

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2008**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, October 6, 2008 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman B. Blake called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. welcoming everyone. Chairman Blake recognized Community Development Director, Bob Gregory and asked him to lead those present in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

J. Blacketter
B. Blake
V. Ditchkus, Jr.
A. Giannattasio
B. Lambert
S. Manning
R. Nunno
J. Toohey
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali
S. Willey

Also Present

Mayor J. Richetelli, Jr.
J. O'Connell, Mayor's Admin. Asst.
A. Jepson, City Clerk
M. Case, City Attorney

Excused

M. Hardiman
J. Patterson

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.

L. Flannigan – 38 Prospect Street – stated she wished to speak regarding three issues. Reading from a prepared statement she spoke of her support of Planning and Zoning meetings being televised and that it is working toward open government, democracy. She stated she was also speaking as a member of the Milford Preservation Trust concerning the John Downs House and that it should be spared; and finally she spoke as to the two Ordinances on the agenda concerning pay raises and that the timing was not good.

R. Dunphey – 1110 East Broadway – spoke regarding the Public Works Department and a particular individual who was told they needed to be seen by a professional. He continued his remarks concerning treatment of some employees in that department and that there is an “A” team and a “B” team there and in his opinion it affects how they are treated. She also spoke regarding the school system and how for years they continue to just patch the roofs of the schools.

R. Gregory – 14 Manor House Lane – stated he is the Director of Economic and Community Development for the City. He stated he was here tonight to recognize the City and was pleased to report the City had won

“NEEDA” for project of the year. He explained the award for design selected from 11 states from Maine to Washington, DC and that Milford won for the Milford Crossing project. He went on to explain the program. He stated he had other presents for the Board and spoke as to the “SEDS” program and finally that he had hats for the members of the Board, which help to promote Milford.

Chairman Blake extended congratulations and kudos on the recognition.

S. Shaw – 39 Point Beach Drive – spoke as to an urban workshop she recently attending. She spoke as to the Milford Progress, Inc. and that recently a sub-committee had been formed from that group called “Wayfinding Working Group”. She explained the work of the group and their mission to assist visitors that come into Milford and residents with directional signage into Milford. She continued reading from a prepared statement (attached). She stated she was looking for the Board’s help in going in the direction of help for downtown.

S. Ashelford – 45 James Street – read a letter (attached) concerning Milford Progress, Inc. and its work and stated she was seeking answers to her questions.

N. Seltzer – 74 Camden Street – spoke as to the \$10,000 award given by the State of Connecticut with the help of Jim Amann to support the continuation of Devon Day. Reading from a prepared statement she spoke as to civic interaction and how it is critical to a functioning society. She stated she would be available throughout the evening if anyone had any questions.

F. Goodrich – 70 Regent Terrace – stated he is a member of the Planning and Zoning Board. He spoke concerning item 8h on the agenda and that he had questions concerning the monies to pay for this. He also commented regarding the Downs House and that he didn’t have personal thoughts about it, but that the \$400,000 for the purchase came from the Planning and Zoning Open Space Account. He also commented regarding the Capital Improvement Plan and addressed several items. Naugatuck Avenue and the flooding in that area and that the new bricks placed in 2002 were being destroyed from all of the flooding. He addressed Gulf Street concerning the funding of the sidewalk project and also the fire department and their need for minor repairs to the tower at Station 1 and that they have been asking for these monies for repairs for some time and that the training tower is required by ISO. He also spoke as to the requests from the police and fire departments for upgrades for their communications but that it is not in the Capital Improvement Plan and finally he stated he also wanted lower taxes as he was promised.

R. Frank – 44 Lexington Way North – stated he is the independent candidate running for office and a small business owner. He stated Milford should do whatever it can to afford Milford business wherever they can. He stated he previously addressed the Ordinance Committee concerning the raises and that it was not good timing.

D. Miller – 30 Orange Avenue – stated he wished to speak concerning the open burning Ordinance. He expressed his disappointment it had been pulled from the agenda. Reading from a prepared statement he spoke as to the safety, economic and health issues. He also addressed concern in his statement for property values and the potential for an accident.

K. Bonetti – 157 Seaside Avenue – stated she was here on behalf of the Milford Youth Services Network and extended an invite to all members of the Board to attend a community forum entitled Is your child “Plugged in... or Tuned Out?” She explained the discussion would focus round electronic media that are children are

using such as cell phones, computer games and the Internet and that it would be a group discussion for parents and their children. She encouraged all to attend on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 here at City Hall.

G. Fiorentino – 1 ½ Spencer Street – spoke concerning a wood burning pizza oven that burns wood for more than 3 hours at a time and that the smoke infiltrates his tenants. He stated he has called various City departments including the fire department, building department and planning and zoning where he filed a complaint. He stated something has to be done by the fire and health departments for regulations. He stated he was in favor of imputing some Ordinance.

B.Gavlik – 25 Andrus Drive - spoke regarding open burning and that he is against it and that he finds it offensive when people burn in those things. He also stated it is environmentally wrong. He stated he would like to see the Board strengthen the current burning Ordinance adding recreational burning is out of control and offensive. He stated it is also dangerous for the health of our children.

A. Charland – 42 Raycroft Street – spoke as to item 8h on the agenda. He commented it would be great to have Boards televised because it is great for those who cannot come to a meeting. He stated he has ATT universe and that although he has contacted them many times and he still does not get any Milford meetings. He stated before the Board transfers any funds he would want to make sure residents would be able to view the various Milford boards that are televised.

J. Prisco – 11 Riverdale Road – stated he had two things he wished to discuss tonight. He stated he is in favor of the Planning and Zoning Board meetings being televised and that he would also like to see the Sewer Commission meetings televised. He also stated he spoke at the last meeting concerning Senior Citizen Tax Relief and that he asked a committee be appointed to look into this. He pointed out the Chairman stated he would be requesting data before deciding what to do next. He also pointed out the Chairman of that most recent Committee suggested another committee start work. He asked the Board to continue working for senior citizens. He also expressed concern the city would not receive any money from the State for the Devon project and also the area he lives he that he refers to as the “last outpost” and expressed concern over guardrails that are down as well as curbs that are needed along Anderson Avenue by the playground.

K. Rose – 42 Naugatuck Avenue – stated she is Vice Chair of the Planning and Zoning Board and that they are a land use Board and that the decision they make affect every City resident. She encouraged the Board to consider television all Commissions. She also spoke with regard to the salary increases and asked the Board to take a step back and really consider this. She also asked the Board to look into the exorbitant amount of money in consulting fees regarding the sewers and suggested the possibility of a better way of doing that.

J. DellaMonica, Sr. – 60 Berner Terrace – asked the Aldermen to do what the people tonight have asked and set up an Ordinance for illegal burning. He suggested setting up a separate account for the fine monies that could be used to offset costs. He asked the Board to really consider the \$1,600 for televising the Planning and Zoning Board and that the Board should re-think this if it is to cost more. He stated it is important to remember to “look at what has to be done and not just what we would like”. He stated open burning is something that has to be done.

G. Lehtimaki – 95 Cinnamon Road – stated the idea of fire pits must be stopped. He expressed her concerns for he environment and explained she lives in a small cluster neighborhood. She stated she has seen some extremely high fires in these pits and stated they should not be waiting for something to happen before

something is done. She stated they needed to have a clean environment and keep children healthy adding there are a lot of children in her neighborhood. She also stated animals do not take kindly to fires. She stated these recreational pits are a hazard.

Chairman Blake deferred to Mayor Richetelli and Ald. Manning for a presentation.

Mayor Richetelli introduced Mary Ann Nilan who is the founder of the Get in Touch Foundation and Ald. Manning is a member of the Executive Board. Mayor Richetelli read a proclamation recognizing October 17, 2008 as get your pink on that day. He expressed his admiration of both Ms. Nilan and Ms. Manning and the work they have done and of the foundation.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on September 8, 2008.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Veccharelli moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held September 8, 2008 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

No report.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Richetelli stated he respectfully asked the Board to consider items 8a-8h and also item 8i on the addendum.

7. Unfinished Business:

None.

Ald. Vetro requested a 5-minute recess. The Board recessed at 8:34 p.m.

Chairman Blake reconvened the Board at 8:44 p.m.

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

8b. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Authorization to Apply for and Accept Grant Award from State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management for Support and Revitalization of the Devon Region of the City of Milford. Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the request of the Milford Fire Department (per correspondence dated September 24, 2008) to apply for and accept the Emergency

Management Performance Grant (EMPG) from the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS), to provide financial assistance for developing and staffing a comprehensive, all hazard Emergency Management program and to authorize matching City funds from existing Civil Preparedness budget.

Ald. Manning asked if this money is already budgeted and if this is just a grant acceptance.

Chairman Blake recognized Chief LaVecchia who was present.

Chief LaVecchia explained the Civil Preparedness budget could be used to offset this grant.

Mayor Richetelli noted regarding item 8a the motion needed to be corrected to reflect the revised Resolution.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to amend item 8a accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the Capital Improvement Plan (per recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board dated September 17, 2008).

Chairman Blake likened the plan to that of a road map. He explained it is a concept, which will qualify the City for grants of the City, does adopt, however it does not commit the taxpayers to any funds and any of the projects contained in the plan would have to come before the Board for approval.

Ald. Ditchkus stated he wished to elaborate further agreeing this is similar to a road map, but without this approval the City cannot go out for grants. He also pointed out this Board can pick and chose what they want to spend money on.

Motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: State of Connecticut Local Capital Improvement Program Assistance for Milford Road Resurfacing Program – 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

8e. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Cash Advance for Road Resurfacing Program 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

8f. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Milford Board of Education Concerning East Shore Middle School.

Chairman Blake recognized the Board of Education administration as well as members of the Board of Education.

Ald. Blacketter asked for background regarding this and the decision for a temporary structure.

Dr. Polansky explained there is a 5-6 year bubble they need to address at East Shore Middle School and that the infrastructure is inadequate to meet current needs. He added some of the proposed work for East Shore Middle

School will not be addressed for 5-7 years, as they needed to address the high schools first. He stated there are too many teachers on carts currently and the proposal before the Board will allow for four instructional classrooms.

Chairman Blake asked about moving up the proposed renovations at East Shore Middle School to the Permanent School Facilities Building Committee.

Dr. Polansky replied no. He explained because of the costs they have spread out the work at the two high schools. He stated work does need to be done at East Shore Middle School, but also at Pumpkin Delight and Simon Lake as well down the road. He also stated the larger enrollment would remain constant. He stated they believe they need to take care of the high schools first which is a three-year phase and after that there are nine roofs that need to be handled, adding there is a lot ahead of them. Dr. Polansky stated his administration has worked with the Mayor and Board of Education to provide the framework and guidance towards this.

Ald. Ditchkus stated he had two questions, first he asked if after this bubble is gone and the enrollment stabilizes or goes down if they would still need the additional classrooms and his second question which he stated usually creates a stir is re-districting and if that would be cheaper in the long run.

Dr. Polansky explained the citywide renumeration study recently completed and that the data collected did not warrant a citywide redistricting. He reiterated there is a bubble at East Shore Middle School currently. He stated several years ago work was done at the other two middle schools and that East Shore received a cafeteria addition and some other minor work, but they are still in need of work. He stated they would be going to the State for reimbursement and would also be looking at a variety of ways to either purchase or lease the portables.

Mr. Russell added there are nine teachers on carts at East Shore, seven at Harborside and five at West Shore. He also stated redistricting just was not a consideration at the middle school level.

Dr. Polansky stated the Board discussed redistricting for nearly two years and explained the process. He noted the areas where they have seen growth are Matthewson and East Shore areas.

Ald. Vetro what they would do with the modular after the “bubble” goes away.

Dr. Polansky explained they could sell them or there is the option of moving them to another location that may need them. He stated the Board of Aldermen could also directly where they want them to go.

Ald. Manning asked the next plan of action and also how the district was handling the cart situation with the other two middle schools and the plan there.

Dr. Polansky stated if they receive approval tonight it would allow them to go to the State to seek reimbursement. He stated if the Board does not approve this tonight that basically “it is what it is”. He stated with regard to the other two middle schools they are looking at various scheduling as well as a variety of other options. He stated unfortunately there would always be some teachers on carts.

Ald. Willey asked for a rough idea as to cost.

Dr. Polansky responded it could range from \$500,000 to \$1,200,000 depending if they were to seek reconditioned and also on reimbursement.

Ald. Veccharelli commented it seems all three schools have a similar problem and asked if it would be possible to put the 6th graders back in the elementary schools.

Dr. Polansky responded the Board did look at grade re-alignment. He stated part of the problem is special services, which requires space needs.

Ald. Veccharelli commented this seems like a band aid approach.

Dr. Polansky stated East Shore Middle School has 100 more students than the other two middle schools.

Ald. Veccharelli asked how many modular they were looking for.

Dr. Polansky responded they are looking for one quad that contains four classrooms with approximately 3,600 square feet.

Ald. Veccharelli asked if they are singular units.

Dr. Polansky explained they are together as a quad and explained how it goes on a foundation.

Ald. Veccharelli stated it seemed like it would make more sense to go with an addition.

Dr. Polansky replied they are in the middle of two high school projects phased in over 5 years and to abandon that would be irresponsible. He also pointed out that core subjects are on a cart at East Shore Middle School, which is not the case at West Shore Middle School or Harborside Middle School. He explained in terms of triage that a commitment has been made to the high schools and that they are more than half way into that project. He also reiterated the need for nine new roofs as well as work at Pumpkin Delight and Simon Lake. He stated they are in a capital improvement gridlock. He also stated he was not prepared to deviate from that plan at this time. He stated this approach would provide flexible spacing when it is most needed.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he continues to have a problem with the number of students in the middle schools and that it seems like there just isn't enough room. He stated he would be more in favor of expanding onto a school the city already owns such as Fanny Beach or some other schools.

Dr. Polansky responded they would be required to bring those former schools to code and the cost would be in the millions. He reiterated to deviate from their current path just would not be the route to go and given the scope of the facilities this is the best route.

Ald. Veccharelli asked about the cost which range seemed like a lot.

Dr. Polansky responded they were still gathering information as to whether to consider reconditioned versus new and also how their decision would impact State reimbursement. He stated the \$1,200,000 figure is top of the line with bathrooms, hallways, etc. and is really not something they need.

Ald. Veccharelli questioned \$1,000,000 and expressed his hope this amount of money would fix the problem for a while.

Dr. Polansky stressed this was only a resolve for East Shore Middle School. He also spoke as to work that was done to the infrastructure at Harborside and West Shore some years ago.

Mr. Russell added the \$1,000,000 figure being tossed around is not the figure they would be bonding at the end. He stated this would go to the Permanent School Facilities Building Committee and in the end the bonding would be around \$600,000 or possibly less if they went for reconditioned.

Ald. Veccharelli spoke as to the modular at Orchard Hills School and that he did not get a good feeling when he saw those and it is something he would not want his child to have to experience.

Dr. Polansky explained the modular today are bright and airy with air-conditioning and are well ventilated. He also stated their goal is to create an educational environment that meets the needs of the City and educational needs of our children. He stated the modular at Orchard Hills School was put in place 25 years ago.

Chairman Blake stated the motion is to place this on the list for consideration and that bonding would come back to this Board later.

Ald. Veccharelli continued he was having trouble with this and that his understanding of these modular is only what he has seen and that he is trying to figure out in his own mind what the taxpayers will be getting.

Dr. Polansky responded he was basing his image on a 25-year-old modular.

Ald. Lambert asked they make sure they are environmental safe.

Mr. Russell responded the modular they have been looking at address all of the concerns raised tonight.

Ald. Ditchkus asked if the foundation is included in the price.

Dr. Polansky responded yes and added the water line was also included.

Ald. Ditchkus asked if they chose to purchase in a secondary market they would then become the third market when sold and questioned reimbursement and if they would have to repay a portion of that.

Dr. Polansky replied they would probably have to pay a part of it. He went on to explain some of the options they are looking at and the options they would put into the RFP.

Ald. Ditchkus asked if they were also looking at leasing options.

Dr. Polansky responded yes they were looking at leasing, as a possibility to the reality was that they were looking at what was most financially prudent for the city.

Ald. Blacketter asked if it was one quad unit and if it could be broken down for flexibility.

Dr. Polansky responded it could be sub-divided, as they want. He stated currently they need four classrooms to meet current needs. He welcomed anyone to come to his office and look at some of the options.

Ald. Blacketter questioned if the Resolution was asking to delegate authority to the School Facility Building Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

8g. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Toohey made and seconded a motion to approve the request for technical waiver of bid for \$9,974.10 from City Clerk Alan Jepson for the purpose of having Adkins Printing Company print the necessary material for the November 4, 2008 State Election. The Election cannot be held without said material. Printing costs to cities in 2008 Election will be reimbursed by the Secretary of the State.

Ald. Lambert commented she wanted it understood there is a need to have this done and there is no other option. She stated she wanted that understood because this Board does not usually like to consider waiver of bids but this is an emergency situation.

Mr. Jepson responded it is not an emergency situation, but something that is driven by State statute and went on to explain the statute requirements.

Ald. Blacketter questioned this being a budgetary bid v. a formal bid.

Mr. Jepson explained they do not produce the printing material and explained the difference in what the two vendors may offer.

Motion carried unanimously.

8h. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the request by the Planning and Zoning Board to authorize the Mayor to prepare a transfer of funds in the amount of approximately \$1,600 to be sent to the Board of Finance and then to the Board of Aldermen to be used to videotape Planning and Zoning Board meetings to be televised on Milford Government Access Television (Government Channel 79) and to authorize the Mayor to arrange for said taping (per correspondence dated September 22, 2008).

Mayor Richetelli stated he supported the Planning and Zoning's decision to have their meetings televised as well as the concept, however he wished to make the Board aware the \$1,600 quoted may not be an exact number. He stated he would suggest the Board two things; first that it is understand this number is an approximate figure or the Board appoint members of the Board to meet with Planning and Zoning and MGAT and himself to come up with a firm cost.

Chairman Blake commented he has AT&T Universe. He stated he has spoken with the government liaison so that Milford is paid which would defer costs. He stated he has also spoken with Sen. Slossberg who is working with the DPUC. He commented we also want to ensure the City's possible costs are defrayed from the taxpayer.

Mayor Richetelli stated he has met with AT&T and it is their intention to have what is on Cablevision to have on AT&T and to have them pay for it. He also commented they are in the discussion phases as to who will pay

for what. He stated he also wished to point out that currently there are two grant opportunities they are taking advantage of. He explained one of the grants in the amount of \$100,000 would have to be split with the six participating towns noting you are only eligible for this grant if you are town specific, which Milford is. He also stated they received a grant for \$1,700 and they are looking into how it can be used.

Ald. Veccharelli recognized the Chair of Planning and Zoning who was present and commented it is marvelous to be making our government more transparent and available. He added it is just tremendous and great to have a more informed people who vote for us and see what we do. He stated he would be supporting this. He also stated it would be nice to see telephone numbers as well.

Ald. Vetro stated he too approves of Planning and Zoning being televised, but he is not in favor of City taxpayers paying for it. He stated for him to vote in favor of this he would need a guarantee to that effect.

Ald. Ditchkus commented he too is in favor of open government. He pointed out their procedure of doing things is different and that they could require double cameras, people, etc. He also pointed out the \$1,600 is approximately, but he felt it is too low. He stated he would like to table this until later so they could gather more accurate numbers. He stated his motion would be to table this matter until they receive more accurate numbers and that they sit down with the Mayor, MGAT, leadership and come-up with a number.

Chairman Blake stated he wished to point out the Board was not allocating money, but the Board could put a cap on it.

Ald. Ditchkus responded he did not feel they should just put a cap on it. He stated it wouldn't make a difference if they weren't televised for their next meeting.

Ald. Toohey seconded the motion.

Ald. Vetro raised a point of order.

Ald. Blacketter requested a 5-minute recess. The Board recessed at 9:48 p.m.

Chairman Blake reconvened the Board at 9:57 p.m.

Chairman Blake asked if there was any discussion.

Ald. Ditchkus raised a point of order stating a motion to table is not debatable.

Chairman Blake responded the point was well taken.

By roll call vote, the motion to table fails 6 yes (Bier, Ditchkus, Giannattasio, Toohey, Vitali, Willey) and 7 no (Blacketter, Blake, Lambert, Manning, Nunno, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Ald. Blacketter and Ald. Veccharelli moved to amend the motion to add the following paragraph: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen will allocate up to \$1,600 of budgeted money for televising the Planning and Zoning meets and public hearings. All funding beyond what has been appropriated will be only funded through grants or other non (Milford) tax dollars.

By roll call vote, the amendment carried 11 yes (Bier, Blacketter, Blake, Giannattasio, Lambert, Manning, Nunno, Toohey, Veccharelli, Vetro, Vitali) and 2 no (Ditchkus, Willey).

On the main motion, by roll call vote, the motion carried 11 yes (Bier, Blacketter, Blake, Giannattasio, Lambert, Manning, Nunno, Toohey, Veccharelli, Vetro, Vitali) and 2 no (Ditchkus, Willey).

8i. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the appointment of (U) Anthony V. Fino, 36 Freedom Road, as an alternate member of the Pension and Retirement Board to fill the unexpired term of Gary Baker (resigned). Term to expire 12/31/09. 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. Vetro and Ald. Toohey made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer #7, FY08, Fund 10. Motion carried unanimously.

(b) Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer #8, FY 08, Fund 10. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

(a) Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$23,857.47. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

a. Ordinance Committee – Vice Chairman Blacketter reported the Committee met earlier this evening to consider two Ordinances. She reported the third Ordinance had been withdrawn by the request of the Fire Chief and that he would bring that forward at another time.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinances in their entirety. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve an Ordinance amending an Ordinance establishing compensation of City Officials and Employees in the service of the City of Milford (Mayor, City Clerk).

Mayor Richetelli stated he wished to point out the City Charter requires that any elected officer receive compensation prior to the term of office for which they are elected. He stated he wished to further point out with regard to timing, the registrars are on the ballot and that this Board is not scheduled to meet until after the election. He stated this request came from the Registrar of Voters. He explained traditionally they have always

brought forth all of the elected officials at the same time. He commented he trusted the Board would exercise good judgment.

Ald. Veccharelli stated this came from the Ordinance Committee and that he voted in favor to forward this to the full Board so that the entire Board could address it. He stated these are tough economic times and it is a tough time to give anyone a raise. He reiterated he voted in favor to forward it to the full Board for discussion but that he would not support it.

Ald. Ditchkus agreed with his colleague that times are tough. He commented Ald. Veccharelli has stated he would not support this and pointed out that Mr. Veccharelli had received a pension increase through his city retirement. He questioned why he did not vote against that.

Ald. Veccharelli countered back and questioned if Mr. Ditchkus had received an increase in his job.

Chairman Blake interjected asking both Aldermen to keep a degree of decorum and civility.

Ald. Ditchkus responded he has kept a level of civility and that he was just raising a question because Mr. Veccharelli's pension increase comes through city funds.

Ald. Veccharelli raised a point of order.

Chairman Blake (using the gavel) asked both men again to maintain civility.

Ald. Ditchkus commented for the record that he is self-employed and does not receive any compensation from the city.

Ald. Veccharelli raised a point of order.

Ald. Bier stated what he believed Ald. Ditchkus was eluding to was that many city employees received an increase this year which amounted to 2% and that the Board of Education received 5%. He stated this proposed Ordinance is in line with what the other city employees received. He stated he too agreed, he does not want to spend tax dollars foolishly, but questioned why this group of employees should not receive compensation as the rest of the city. He stated he would be voting in favor of this.

By roll call vote, motion fails 4 yes (Bier, Giannattasio, Vitali, Willey) and 9 no (Blacketter, Blake, Ditchkus, Lambert, Manning, Nunno, Toohey, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Veccharelli made and seconded a motion to approve an Ordinance amending an Ordinance establishing compensation of City Officials and employees in the service of the City of Milford (Registrars).

By roll call vote, motion failed 2 yes (Bier, Giannattasio) and 11 no (Blacketter, Blake, Ditchkus, Lambert, Manning, Nunno, Toohey, Veccharelli, Vetro, Vitali, Willey).

b. Public Safety and Welfare Committee – no report.

c. Public Works Committee – Ald. Vetro stated he was glad to see so many residents take advantage of the Hazardous Waste Day this past Saturday. He also thanked the Milford Fire Department for holding Propane Tank Day. He also reported paving has been completed for the year and that over 7 miles of road had been done. He also reported the problem on Narrow Lane has been fixed. Ald. Vetro also reported since going to the bright orange trash barrels, fewer seem to be disappearing.

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. – Ald. Toohey reported the Recreation Department along with Commissioner Fabian put together a “Bench Dedication” Program and that the first bench was dedicated last week. Ald. Toohey expressed her appreciation of the Committee, Commissioner Fabian and the work of Chairman Worroll and Director McCarthy.

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 – Ald. Lambert reported they had a lively meeting. She stated there was a lot of discussion concerning the sidewalks that were removed to the rear of Jagoe Court.

l. Golf Course Commission – Ald. Toohey reported the course is wrapping up for the season. She also reported work continues on the course and well as the building and that they are both in very good shape.

m. Inland Wetlands Agency – no report.

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

o. Courthouse Expansion Committee – no report

p. Liaison Health Department – no report.

q. Milford Legislative Action Committee – no report.

r. Devon Revitalization Committee – no report.

s. Department of Youth and Family Services – Ald. Vetro reported they had moved to their new location at the former Academy building and extended congratulations. He reported they have received requests from over 700 for energy assistance. He also reported their Thanksgiving and Christmas programs have begun.

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.

14a. Status report and consideration of settlement of
Robert C. Nunno, et al v. City of Milford
RE: 9 Elm Street

14b. Status report and consideration of settlement of
Arnold M. Gold, et al vs. City of Milford
RE: 11 Bridgewater Avenue

14c. Status report and consideration of settlement of
Christopher McKenna, et al. v. City of Milford
RE: 24 Rose Street

14d. Status report and consideration of settlement of
John Jaser and Karen Larkin v. City of Milford
RE: 33 Hawley Avenue

14e. Status report and consideration of settlement of
GJS Properties, LLC v. City of Milford
RE: 881 Boston Post Road

14f. Status report with respect to pending litigation *Sidepockets dba v. City of Milford*, No. 3:03 CV2134 (AWT) and *Keepers, Inc. dba, et al v. City of Milford*, No. 3:07 CV01231.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Blacketter made and seconded a motion to adjourn to Executive Session.

Chairman Blake announced the full Board along with the Mayor, City Attorney and Assessor would go into Executive Session regarding items 14a-e and the full Board along with the Mayor, City Attorney and Scott Berghold (via telephone conference call).

Ald. Ditchkus raised a point of order asking if Ald. Nunno would be recusing himself.

Chairman Blake responded he himself would recuse himself from item 14a, as his wife's law firm is involved in that action.

Ald. Nunno stated he would be recusing himself from item 14a.

Ald. Ditchkus raised a point of order stating pursuant to the Board's Rules you must state a reason for recusing ones self.

Ald. Nunno replied it was obvious it is his appeal in item 14a.

Motion carried unanimously. The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 10:26 p.m.

Chairman Blake and Ald. Nunno entered into Executive Session at 10:38 p.m.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Toohey made and seconded a motion to come out of Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Blake reconvened the Board in public session at 11:46 p.m.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Veccharelli made and seconded a motion to authorize the City Attorney to enter into settlement in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor as discussed in Executive Session regarding GJS Properties, LLC v. City of Milford re: 881 Boston Post Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Toohey made and seconded a motion to authorize the City Attorney to enter into settlement in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor as discussed in Executive Session regarding: Arnold M. Gold, et al v. City of Milford re: 11 Bridgewater Avenue; Christopher McKenna, et al v. City of Milford re: 24 Rose Street; John Jaser and Karen Larking v. City of Milford re: 33 Hawley Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Toohey made and seconded a motion to authorize the City Attorney to enter into settlement in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor as discussed in Executive Session regarding Robert C. Nunno, et al v. City of Milford re: 9 Elm Street. Motion carried 11 yes (Bier, Blacketter, Ditchkus, Giannattasio, Lambert, Manning, Toohey, Veccarelli, Vetro, Vitali, Willey) with 2 abstentions (Blake, Nunno).

Ald. Vetro reported for the record regarding item 14f, Status report with respect to pending litigation *Sidepockets dba v. City of Milford*, No. 3:03 CV2134 (AWT) and *Keepers, Inc. dba, et al v. City of Milford*, No. 3:07 CV01231 as discussed in Executive Session with Attorney Scott Bergthold, via telephone conference.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Toohey moved to adjourn at 11:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary