Plan II and the staircase at Foran and also regarding the daycare center and what that means.

Mayor Richetelli deferred to Mr. P. Russell and Mr. Cummings, both of whom were present.

Mr. Russell explained they are currently working on Phase II at Foran High School and the work has been awarded and will begin this summer and completed this fall. He stated the work includes the staircase. He explained part of Phase II includes the architect/engineers design fees for Phase III. He also spoke regarding the Child Development Center and noted it is close to the loading dock and has caused some problems and there is a need to move that center to another part of the building.

Ald. Toohey thanked them for the clarification. She stated it was her further understanding this is a pre-school type program where the students at the school actually receive training and inter-act with the children.

Mr. Cummings explained there is a lab that is connected to the Child Development classes. He stated it is also practical work with the students.

Ald. Genovese referred to Jonathan Law concerning energy conservation and Foran and read the differences and asked why?

Mr. Russell asked if she was referring to Phase III. He stated they don't need to be separated out by the State and that they didn't have plans for that in Phase III at Foran.

Ald. Genovese spoke of the economy and reval and noted they are basing figures on the 2014-2015 enrollment for Phase III. She asked what would happen if those numbers changed.

Mr. Cummings noted the projections show a decrease. He stated the facilities are not able to hold current enrollment. He explained in the 1970's when the schools were built there were no special education classes, computer classrooms. He stated the projects are based on 1,100 students, which is the capacity the state allows for full reimbursement.

Mr. Beckwith noted the two high schools are in need of major upgrades and that it is time to do it. He stated the economy is tough but we can't let the infrastructure go any longer. He stated he agreed with Ald. Genovese regarding the enrollment figures but he would rather have room for potential growth. He stated he fully supports the investment to the two high schools.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

None.

10. Budget Memo Transfers:

- a. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Vetro moved to approve consideration of Budget Memo Transfer #11, Fund 10, FY 2006-2007.
- b. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Vetro moved to approve consideration of Budget Memo Transfer #12, Fund 10, FY 2006-2007. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds:

- a. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Vetro moved to approve consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$32,054.60. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

a. Ordinance Committee – Ald. Ditchkus reiterated what the Mayor had stated earlier about some Ordinances that would be coming forward. He also spoke regarding an article requesting an Ordinance for banning hunting south of the Post Road. He stated only DEP can control where hunting is allowed and not allowed but that concerns could be addressed through the Police Department and through DEP.

b. Public Safety and Welfare Committee – Ald. Garbus stated they are now looking for funding for the mailing of the poster put together.

c. Public Works Committee – no report

d. Claims Committee –

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.
- 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. Toohey spoke regarding the divider at the senior center as discussed earlier. She thanked the Board for working with the senior citizens and finally after 30 years replacing that divider.

- 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 – Housing Authority – no report
- l. Golf Course Commission – no report
- m. Inland Wetlands Agency

n. Milford Academy Community Campus Bldg. Committee – Ald. Beckwith reported a contractor had been selected and that they hoped to get started in march after the permitting process.

- o. Courthouse Expansion Committee – no report
- p. Liaison Health Department

q. Education Funding Committee – Ald. Politi reported the next meeting would be held on March 14, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in City Hall.

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. Rowland moved to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Board Secretary