

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2014**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, January 6, 2014 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman P. Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Chairman Vetro asked those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He called upon Pete Smith to lead the Pledge.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

B. Bier
B. Anderson
M. Casey
S. Fontana
D. German
A. Giannattasio
J. Golden
M. Hardiman
D. Kubek
S. Shaw
F. Smith
G. Stanford
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake
Jonathan D. Berchem, City Attorney
P. Erodicti, Finance Director
L. Stock, City Clerk
S. Fournier, Mayor's Admin. Asst.

Chairman Vetro deferred to Bob Gregory and the Milford's 375th Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee. Mr. Gregory then introduced the Honorary Chairman of the Committee, Mayor Blake.

Mayor Blake stated it was an honor and privilege to officially say Happy Birthday to the sixth oldest municipality in the State. He thanked all of the members of the 375th Committee and for insuring Milford would celebrate with fun festivities over the course of the year. A brief ceremony followed the Mayor's remarks.

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.

D. Thomas – Assessor, City of Milford – welcomed the new members of the Board. He stated there have been a number of inquiries concerning Public Act 13-224, signed into law on November 11, 2013. He stated his office has also received inquiries. He explained it is an opportunity to increase benefits for disabled veterans.

F. Nicoll – 14 Crest Place – encouraged the Board to put forth a motion to make the city a more responsible city and let the rest of the area know. He stated he mentioned some of these things at the aldermanic meeting last month. He continued referencing the New and Old Testament, sacrificing our children and the 1948 movement.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on December 2, 2013.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Stanford made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 2, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro stated he hoped the Board would work together in a common goal and do what is best for Milford.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake wished everyone a Happy New Year. He also thanked Milford's 375th Committee for all of their work in putting together the pomp and circumstance tonight as well as their work on the upcoming parade, events, etc to commemorate the city's 375th. He also noted the number of appointments on tonight's agenda. He commented Milford has had a long tradition of strong volunteerism and extended a special thank you to all that had volunteered to serve. He went on to read the following mayoral appointments.

6a. Mayor Blake announced the following mayoral appointments:

Milford Council on Aging, two-year term expiring 12/31/15

(D) Cynthia R. DeLuca, 222 High Street, reappointment

(R) Richard E. Dowin, 554 Merwin Avenue, 06460, reappointment

(R) Shirley A. Serrano, 36 Meetinghouse Lane, 06460, reappointment

(R) Doreen Fontana, 18 Overlook Drive, 06460, new appointment

Conservation Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/16

(U) Keith Dunn, 38 Sherbrooke Road, 06461, reappointment

(R) Maureen Mauro-Desantie, 1089 West River Street, 06461, reappointment

(D) Vicki T. Battle, 73 Kirkside Avenue, 06460, new appointment

Inland Wetlands Agency, three-year term expiring 12/31/16

(U) Cathleen A. Collins, 233 Housatonic Drive, 06460, reappointment

(R) Stephen Munson, 116 Wepawaug Drive, 06460, reappointment

Alternate:

(R) Carol Dunn, 54 Creeland Avenue, 06460, reappointment

Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership, five-year term expiring 11/30/18
(R) Samuel S. Bergami, III, 16 Mayflower Court, 06460, reappointment

Veterans Graves Preservation Commission, one-year term expiring 12/31/14
(U) Thomas Cody, Jr., 13 Dock Road, reappointment
(R) Thomas J. Beirne, 55 Bayshore Drive, 06460, reappointment

He stated he would ask the Board's consideration and action on those agenda items 8a-8d.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

8a. Board of Aldermen approval is hereby requested of the following Mayor's Appointments to the Boards and Commissions as listed.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Shaw made and seconded a motion to approve the following Mayor's Appointments:

Board of Assessment Review, three-year term expiring
Alternates: one-year term expiring 12/31/14
(D) David M. DeFlumeri, 3 Hillcrest Avenue, 06460, reappointment
(D) Robbie T. Long, Jr., 23 John Street, 06460, new appointment

Civil Service Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/16
(R) Ruth Dowin, 554 Merwin Avenue, 06460, reappointment
(D) H. James Haselkamp, 373 Orange Avenue, 06461, new appointment

Ethics Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/16
(D) Paul M. Shearer, 27 Gunn Street, 06460, new appointment

Board of Finance, three-year term expiring 12/31/16
(D) Brian Lema, 17 Maple Street, 06460, reappointment
(D) Joseph L. Castignoli, 25 Coran Court, 06460, reappointment

Fire Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/16
(R) Richard W. Smith, 21 Millwood Street, 06460, reappointment
(R) Thomas Riso, Jr., 11 Driftwood Lane, reappointment

Golf Course Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/16
(R) Ronald Peruzzi, 37 Harvest Lane, 06461, reappointment
(D) George J. Amato, Jr., 10 Orchard Road, 06460, reappointment

Harbor Management Commission, five-year term expiring 12/31/18
(U) Robert Brennan, 984 East Broadway, 06460, reappointment

Board of Health, three-year term expiring 12/31/16

(D) Christine M. Gonillo, 204 Oronoque Road, 06460, reappointment

(R) Dr. Mitchell Quintner, 72 Old Field Lane, 06460, reappointment

(R) Ernest Judson, Jr., 27 Sylvan Court, 06460, reappointment

Human Services, Milford Department of, three-year term expiring 12/31/14

(R) Mary Lou Kecko, 449 Housatonic Drive, 06460, (*Consumer Representative*), reappointment

Library Board, three-year term expiring 12/31/16

(D) Toby Zabinski, 102 Shorefront, 06460, reappointment

(R) Constance C. Gaynor, 60 Seventh Avenue, 06460, reappointment

(R) Telka diFate, 369 Herbert Street, 06461, reappointment

Park, Beach & Recreation Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/16

(D) Kerri Rowland, 465 Pond Point Avenue, 06460, reappointment

(U) Felicia Shashinka, 60 Ocean Avenue, 06460, new appointment

Police Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/16

(D) Richard Smith, 59 Sixth Avenue, 06460, reappointment

(R) Jerold M. Wanosky, 28 Ashburn Lane, 06460, reappointment

(D) Sharon Marrone, 5 Springdale Street, 06460, reappointment

Sewer Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/16

(D) Robert Carroll, 5 Snow Apple Lane, 06460, reappointment

(U) Bradford W. Hubler, 5 Melba Street, 06460, reappointment

Transit District, four-year term expiring 12/31/17

(U) Peter J. Carroll, 73 Shelter Cove Road, 06460, reappointment

Tree Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/16

(R) Bryan J. Mancini, 47 Tumblebrook Drive, 06461, reappointment

Alternate:

(D) Seny J. Riccardi, 163 Mary Ellen Drive, 06460, reappointment

Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission

(R) John t. Jansen, 22 Russell Road, 06460, new appointment (Citizen Representative) to fill vacant position.
Term to expire 12/31/14.

Zoning Board of Appeals

(R) Joseph A. Tuozzola, Sr., 118 Gulf Street, #24, 06460, reappointment

(U) William Soda, 35 Edgemont Road, 06460, new appointment to fill vacant position (John J. Collins, Jr., resigned), term to expire 12/31/17.

Alternate, three-year term expiring 12/31/14

(D) Dave DeFlumeri, 3 Hillcrest Avenue, 06460, new appointment (to fill unexpired term of William Soda, appointed to regular member).

Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request pursuant to Article II, Section 16(7) of the Charter of the City of Milford, request for appointment of (R) Edward Mead, 67 Peak Avenue, 06460, to complete the unexpired term of Michael D. Casey (elected to the Board of Aldermen) on the Planning and Zoning Board representing the Third District. (Term to expire 12/31/15).

Chairman Vetro stated he would entertain a motion to re-order the agenda and bring forward item 8d so that all of the appointments could be completed at once.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to re-order the Agenda and bring forward item 8d.

8d. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Stanford made and seconded a motion to appoint the following Mayor's Appoints to the following Boards and Commissions:

Animal Shelter Commission

(D) Nancy Tuder, 1234 Windward Road, 06461, reappointment, five-year term, term to expire 12/31/18

Economic Development Commission

(D) Robert Kapusta, 10 Flax Mill Lane, 06461, reappointment, four-year term, term to expire 12/31/17

(U) Michael Lynch, 32 Hillside Avenue, 06460, reappointment, four-year term, term to expire 12/31/16.

Flood & Erosion Control Board

(U) Michael Zabinski, 102 Shorefront, 06460, reappointment, five-year term, term to expire 12/31/18

(D) John R. Casey, Jr., 93 Wilcox Road, 06460, new appointment, five-year term, term to expire 12/31/18

Historic District Commission:

(D) Suzanne Whittaker, 525 Milford Point Road, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 1/1/19

Alternate:

(D) Linda B. Stephenson, 67 Prospect Street, 06460, reappointment, five-year term, term to expire 1/1/19

Historic District (South of the Green)

(R) Carol M. Smith, 21 Green Street, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 1/1/19

Human Services Department

(U) Susan M. Stango, 148 Rivercliff Drive, 06460, reappointment, two-year term, term to expire 12/31/15

Inland Wetlands Agency

(U) Lily Flannigan, 38 Prospect Street, 06460, reappointment, three-year term, term to expire 12/31/16

MGAT (Milford Government Access Television) Committee

(R) Barbara Genovese, 19 Belmont Street, 06460, reappointment, two-year term, term to expire 12/31/15

(R) Matthew D. Gaynor, 60 Seventh Avenue, new appointment, two-year term, term to expire 12/31/15

Pension and Retirement Board

- (D) Robin Lynch (MEA), 66 Baxter Lane, 06460, reappointment, three-year term, term to expire 12/31/16
(R) Paul G. Staneski, 35 Point Lookout, 06460, reappointment, three-year term, term to expire 12/31/16
(D) Leo T. Mahoney, 75 Fenway East, 06460, reappointment, three-year term, term to expire 12/31/16
(U) Frank Murphy (Local 944), 179 Nettleton Avenue, reappointment, three-year term, term to expire 12/31/16
(U) Ann Maher, 50 Prospect Street, 06460, reappointment, three-year term, term to expire 12/31/16

Alternates

- (R) William P. Farrell, 1 Glenn Street, 06460, new appointment (to fill vacant position) term to expire 12/31/14

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board recessed at 8:12 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the Board in public session at 8:21 p.m.

8c. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the Capital Improvement Plan 2014-2018 (per the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board at their meeting on December 19, 2013).

Ald. Vitali commented he understood the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a plan with changes to be made. He stated he was disappointed with the Board of Education that a 5-year plan still is not in place and that budgets should be based on assumptions. He stated this Board asked the Board of Education for a plan two budgets ago and still have not received anything. He stated included in the CIP are roof replacement on schools that could possibly not be in place. He stated he just could not support the plan with so much unknown information.

Mayor Blake stated the CIP is indeed a blue-print, a planning tool with a rough financial outline over the years. He stated it also qualified the City for State and Federal grants. He also stated none of the items obligates the Board to funding, which comes later. Mayor Blake stated Ald. Vitali's point is a good one, agreeing that the Board of Education needs to come out with a comprehensive outline before the Board can make any recommendations to the Board.

Ald. Vitali stated he did not feel the Board of Education was moving in a timely fashion and that in some respect they were putting the "cart before the horse."

By roll call vote, the motion carried 11 yes (Bier, Asey, German, Giannattasio, Hardiman, Kubek, Shaw, Smith, Stanford, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 2 no (Fontana, Vitali).

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. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$6,677.07. 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. 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.

- 14a. Discussion concerning “0” Pond Point Avenue (Map 57, Block 712, Parcel 104A), “0” Pond Point Avenue (Map 57, Block 712, Parcel 105A) and 86 Point Point Avenue (Map 57, Block 712, Parcel 106A).
- 14b. Consideration of settlement of Edward Fedor v. City of Milford
Re: 1486 Boston Post Road
- 14c. Consideration of settlement of Joyce Byrnes v. City of Milford
Re: 1470 Boston Post Road
- 14d. Consideration of settlement of Target Corporation v. City of Milford
Re: 1191 Boston Post Road
- 14e. Consideration of settlement of Great River, LLC v. City of Milford
Re: 130 Coram Lane
- 14f. Consideration of settlement of Devon Manner Associates, LLC v. City of Milford
Re: 494 Naugatuck Avenue
- 14g. Consideration of settlement of FEZ, LLC v. City of Milford
Re: 75 Cascade Boulevard
- 14h. Consideration of settlement of Kurt Volk, Trustee v. City of Milford
Re: 1755 Boston Post Road
- 14i. Consideration of settlement of Subway Subs, Inc. v. City of Milford
Re: 315 Bick Drive
- 14j. Consideration of settlement of Mitas Associates, LLC v. City of Milford
Re: 100 Research Drive

Chairman Vetro announced those individuals entering Executive Session for item 14a would be the full Board, Mayor and City Attorney. For items 14b-j, Chairman Vetro announced the full Board, along with the Mayor, City Attorney and City Assessor would enter Executive Session.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the matters announced by the Chairman above. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:31 p.m.

Daniel Thomas, City Assessor left Executive Session at 8:57 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the meeting in public session at 9:16 p.m.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to authorize the City to enter into settlement RE: Edward Fedor v. City of Milford Re: 1486 Boston Post Road, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor and City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to authorize the City to enter into settlement RE: Joyce Byrnes v. City of Milford Re: 1470 Boston Post Road, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor and City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to authorize the City to enter into settlement RE: Target Corporation v. City of Milford Re: 1191 Boston Post Road, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor and City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to authorize the City to enter into settlement RE: Great River, LLC v. City of Milford Re: 130 Coram Lane, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor and City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to authorize the City to enter into settlement RE: Devon Manner Associates, LLC v. City of Milford, Re: 494 Naugatuck Avenue, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor and City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to authorize the City to enter into settlement RE: FEZ, LLC v. City of Milford, Re: 75 Cascade Boulevard, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor and City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to authorize the City to enter into settlement RE: Kurt Volk, Trustee v. City of Milford, Re: 1755 Boston Post Road, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor and City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to authorize the City to enter into settlement RE: Subway Subs, Inc. v. City of Milford, Re: 315 Bic Drive in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor and City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to authorize the City to enter into settlement RE: Mitas Associates, LLC v. City of Milford, Re: 100 Research Drive, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor and City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session.

Being no further business to discuss, Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman moved to adjourn at 9:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary