

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 4, 2010**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, October 4, 2010 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman G. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 our men and women serving our country and their families.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

B. Bevan  
B. Bier  
B. Blake  
D. German  
A. Giannattasio  
F. Goodrich  
B. Joy, Jr.  
J. Patterson  
G. Smith  
P. Smtih  
P. Staneski  
N. Veccharelli  
P. Vetro  
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor J. Richetelli, Jr.  
Winthrop S. Smith, Jr., City Attorney  
Linda Stock, City Clerk  
L. DiLullo, Mayor's Admin. Asst.

Excused

M. Hardiman

Ald. Vetro reported Ald. Hardiman is recovery and resting comfortably and sends his best to the Board.

Chairman G. Smith deferred to the Mayor for a presentation.

Mayor Richetelli stated he wished to issue a proclamation on behalf of the citizens of Milford. He announced October is breast cancer month and was happy to have here tonight Maryann Nilan and Suzanne Manning from Get In Touch Foundation several years ago by Ms. Nilan. Mayor Richetelli went on to read the proclamation.

Ms. Nilan thanked the Mayor and the Board for their support. She stated she was pleased to have her assistant, Mary Alice Manning distribute a Get in Touch pamphlet and wheel and stated she is the reason this foundation exists. Ms. Nilan stated she will be 6 years cancer free on October 13, 2010. She went on to explain the program that is now worldwide. She stated the message is to change the world one day at a time and encourage girls to understand and recognize their bodies. She stated they do this through education and focus on health.

Chairman G. Smith recognized Ald. Vetro and Ald. Blake for two additional presentations.

Ald. Vetro recognized the "Get in Touch Foundation" with a proclamation from Governor M. Jodie Rell and went on to read the proclamation.

Ald. Blake stated he had a proclamation on behalf of the Connecticut General Assembly, local delegation of State Representatives' Richard Roy, Paul Davis and Barbara Lambert and State Senator Gayle Slossberg. He went on to read the citation and thanked both Ms. Nilan and Ms. Manning for their dedication.

Chairman G. Smith thanked both women on behalf of his sister who is struggling with cancer herself.

## 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. Ald. G. Smith thanked the public for taking the time to address their Board of Aldermen.

R. Dunphy – 1009 East Broadway – stated he had several questions. He stated he wanted to know what the profits were from the Oyster Festival and where they went. He stated he also wanted to know how much money the Oyster Festival made this year and how much the City was being reimbursed.

Chairman G. Smith explained the aldermanic rules prohibit the Board from responding to questions and suggested he speak to his alderman after the meeting.

Mr. Dunphy also spoke regarding the number of students in the school district and the declining enrollment. He expressed his hope the Board would answer his questions.

S. Fontana – 28 Overlook Drive – stated on September 26, 2010 at noontime, she and her 11 year old nephew were attacked by a dog. She stated the attack was a mauling and not a bite and release incident. Reading from a prepared statement she stated the dog continued to attack her while on a leash that had been released by the dog's owner. She stated both she and her nephew sustained severe injuries; however the dog owner was not issued a summons for the incident. Ms. Fontana stated the dog is currently quarantined and due to be released on October 10, 2010. She stated she is a dog lover and owner with years of experience in handling dogs. She stated this dog is not socialized nor supervised. She explained the dog is tied up with no water. She stated she is very concerned with the release of the dog. She also pointed out the location of where this dog is held is near a school and that school age children pass this home on their way to school. She stated she was looking for the protocol as to his situation and what recourse she has.

M. Belardi – 24 Overlook Drive – stated she witnessed the attack of an 11 year old boy by a pit bull. She stated she saw the boy's aunt run to help, but she was attacked as well. Ms. Belardi expressed her hope the Board of Aldermen could somehow help their neighborhood as this dog will be released very soon. She stated the dog should not be allowed to come back to the neighborhood. She also stated she was fearful for the children and crossing guard who are at risk when passing by this house.

R. Carlberg – 144 Maplewood Avenue – stated his wife spoke before the Board last month concerning a tree that needed to be removed. He questioned the process he had to go through to get this tree removed stating he had to go through several departments before something was done. He asked what would happen if he had another problem and asked if he would have to go through this same process again calling numerous departments before something gets done. Mr. Carlberg stated he also wished to complain about handicapped

parking spaces in Milford. He stated it is impossible to get out of his van at the public works department because the space does not qualify as a handicapped space. He stated more handicapped spaces are needed around City Hall as well. He stated he has been told it could be done, but nothing has happened. He stated the slogan "A Small City with a Big Heart" should be changed to "A City that can't do anything for you and Don't Bother Asking". He stated his last comment concerned the audio system in City Hall and stated it was hard to hear in the back of the room.

B. Poutray – 25 Willow Street – stated he is the Chairman of the Conservation Commission. He stated he was pleased to announce a conservation of the year awards. He stated there would be several categories and cited as a few conservation leader, youth conservation, conservationist of the year, just to name a few. He stated he was asking the residents of Milford to nominate those citizens by going to [www.milfordopenspace.org](http://www.milfordopenspace.org) and voting. He emphasized there would be no cost to Milford. He also encouraged all Milford citizens to attend the public hearing of the Plan of Conservation and Development on October 5, 2010 in City Hall.

D. Guaglianone – 73 Cooper Avenue – stated he is a member of the Cable Advisory Board for Milford. He stated he wished to speak tonight concerning an observation of an unsafe area he has seen over the years. He stated the area at River Street and West River Street is very dangerous to pedestrians crossing. He proposed a caution sign be placed at the location as well as a speed bump to slow traffic. He also suggested getting rid of the three parking spaces in that area, which make visibility of an oncoming vehicle very difficult.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on September 13, 2010.

Ald. Patterson and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 13, 2010 as presented. 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 commented he hoped the citizens of Milford were enjoying the changing seasons in our beautiful city.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Richetelli stated he would respectfully ask the Board's consideration for item 8a on the agenda. He also stated he wished to make the Board aware of item 6a. He announced Milford had once again been recognized as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People by America's Promise Alliance. He stated there would be an official celebration held on October 12, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. at which time a special announcement would be made.

7. Unfinished Business:

None.

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

8a. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the request to enter into the Connecticut Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force memorandum of Understanding Between the Department of Public Safety Connecticut State Police and the Milford Police Department and to authorize the Mayor to execute said memorandum of Understanding.

Chairman G. Smith asked the Mayor to expound upon this.

Mayor Richetelli stated the City has been a member of this task force since 2001, which is a part of the State Police. He explained this came about with the increase of internet use. He stated with that unfortunately come crimes against children. He stated there is no dollar amount attached and that this agreement just allows the City to participate with the task force.

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

None.

11. Refunds

(a) Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$20,118.68. 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 –no report

d. Claims Committee – Ald. Vitali reported the Committee met earlier in the evening to discuss one claim.

Ald. Vitali and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of employee Thomas Csugi (PPD Award) in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Rules Committee – no meeting.

f. Personnel Committee – no meeting.

13. Report of Special Committees. Chairman G. Smith noted the minutes of the following Committees can be found on the city's web-site or are available at the next meeting. He stated if any liaison would like to give a report on the following committees, they may do so.

- a. Liaison Sub-Committee – Board of Education
- 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 – Ald. Blake reported he received correspondence from the Commander of the America's Veterans, Eric Muth, who has asked to have an educational museum to display medals, uniforms, etc. Ald. Blake stated they would like to start fundraising and applying for grants and would like a response from the Board.

Chairman G. Smith stated he could contact the group or suggested Ald. Blake could do so as well.

- 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
- r. Milford Government Access Television (MGAT)

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. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber  
Recording Secretary