

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 3, 2011**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, October 3, 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. Bier  
B. Blake  
D. German  
F. Goodrich  
A. Giannattasio  
B. Joy, Jr.  
G. Smith  
P. Smith  
P. Staneski  
N. Veccharelli  
P. Vetro  
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor J. Richetelli, Jr.  
P. Erodict, Finance Director  
L. Bull DiLullo, Mayor's Admin. Asst.  
L. Stock, City Clerk  
W. Smith, City Attorney

Excused

M. Hardiman  
J. Patterson

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

Mayor Richetelli stated October is breast cancer awareness month. He asked State Representative Kim Rose to join him at the podium for a special proclamation. Mayor Richetelli also introduced someone he stated who is a hero to so many people. He stated he was pleased to introduce Mary Wasil Nilan, the founder of the "Get In Touch Foundation". Mayor Richetelli continued by reading a proclamation and announcing October 21, 2011 as get your pink on day.

State Representative Kim Rose stated as a member of the State of Connecticut and resident of the City of Milford she couldn't be prouder. She went on to read a citation from the State of Connecticut, General Assembly declaring October as National Breast/Health Awareness month.

Ms. Wasil Nilan thanked the Mayor and Ms. Rose. She stated she is very proud to be a member of this community. She went on to speak about the Get In Touch Foundation, which she commented is like a child to her. She spoke about the Daisy Wheel which began in 2009 and can be found in 46 states. She also stated the Get In Touch Foundation has an international program. She went on to speak personally and her own battle with breast cancer.

## 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.

T. Beirne – 55 Bayshore Drive – gave a personal account of his life. He went on to speak about the comparisons of two very different mayors, Lisman and Richetelli. He spoke about his times with the late Mayor Lisman and the kind of mayor he was. He stated with Richetelli as mayor taxes went up. He continued speaking regarding some personal stories of him and both men. He stated with the election coming up it was time to give the other side a chance.

R. Frank – 44 Lexington Way North – stated he is the Chairman of the Milford Independents Committee here in Milford. He stated as of last week people have been reading in the newspapers articles regarding pensions in Milford. He stated he has received numerous calls regarding this. He also spoke regarding agenda item 8f, which he stated is the sale of more bonds. He stated it was time to reform the current pensions in the city, adding that people are collecting way more than they put into it.

J. Levitz – 44 Point Beach Drive – stated that is where he usually lives, but after Irene, he is residing at 2 Paris Street. He stated he wanted to thank the aldermen who voted to waive the fees. He stated he has over \$150,000 worth of damage to his house and that he has received only \$4,000 from his insurance company. He also pointed out those fees will be coming out of his pocket.

R. Dunphey – 109 Broadway – asked why we can't worship God in the schools and also why students aren't allowed to pray in school. He also thanked the aldermen who will be leaving and congratulated the new mayor, whoever he will be. He also thanked Ald. Staneski. He asked the Board to speak their own mind and to speak the truth.

B. Anderson – 194 Cherry Street – stated he is proud our community recognizes our seniors with the Milford Living Treasure Award. He continued on by reading some of those names. He stated he believes all of Milford's seniors are living treasurers and that they are hard working. He also recognized the Milford Senior Center and the fine work they do there. He spoke of the Ordinances in place for our seniors, specifically a recent ordinance authorized by Ald. Ben Blake. Mr. Anderson asked the Board to consider putting into place another task group to look into more tax relief for our seniors.

L. Berggren – 59 James Street – stated she is the owner of 59 James Street and has submitted a request to purchase the property adjacent to her home. She stated they have used this space for over 24 years and that they keep it clean and that she would ask the Board to approve this request.

J. Prisco – 11 Riverdale Road – thanked the Board for their service over the last two years. He expressed his hope to see whoever is back and extended good luck to those leaving the Board. He also extended a thank you to Ald. Veccharelli for taking the time to come and see the fence.

P. Staneski – 35 Point Lookout – spoke regarding the mayor and the comments made by her 5<sup>th</sup> district constituent. She stated it is the former mayor who got the schools into the trouble they are now by saying no.

She stated the difference between that mayor and our current mayor is that the former mayor held the purse strings too tightly.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on September 12, 2011.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 12, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

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

None.

5. Chairman's Report – Chairman G. Smith noted Election Day is November 8. He also stated the Veterans Day parade would be held November 6, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. beginning at City Hall.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

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

7. Unfinished Business:

(Tabled Item 12a.1 of the August 1, 2011 meeting). An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 2, Article V., Division 2, Section 2-90 and 2-91, and substituting Chapter 2, Article V, Division 2, Section 2-90 through 2-92.5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford.

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

8a. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the appointment of (R) John J. Vaccino, Jr., 15 Barberry Court, 06461, to fill a vacancy as an Alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Term to expire 12/31/13. Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the appointment of (R) Gary DuBois, 83 Knobb Hill Road, 06460 to fill a vacancy as an Alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Term to expire 12/31/12. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Linda Stock swore in Mr. Vaccino and Mr. DuBois.

8c. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the request to Amend the City of Milford Capital Improvement Plan 2011-2016 (as adopted by the Board of Aldermen on August 1, 2011) to add the project: Police Department – UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply). Motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the request to authorize the Public Works Director and the Purchasing Agent to dispose of obsolete and unusable equipment as listed on the memo from the Public Works Director Bruce Kolwicz dated September 27, 2011.

Ald. Joy commented as the Chairman of the Public Works Committee that he had an opportunity to view this equipment. He stated it is only valuable for the value of its metal and that the City has gotten all the use out of the equipment it possible could.

Motion carried unanimously.

8e. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the Resolution RE: Acceptance of Reimbursement Funds from Connecticut DEEP Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) and Cash Advance Related to Fire Department Hazardous Material Response and Mitigation Purposes.

Mayor Richetelli explained this program is run through the former DEP now DEEP. He stated several years ago there was a gasoline leak at Pilot Truck stop. He stated the clean up was completed but they were still required to have various inspections. Mayor Richetelli stated in this case since it was a hazardous waste they declared we could make purchases for haz mat cleanup materials. Instead of going back to the State it is coming to the community.

Motion carried unanimously.

8f. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution RE: With Respect to the Authorization, Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding \$10,000,000 City of Milford General Obligation Refunding Bonds.

Chairman G. Smith asked the Mayor to provide a general explanation.

Mayor Richetelli stated he would be happy to provide a general explanation. He acknowledged the presence of Matt Spoerndle, the City's financial advisor. Mayor Richetelli explained when strategically advantageous the city looks to restructure its debt and take advantage of low market conditions. He stated the city has seen a \$550,000 savings by doing this and that they constantly watch the markets.

Ald. Joy asked if the maturity dates are extended.

Mayor Richetelli replied no.

Motion carried unanimously.

8g. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the sale of a City owned parcel on James Street known as Map 27, Block 455, Parcel 18 (request of Elizabeth Berggren, 59 James Street) as follows: 1) sale will be to the highest bidder with a minimum price of not less than the appraised value as listed on the Assessor's Records; 2) bidding will be limited to adjoining property owners only; 3) the parcel cannot be used as a separate building lot nor combined with any other property to create a new building lot, but many only be combined or merged with adjoining property to increase the size of the adjoining lots. (Adjacent property owners notified).

Ald. Goodrich stated he did not see the value of selling this piece of City property. He stated during high tide most of this lot is under water.

Ald. Blake commented he looked at the recommendation and then went to the site. He stated he did not see any issue with the selling of this lot, but what struck him was that the Planning & Zoning Board did not take up this item.

Mayor Richetelli referenced CGS 8-24 stating the sale of City property falls under this statute. He stated this item first went to the Planning and Zoning Board and then to this Board. He continued with an explanation of the notification process. He stated around May 17, 2011 he sent this request to the Planning and Zoning Chair and the City Planner. Mayor Richetelli stated in August he received no response so he sent another e-mail to remind them their 35 day window had passed under the Statute and that it was deemed to be approved.

Ald. Veccharelli stated it was his understanding this matter is currently scheduled for the Planning and Zoning Board's next meeting.

Mayor Richetelli replied that was not correct. He explained it was on their September agenda and they did not act on it, adding that letter is included in the Board's package. Mayor Richetelli also stated he has made it clear to the Planning and Zoning Board that they need to act on these matters in the timeframe allowed.

By roll call vote, the matter carried 12 yes (Bevan, Bier, Blake, German, Giannattasio, Joy, G. Smtih, P. Smith, Staneski, Veccharelli, Vetro, Vitali) and 1 no (Goodrich).

8h. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the sale of a City owned parcel on Harriett Avenue known as Map 25, Block 216, Parcel 16 (request of Alice M. Astriab) as follows: 1) sale will be to the highest bidder with a minimum price of not less than the appraised value as listed on the Assessor's Records; 2) bidding will be limited to adjoining property owners only; 3) the parcel cannot be used as a separate building lot nor combined with any other property to create a new building lot, but may only be combined or merged with adjoining property to increase the size of the adjoining lots. (Adjacent property owners notified). Motion carried unanimously.

## 9. New Business

Ald. Joy and P. Smith made and seconded a motion to add New Business to the agenda, specifically A Resolution Urging the Planning and Zoning Board to Adopt a Tabled Proposal that Seeks to Provide Relief to Milford Residents Whose Properties Have Been Severely Damaged by Tropical Storm Irene. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ald. Joy read the Resolution. He along with the Resolution is the Mayor's proposed Resolution that went to the Planning and Zoning board. Ald. Joy asked his fellow members to consider this and urged the Planning and Zoning Board to consider this.

Ald. Blake stated at the present time there is nothing tabled by the Planning and Zoning Board and in fact there was a public hearing held on September 26, 2011.

Ald. Joy stated the Mayor's Resolution is currently tabled.

Ald. Blake stated there was a public hearing held which means they would take the matter up at their next meeting. He stated he is in agreement with the concept, but that he is aware there were some adjustments to the original proposal. Ald. Blake also stated he is in agreement with helping folks, but reiterated there was a public hearing for this.

Ald. Joy thanked his fellow aldermen for joining him and supporting this Resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### 10. Budget Memo Transfers

None.

#### 11. Refunds

a) Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$13,251.93. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 12. Report of Standing Committees:

a. Ordinance Committee – no report.

b. Public Safety and Welfare Committee – no report.

c. Public Works Committee – Ald. German reported regarding the SMART recycling. He stated the single-stream recycling has been fully implemented and that it is going extremely well. He stated if residents have any questions they can go to the web site [www.milfordrecycles.com](http://www.milfordrecycles.com). He stated there have been some common mistakes such as people placing plastic bags in the recycling bins. He reminded people not to put plastic in the recycling bins as well as telephone books, pizza boxes and black plastic.

d. Claims Committee – no report.

e. Rules Committee – no report.

f. Personnel Committee – no report.

#### 13. Report of Special Committees:

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

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

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

d. Liaison Sub-Committee – Planning & Zoning Board – no report.

e. Liaison Sub-Committee – Sewer Commission – no report.

f. Liaison Sub-Committee – Harbor Management Commission – no report.

g. Liaison – Council on Aging – no report.

h. Permanent School Facility Building Committee – no report.

i. Liaison Sub-Committee – Library Board – no report.

- j. Liaison Sub-Committee – Fowler Memorial building – no report
- k. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership – 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. German and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber  
Recording Secretary