

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 11, 2011**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, July 11, 2011 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman G. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:33 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 those men and women serving our country.

**1. Roll Call**

Board Members Present

B. Bevan  
B. Blake  
D. German  
F. Goodrich  
A. Giannattasio  
M. Hardiman  
B. Joy, Jr.  
J. Patterson (7:50 p.m.)  
G. Smith  
P. Smith  
N. Veccharelli  
P. Vetro  
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor J. Richetelli, Jr.  
P. Erodici, Acting Finance Director  
L. Bull DiLullo, Mayor's Admin. Asst.

Excused

B. Bier  
P. Staneski

Mayor Richetelli stated it was an honor and privilege to honor a group of people who have brought great honor and dignity to the City of Milford. He introduced the Foran High School Girls Softball team winners of the Class L State Championship. In addition he stated they won their division, the Hammonasset Division and were named the #1 softball team in the State of Connecticut. Mayor Richetelli stated on behalf of the City of Milford and Board of Aldermen he was proud to issue a proclamation. He stated the City should be proud of the accomplishment of these young ladies. He went on to read the proclamation and then introduced each of the players and their coaching staff. Mayor Richetelli thanked all of the parents of their support of the softball team and also acknowledged members of the Foran Sports Booster Club, along with Foran High School's Athletic Director, Anthony Vitelli.

**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.

N. Aguilar – 9 Nicole Drive – spoke regarding the lack of a noise Ordinance in the City of Milford. She went on to describe a scenario in her neighborhood for the Board to contemplate. She stated she is a law abiding

citizen and that she was asking the Board why they would do in her situation. She asked the Board when this will change and something will be done about a noise Ordinance.

Chairman G. Smith explained the rules of the Board of Aldermen which prohibits dialogue with the public during this time. He stated her aldermen would be willing to speak with her tonight after the meeting or at another time.

B. Wright – 20 South Street – stated she is also known as “Mother Nature”. She passed out a handout to the Board members. She stated it was time for a new name of the City’s Plan of Conservation and Development, which she stated should be called, the “City’s Promise to the total Environment: The Plan of Conservation and Sustainability. She asked that the “D” work a/k/a “Development” be taken out. She also spoke regarding a “freedom lawn. Ms. Wright also spoke about the need for transparency and integrity in our City. She also spoke about Ann Berman and that applications were not being accepted for the annual lawn award. Ms. Wright told the Board it was important they take what she was saying seriously and that she would be back each and every month until Election Day.

J. Prisco – 11 Riverdale Road – stated he would like to see an Ordinance passed regarding political signs. She spoke personally of when he ran for office and many of his signs were stolen.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on June 6, 2011.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 6, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on June 27, 2011.

Tabled to next month.

5. Consideration of Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Budget Deliberations held on April 7, April 11, April 14, April 25, April 28 and May 19, 2011.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve Budget Deliberations held on April 7, April 11, April 14, April 25, April 28 and May 19, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Chairman’s Report – Chairman G. Smith stated he hoped everyone was enjoying the summer and the beautiful beaches, trails and parks in Milford.

6. Mayor’s Report and Recommendations (6a-c):

Mayor Richetelli stated he would respectfully ask for the Board’s action regarding items 8a and 8d and that he would be happy to discuss each as they come up on the agenda.

6a. Mayor Richetelli informed the Board of the retirement of Recreation Director William (Bill) McCarthy. He stated Director McCarthy has served the City of Milford in many capacities since 1979 and faithfully served in a fulltime capacity in the Recreation Department for more than 20 years, the last 6 plus years as the Recreation Director. He wished Mr. McCarthy a long and happy, healthy retirement.

Mayor Richetelli stated he was pleased to inform the Board he has appointed Paul Piscitelli to the position of Recreation Supervisor in accordance with Article V, Section 5(c)(2) of the Charter of the City of Milford. He stated Mr. Piscitelli began his employment with the Recreation Department in 1980 and has been a fulltime Recreation Supervisor for 18 years.

6b. Mayor Richetelli reported he was pleased to once again announce the City of Milford has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). He stated this is the highest form of recognition. He extended congratulations to former Finance Director Judy Doneiko, Acting Finance Director Peter Erodici, Jr. and all of the members of the Finance Department for this outstanding achievement.

6c. Mayor Richetelli informed the Board Single Stream Recycling would begin on August 1, 201, with the new carts being distributed next week. He deferred to Robbie Silver of the SMART Committee and former State Representative Barbara Lambert for a report regarding the program.

Mrs. Silver thanked the Mayor and the Board for the opportunity to speak. She stated she was very excited for the start of this new program. She went provided a brief summary of those items that can and cannot go into the bin. She stated it is most important that residents understand that no garbage can ever to into the bins. She distributed to the aldermen a handout which included many of those items.

Ald. Vetro asked about old telephone books and catalogues.

Mrs. Silver stated CRRA is saying no right now for telephone books.

Mrs. Lambert added telephone books can be dropped off at the old SNET building located on High Street.

Ald. Blake stated he had concerns for those individuals with physical challenges.

Mrs. Silver explained how they looked at various types and brands. She stated the bin is on wheels which makes it easy to handle. She also stated her 86 year old neighbor was able to handle the bin, as well as a 6 year old.

Ald. Blake asked if a two-family home would receive one or two bins.

Mrs. Silver stated she would check with CRRA.

Mayor Richetelli stated homes larger than a two-family have their garbage picked up by a commercial hauler. He stated it was his understanding two-family dwellings would receive only one bin.

Mrs. Silver added that private haulers were obligated to abide by the new recycling rules. She also noted other towns that have gone to the single stream recycling and decided on the smaller bin are now finding they wished they had gone to the larger bin.

Chairman G. Smith asked the difference between the various plastics and how you know which can go into the bin. He stated plastic bags are not allowed, but the interior of a cereal box is.

Mrs. Silver stated plastic grocery type bags are not allowed.

Mrs. Lambert pointed out food can sometimes remain on plastic type bags. She stated the goal is to keep trash as clean as possible.

Ald. Bevan asked if the current “blue” binds are recyclable and if those bins would be recycled.

Mrs. Silver responded she was not sure at this point.

Ald. Bevan asked what happens if the new bin is stolen and how he would get a replacement and if there is a cost.

Mrs. Silver stated she was not sure, but that she would get an answer.

Ald. Vitali asked what happens if the cover blows open and the contents get wet and whether or not it would still be picked up.

Mrs. Silver and Mrs. Lambert both responded yes, it would still be collected.

Chairman G. Smith thanked Mrs. Silver and Mrs. Lambert for their time and coming to speak before the Board.

Mrs. Lambert thanked the SMART Committee. She also thanked the Board of Aldermen and noted they are making history by going to this system. She stated the city should see a savings in their solid waste next year. She expressed her hope everyone would take this seriously and reiterated it is an opportunity to save money for the taxpayer.

Mayor Richetelli thanked both Mrs. Silver and Mrs. Lambert for their work. He stated Mrs. Silver has worked very hard on the educational piece of this new program. He also thanked the senior citizens who worked so hard to stuff thousands of bags. He also acknowledged the Sanitation Supervisor Dan Hooks for his efforts. Mayor Richetelli stated come August 1 the program would be in full swing.

#### 7. Unfinished Business:

None.

#### 8. New Business (from the Mayor’s Report Items 8a-8d):

8a. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the Resolution RE: Freezing of Sick Leave Benefit Payout for Paul Piscitelli, Recreation Director. Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution RE: Grant Application for Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan.

Ald. Blake stated in the body it says \$50,000; however the words state “fifty”.

Mayor Richetelli stated it was a typographical error and would be corrected.

Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution RE: Authorization for Mayor to Execute Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Use of Federal Fiscal Year 2010 State Homeland Security Grant Funding and Custodial Ownership of Regional Assets in DEMHS Region 2. Motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the request to authorize the City of Milford to accept funds from the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) as reimbursement for training with the Regional Haz-Mat Team and to authorize the Finance Director to deposit these funds in the Emergency Management Performance Grant account to be used for this purpose. Motion carried unanimously.

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

None.

10. Budget Memo Transfers

None.

11. Refunds

None.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

a. Ordinance Committee – no report.

b. Public Safety and Welfare Committee – no report.

c. Public Works Committee – Ald. Joy reported at the last meeting they discussed the recycling bins. He reported they have arrived and have been assembled. He also reported regarding the Gulf Beach restoration and that they are waiting on DEP and that the project should move forward shortly.

d. Claims Committee – no report.

e. Rules Committee – no report.

f. Personnel Committee – no report.

13. Report of Special Committees:

a. Liaison Sub-Committee – Board of Education – no report.

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

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

- d. Liaison Sub-Committee – Planning & Zoning Board – no report.
- e. Liaison Sub-Committee – Sewer Commission – no report.
- f. Liaison Sub-Committee – Harbor Management Commission – no report.
- g. Liaison – Council on Aging – no report.
- h. Permanent School Facility Building Committee – no report.
  
- i. Liaison Sub-Committee – Library Board – Ald. P. Smith announced the Friends of the Library would be having a book sale on July 18 & 19, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. She stated the their next meeting would be August 1, 2011.
  
- j. Liaison Sub-Committee – Fowler Memorial building – no report
- k. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership – no report.
- l. Golf Course Commission – no report.
- m. Inland Wetlands Agency – no report.
- n. Liaison Health Department – no report.
- o. Devon Revitalization Committee – no report.
- p. Human Services Commission – no report.
- q. Liaison Pension & Retirement Board – no report.
- r. Milford Government Access Television (MGAT) – 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.

Being no further business to discuss, Ald. Vetro and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber  
Recording Secretary