

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
MEETING  
JANUARY 4, 2021**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held a meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021 via video / teleconference Zoom meeting. Chairman Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. Chairman Vetro asked those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Roll Call**

Board Members Present

E. Beatty  
C. Gaynor  
A. Giannattasio  
M. Hardiman  
G. Harla  
S. Marlow  
M. Parente  
F. Smith  
A. Sutton  
J. Tranquilli  
N. Sutton  
P. Vetro  
R. Vitali  
W. Willis

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake  
J. Berchem, City Attorney  
P. Erodicti, Finance Director  
K. Fortunati, City Clerk  
J. Rosen, Chief of Staff

Excused

J. Golden

Chairman Vetro welcomed everyone to the Board of Aldermen regular meeting. He reviewed how the meeting will be conducted via Zoom and guidelines to be followed. He further stated a recording of the meeting will be available on the City's website.

**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.

None

**3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on December 7, 2020.**

Ald. W. Smith noted the agenda incorrectly noted the consideration of minutes as November 9, 2020 and he believed it should be the minutes of December 7, 2020 the Board is considering.

Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 7, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro wished everyone a happy and healthy new year. He also stated he is proud of the work the Board has done and expressed his hope for continued success.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake also wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated he is looking forward to a happy and healthy 2021. He asked the Board's consideration regarding items 8a-d and stated he would be happy to answer any questions as they come up. Mayor Blake informed the Board of the Mayoral appointments below.

(6a) Mayor Blake announced the following mayoral appointments:

Aging, Milford Council on, two-year term expiring 12/31/22

(D) Lillian Holmes, 100 Oxford Road, 06460, reappointment

(U) Gloria Lanna, 823 East Broadway, 06460, reappointment

(U) Philip A. Caparusso, D.M.D., 46 Shadows End Lane, 06460, reappointment

(D) Linda Stephenson, 69 Elaine Road, 06460, reappointment

Human Services, Milford Department of: two-year term expiring 12/31/22

(R) Barbara Genovese, 19 Belmont Street, 06460, reappointment

Inland Wetlands Agency, three-year term expiring 12/31/23

(U) Heather Donaldson-Gladue, 55 Solomon Hill Road, 06461, new appointment

Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership, five-year term expiring 11/30/25

(D) H. Richard Borer, Jr., 78 Hawley Avenue, 06460, reappointment

Veterans Graves Preservation Commission, one-year term expiring 12/31/21

(U) Thomas Cody, Jr., 13 Dock Road, 06460, reappointment

(U) David DeRubeis, Sr., 17 Waterview Landing, 06460 reappointment

Poet Laureate, City of Milford

(D) Joan Glass, 296 Orange Avenue, 06461, new appointment

## 7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

(8a) Ald. Sutton and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the following Mayoral appointments to the boards and commissions:

Assessment Review, Board of three-year term expiring 12/31/23

(D) Henry B. Healey, 115 Bayshore Drive, 06460, reappointment

(R) Richard C. LoPresti, 118 Gulf Street, Unit 13, 06460, reappointment

(I) Sarah Lebov, 75 Anchorage Drive, 06460, new appointment

Alternates, one-year term expiring 12/31/21:

(R) Sandra Cohen, 65 Beechwood Avenue, 06460, reappointment

(R) Richard Vizziello, 85 Barton Road, 06460, reappointment

Civil Service Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/23

(U) Twig Holland, 2 Gulfview Court, 06460, reappointment

Board of Finance, three-year term expiring 12/31/23

(R) Scott G. Moulton, 15 Myrtlewood Drive, 06461, reappointment

Fire Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/23

(U) William A. Brennan, 51 Milford Point Road, 06460, reappointment

(D) Kevin C. McGrath, 24 Miles Street, 06460, reappointment

Golf Course Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/23

(I) Benjamin Nash, 224 Woodruff Road, 06461, reappointment

(R) Marilyn W. Blake, 150 Forest Road, Unit 15, 06461, reappointment (R)

John H. O'Connell, 88 Bryan Hill Road, 06460, reappointment

Harbor Management Commission, five-year term expiring 12/31/25

(U) Nancy Berrien Bennett, 26 High Street, 06460, reappointment

(R) James R. Beard, 762 Wheelers Farms Road, 06461, reappointment

Alternates, two-year term expiring 12/31/22:

(D) Dora A. Kubek, 33 Liberty Street, 06460, reappointment

(R) Raymond Kirmaier, 26 Morris Lane, 06460, reappointment

Board of Health, three-year term expiring 12/31/23

(D) Holly E. Mulrenan, 204 3rd Avenue, 06460, reappointment

Historic Preservation Commission, five-year term expiring 12/31/25

(D) Carter Colter, 258 Gulf Street, 06460, reappointment

Alternate:

(R) Kimberly A. Muller, 4 Reed Street, 06460, new appointment, term to expire 12/31/24

Housing Code Board of Appeals, five-year term expiring 12/31/25

(D) Todd M. Casey, 60 Carmen Road North, 06460

Library Board, three-year term expiring 12/31/23

(R) Linda Creedon, 3 Flax Mill Lane, 06461, reappointment

(R) Linda L. Wanosky, 28 Ashburn Lane, 06460, reappointment

(D) Alice F. Oliver, 404 Gulf Street, 06460, reappointment

Park, Beach & Recreation Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/23

(R) Bill Bevan, 23 Merlin Circle, 06460, reappointment

(U) Felicia Shashinka, 60 Ocean Avenue, 06460, reappointment

Police Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/23

(R) Samuel Bergami, Jr., 310 Tanglewood Circle, 06461, reappointment

(D) David Rubenstein, 100 Boston Post Road, 06460, reappointment

Sewer Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/23

(D) Edmund Q. Collier, 230 Gulf Street, 06460, reappointment

Transit District Advisory Board, four-year term expiring 12/31/22

(D) Edward Beatty, 32 Elm Street, 06460, reappointment

Tree Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/23

(R) James T. Malaney, 64 Wilcox Road 06460, reappointment

(D) Kelly Miller, 100 Viscount Drive, Apt. C-4, 06460, reappointment

Veterans. Ceremony and Parade Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/23

(R) John T. Jansen, 22 Russell Road, 06460 (Citizen Representative), reappointment

Zoning Board of Appeals, five-year term expiring 12/31/25

(D) Chris Wolfe, 243 3rd Avenue, 06460, reappointment

Alternate. three-year term expiring 12/31/23

(R) Michael Casey, 31 Riverside Drive, 06461, reappointment

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Blake suggested the agenda be reordered to bring item (8d) forward in order to approve and swear in all Board and Commission members.

Ald. Vitali and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to reorder the agenda bringing item (8d) forward. Motion carried unanimously.

(8d) Ald. Sutton and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the following Aldermanic appointments to Board and Commissions.

ANIMAL SHELTER COMMISSION:

- D Catherine Kamen  
76 Whitney Avenue, 06461  
Reappointment Term to expire 12/31/25

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

- D Michael J. Crowley  
40 Anchorage Drive, 06460  
Reappointment (*Manufacturing/Industry*)  
Four-year term - Term to expire 12/31 /24
- D Jessica Stram  
55 Beach Shore Drive. 06460  
Reappointment (*Citizen Representative*)  
Four-year term - Term to expire 12/31 /24
- U Ani Chaghatzbanian  
23 Peck Street, 06460  
Reappointment  
Four-year term - Term to expire 12/31/24
- U Emily Lucibello  
26 Broad Street, 06460  
New Appointment (*Milford Bar Rep*)  
Three-year term - Term to expire 12/31/23

FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD:

- R Thomas E. Bach  
214 Broadway, 06460  
Reappointment - Term to expire 12/31/25

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

- R Alihur W. Stowe  
36 Fresh Meadow Lane, 06461  
Reappointment- Term to expire 01/01/26

HISTORIC DISTRICT (SOUTH OF THE GREEN)

- U Marc Muller  
4 Reed Street, 06460  
New Appointment -- Term to expire 1/1/26

Alternate:

- D Christopher Bishop  
116 Fifth Avenue, 06460  
Reappointment Term to expire 1/1/26

HUMAN SERVICES. MILFORD DEPARTMENT OF:

- D Jessica DeYoung  
74 Oriole Lane, 06460  
Reappointment - Term to expire 12/31/23
- U Reverend Karl Duetzmann  
6 Hickory Lane  
Ansonia, CT 06401  
Reappointment - Term to expire 12/31/23

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY:

- D Brendan J. Magnan  
153 Rogers Avenue, 06460  
Reappointment Term to expire 12/31/23
- D David DeFlumeri  
3 Hillcrest Avenue, 06460  
Reappointment- Term to expire 12/31/23

MGAT (MILFORD GOVERNMENT ACCESS TELEVISION) COMMITTEE:

- U Kara Flannery  
41 North Street, 06460  
Reappointment Term to expire 12/31/22
- R Tad Weinstein  
330 Merwin Avenue, B2, 06460  
Reappointment-Term to expire 12/31/22
- D Jessica De Young  
74 Oriole Lane, 06460  
Reappointment Term to expire 12/31/22

PENSION AND RETIREMENT BOARD:

- R Christopher McKenna  
24 Rose Street, 06460  
New appointment- Term to expire 12/31/23
- U Matthew C. Chaco  
93 Ruth Ann Terrace, 06461  
Reappointment- Term to expire 12/31/23
- R Christian McInnis  
60 Point Lookout, 06460  
Reappointment Term to expire 12/31/23
- R William Farrell  
27 Bayberry Lane, 06460  
Reappointment Term to expire 12/31/23

Motion carried unanimously.

(8b) Ald. Sutton and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the City of Milford Community Rating System (CRS) PPI Program for Public Information and to authorize the Mayor, Open Space Manager, Floodplain Administrator and Inland/Wetlands Agent to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said program.

Ald. F. Smith stated he understands this program has been previously approved by the Board and asked for an overview. Mayor Blake stated this program is part of the National Flood Insurance Program. He stated that participation in the CRS program results in significant discounts to flood insurance for property owner and that the City is required to document and adopt an annual plan. MaryRose Palumbo, Inland/Wetlands Agent, reiterated Mayor Blake's statements. She further stated the program helps to educate property owners on various ways to make themselves and their property safe from flooding. Ms. Palumbo stated the plan was put together by the Hazard Mitigation and CRS Committee and approved by the Flood and Erosion Board. She stated that once approved by this Board the plan will be submitted to FEMA on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Ald. Marlow asked how projects are determined and prioritized. Ms. Palumbo stated the projects are taken from the Hazard Mitigation Plan which is updated twice a year. She further stated a regional rubric is utilized for prioritization. Ald. Marlow stated he noticed here are different levels of CRS and asked what level the City is currently. Ms. Palumbo stated the City is currently a 9 and that the City working to lower that number which will afford better insurance rates to property owners. Ald. Giannattasio noted that many projects are a high priority. He asked if the implementation and completion dates are firmly held to. Ms. Palumbo stated the dates are a guide and implementation and completion is dependent on funding.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8c) Ald. Sutton and Ald. Giannattasio made a seconded a motion to approve the Golf Course Operation and Management Agreement and to authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and Golf Commission Chairman to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said agreement.

Ald. Vitali stated he is not in favor of raising the rates this year and would like to see them kept the same as last year. Mayor Blake stated an amendment could be presented to keep the greens fees the same as the 19-20 year. He asked that Bill Healey, Golf Commissioner, explain the reason behind the new operating agreement and fees increase. Bill Healey stated that the fees had been held for the past two years which in essence results in a \$0.25 per year increase. He further stated that this agreement is with a new operator and that the operating fee is based on a sliding scale based on number of rounds played. Mr. Healey further commented on the RFQ process. He further stated that operations will remain similar to the past with enhancements. Ald. Vitali stated that with everything that has happened in the past year he would like to see the green fees remain the same.

Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. W. Smith made and seconded an amendment that green fees remain the same as the prior year.

Ald. Beatty thanked Mr. Healey for his explanation and stated she is satisfied with the small increase. Ald. Willis asked the amount of the increase. Mr. Healey stated all fees are increasing by \$1.00. Ald. Willis stated he believes the \$1.00 is reasonable. Ald. Marlow asked if the agreement is contingent on the increased fees. Mr. Healey stated that was correct. Ald. Giannattasio asked if there will be new staff or if they will remain the same. Mr. Healey stated all prior staff will remain, including he prior manager. He further stated there will be a new superintendent for maintaining the greens. Ald. Gianattasio asked for an explanation of enhancements the new operator will offer. Mr. Healey stated the course will now accept credit and debit cards where prior it was cash only. He stated that during the off-season the meeting room will be equipped with a simulator which will increase meeting room usage resulting in additional revenue to the City. Ald. Harla asked what typical fees for a round of 9. Mr. Healey stated it depends on the course and many charge more than the City. Ald. Harla stated he supports the fee increase due to enhancements being offered. Ald. Vitali thanked Mr. Healey and stated his belief that the fees should remain the same given the challenges this year it will encourage people to play more often.

Amendment failed 11 against (Beatty, Gaynor, Hardiman, Harla, Marlow, Parente, F. Smith, Sutton, Tranquilli, Vetro and Willis), 3 in favor (Giannattasio, W. Smith, Vitali).

Ald. Giannattasio asked if the \$150 maintenance fee in section 4 is the same as past contracts. Jonathan Berchem, City Attorney, stated he believes this is the same language. Ald. Giannattasio asked if anything if there were any further revisions to the contract. Attorney Berchem stated the contract is the same template as prior contracts with the exception of fees as proposed by the new operator. Mr. Healey stated the \$150 maintenance fee has been the same for all the contracts. He further stated this purpose is when small repairs such as a broken window are required.

Main 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. Sutton and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve Refunds in the amount of \$16,664.17 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 – 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. Liaison Sub-Committee – Library Board – no report.
- i. Liaison Sub-Committee – Veterans Ceremony & Parade Commission – no report
- j. Liaison Sub-Committee – Fine Arts – no report
- k. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership – no report.
- l. Liaison - Golf Course Commission – no report.
- m. Liaison - Inland Wetlands Agency – no report.
- n. Liaison Board of Health – no report.
- o. Liaison – Human Services Commission – no report.
- p. Liaison Sub-Committee - Pension & Retirement Board – no report
- q. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Government Access Television (MGAT) – no report.
- r. Liaison – Economic Development Commission – no report.
- s. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Arts Council – no report.
- t. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Progress, Inc.
- u. Liaison Sub-Committee – Fire Commission
- v. Liaison Sub-Committee – Police Commission
- w. Permanent School Facilities Building Committee

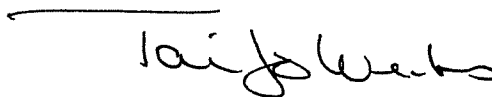
14. Executive Session. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting is required for any item to be considered in executive session. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting is required to go into executive session.

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. Sutton and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 8:52p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Toni Jo Weeks", written over a horizontal line.

Toni Jo Weeks  
Recording Secretary