

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 5, 2007**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, February 5, 2007 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairperson T. Beirne called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. asking everyone present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

P. Beckwith  
T. Beirne  
B. Bier  
B. Blake  
V. Ditchkus, Jr.  
J. Garbus  
B. Genovese  
B. Lambert  
J. Patterson  
J. Politi  
K. Rowland  
J. Toohey  
N. Veccharelli, Jr.  
P. Vetro (7:37 p.m.)

Also Present

Mayor J. Richetelli, Jr.  
J. O'Connell, Mayor's Admin. Asst.  
A. Jepson, City Clerk  
W. Hug, City Accountant

Excused

M. Hardiman (sick)

Ald. Blake reported that Ald. Vetro would be late and that Ald. Hardiman was sick and unable to attend.

Mayor Richetelli welcomed those present and stated it was a pleasure to come to this Board and those present with something good. He reported that Milford for the second year in a row was named one of the 100 Best Communities in America for Young People. He stated they won the distinction last year and again this year and explained how much more difficult it is to win the second year in a row. He gave a brief background about America's Promise and its founder Col. C. Powell and that it is currently run by his wife Alma Powell. He stated there are so many groups that are a part of this collaboration and that he wished to recognize each of those groups. He introduced the Executive Director, Danielle Dumont, past President Pam Staneski and current President Joan Politi.

Ms. Dumont extended her sincerest thanks to all that have worked so hard to achieve this prestigious award. She spoke of the application and the amount of paperwork in applying for this. She also spoke of how Milford works to fulfill the five promises.

Ald. J. Politi extended her thanks and congratulations to all who have made this possible. She stated currently there are 23 volunteer members of the Board and expressed her sincere thanks to each and explained their roles. She reiterated what Ms. Dumont had stated that the application process is grueling. She also extended thanks to the Youth Network Services who plays a big part of this and deferred to Mrs. Staneski for the presentation.

Mrs. Staneski also extended congratulations to the community for this award and also stated how difficult it is to achieve this award two years in a row. He stated it means that the work the community worked so hard for the first year has been built on. She presented the certificates to the many groups and organizations in Milford involved in this program.

Mayor Richetelli added that part of the application process is the essays that are written and explained each community must submit three essays. He explained the Youth Network was modeled after the Social Services Network and founded by Joel Baldwin our former Mayor and current HRD Director. He extended a warm thank you to Mr. Baldwin. He called up Gervasio Previs to read his essay.

Ald. Politi stated she wished to acknowledge and read the essay written by Liz Denhup a freshman from Foran High School.

Chairman Beirne extended congratulations to all.

## 2. Public Statements

Public statements are limited to the legislative function of the Board of Aldermen. The time limit granted to each speaker shall be three minutes. Residents, taxpayers or electors may address the Board. Chairman Beirne also explained the Board does not respond to questions.

A. Charland – 42 Raycroft Street – stated he was speaking regarding Item 8I of the agenda that included the Naugatuck Avenue storm drain. He referred to the September 2006 BOA meeting which he spoke at regarding the flooding in the Naugatuck Avenue area. He stated he is the handyman at Saint Ann's School, Rectory and Parish and the work that at to be done in this areas after that 2006 storm. He also spoke of other incidents where there was more than 4" of water in the school. He also stated that although the storm drains were clean they still flooded. He also spoke of the culvert in that area and provided the Board with photographs he had taken.

B. Callahan – 173 Broadway – stated she relocated here three years ago. She stated she decided to speak today after learning of Milford being one of the 100 Best Communities. She stated she was here to tell of the drugs, abuse, gun stealing and bullying in this system and that she can validate this by \$5,000 worth of damage done personally to her. She read a letter her daughter wrote to the Mayor's Office several years ago wherein she stated in her letter that their property had been threatened and in addition that her family had been threatened. She stated she had to take her son out of the school system and that he is now in the Alternative Education Program. She deferred to her son.

C.J. Anderson – spoke of life skills and that he went so far as to google this. He also spoke of the racism, cliques and bullying he has been exposed to her as well as the apathetic teachers her in Milford. He stated he hopes to put Milford behind him after he graduates and that he plans to major in Ethics and join the Peace Corp.

B. Kuryla – 30 Weeping Willow Lane – urged the Board to support the dredging of Milford Harbor. He read letters of support from the Chamber of Commerce indicating the harbor is critical to the downtown businesses. He also ready a letter of support from Milford Progress and the Untied States Department of Commercial Fisheries which also spoke of the possible problems if the dredging project is ignored.

J. Gaynor – 60 Seventh Avenue – stated he was speaking representing the Milford Yacht Club. He spoke of the clubs at the yacht club that could be affected such as the swimming program as well as the sailing program and commented it is very difficult to stay in the channel. He asked the Board to release the funds to get this project going.

C. Carveth – 26 Cherry Street – spoke of the summer photo at Milford Bank that depicting the yacht club. He stated it is beautiful as well as a functional harbor. He stated the realization is that that City has to step up. He spoke of his 47 years here in Milford and also pointed out that unfortunately the federal government or state just can't do it all and that is why this City needs to step up.

S. Glennon – 99 Carlson Drive – stated she was speaking on behalf of One Voice HSPTA and urged the Board to support the bonding for the schools. She stated the schools are really antiquated and in need of works. She spoke of the science labs as well as the required codes and stated it was the 21<sup>st</sup> century and time to move forward. She stated the rooms are utilized differently than they were 30 years ago and also stated there is insufficient lab space. She noted the City of Milford was named to the 100 Best Communities and that it was unfortunate that the school system has to pick and choose its projects. She also stated that One Voice supports “renovate as new” and asked the Board to be open to renovating our schools.

J. Uss – 7 Weeping Willow Road – expressed his support of the Mayor and that of Mr. Kuryla who spoke earlier. He also expressed his appreciation that the Mayor had the wisdom for foresight to do this project and expressed his hope the Board would approve this.

K. Tisdale – 181 Wolf Harbor Road – stated he was speaking representing Windjammer, which is a private racing group. He stated of the 100 members 54 are Milford residents. He stated he was speaking from experience and has seen far too many times members' boats becoming stranded. He stated the channel entrance is dangerously narrow as well as shallow. He also spoke of the waves breaking in the channel that can also be problematic. He stated that Windjammer was asking that this project be approved.

R. Platt – 132 Platt Lane – City Historian – stated he met with the Historic Study Committee. He stated the Board had before them a report from the Committee as well as an Ordinance establishing a second Historic District. He spoke of the long and arduous task. He also noted that Connecticut is the only state that requires a 2/3 vote. He stated they had 76%, which is pretty good. He also complimented the work of Mr. Alan Jepson and his staff for the wonderful job they did. He urged the Board to approve this. He deferred to Ms. Mary Johnson from the State.

Ms. M. Johnson stated it was a pleasure to work over the last two years with this study group and stated it was a careful process and followed State statute to the letter. She also noted the State of Connecticut is the only State that required a vote. She spoke of the overwhelmingly positive response and also pointed out there never has been a process that wasn't approved. She commended the members of the Committee and the City Clerk.

L. Flanagan – 44 Prospect Street – stated the Citizen's Advisory Group requested a meeting January 24, 2007 and as a group they are attempting to notify when there is new construction and express their concerns.

N. Bodick – 26 High Street – stated she was speaking to ask for the Board's support of the dredging. She commented the entrance impairs access to so many facilities. She also stated there is only one-way in and out. She urged the Board to support this.

W. Dale – 527 Naugatuck Avenue – spoke on behalf of the Naugatuck Avenue drainage. He stated every time that area floods fire apparatus is dispatched. He also stated when it floods it is impassable.

Father Tom Ptaszynski – Saint Ann's Church – stated it is not just Saint Ann's that is affected so drastically. He spoke of the image when you look at your window and see this lake rising but realize it is your school and your church that is going to flood. He stated it is very dangerous and he is happy it can get under control very soon and that he was confident this would be taken care of soon. He spoke of Mr. Andy Charland and all he does at Saint Ann's and spoke of being blessed to have Mr. Charland's and his real name Noel and its significance.

D. Barburo (sp) – 551 Naugatuck Avenue – spoke of downtown Devon being the gateway to Milford and that it is not uncommon for that section to be under water. He urged the Board to please make the funds available.

K. Liddy – 55 Knobb Hill Terrace – expressed his support for the dredging of the harbor and stated if this is not done no one will come that way. He implored the Board to release the funds.

W. Smith – 354 Edgefield Avenue – spoke in favor of the Historic District and stated he was an alternate member of that Committee. He stated Milford is fortunate and lucky to have one that is functioning so well and this really becomes a jewel in Milford. He stated 76% of the people in that district supported that and also spoke of the hard work of the Committee and urged the Board to pass this.

A. Stowe – 36 Fresh Meadow Lane – stated he was a member of the Historic Study Committee and also member of upper Duck Pond Study. He stated the Committee has done a fine job to maintain the upper duck pond. He urged the Board to accept this.

K. Hawkins – 78 Lafayette Street – stated he was pleased to be appointed and serve on this Historic Committee. He urged this Board to approve this Ordinance.

R. Smith – 59 Sixth Avenue – commented several weeks ago Ald. Patterson reflected in an article on this Board's approval of property on Orange Avenue. He stated Chairman Beirne predictably responded to the letter and that although he himself may not agree he accepted it. He stated he did not feel the same way with a member of the Planning and Zoning Board without restraint and decorum called a member of this Board a liar. He commented that those comments were a direct conflict with the City's Ethics Code and that the Planning and Zoning Board member may need some coaching as to how a City Official should conduct himself.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on January 8, 2007.

Ald. Genovese and Ald. Vetro moved to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

None.

#### 5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Beirne read a letter he received from Ald. M. Hardiman regarding the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade and inviting members of the Board to march. He stated the parade would take place on Saturday, March 20, 2007. He also reported they received good news from the State legislature and gave an update regarding bill 499 regarding consideration for education costs which was introduced by State Senator G. Slossberg. He gave a lengthy explanation. He urged the Board to support this bill. He stated at the last meeting the Board voted regarding Connecticut Municipal Consortium, which was voted down 8 to 7. He stated that perhaps there was a misunderstanding what they were asked to do. He stated it would be reintroduced at the next meeting. He read an article from "Town and City"

#### 6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations.

Mayor Richetelli stated he was making the Board aware of items 6a-6d. Mayor Richetelli also asked the Board to consider items 8a-8s and that he would be happy to answer any questions as those items come up. He also asked the Board to remove item 8f from the agenda. He explained the money came in from the State so they are no longer in need of those monies. He also referred to item 6d and respectfully asked the Board to allow a short time to make a brief presentation.

6a. Mayor Richetelli reported he was pleased and proud to make the Board aware that Milford had once again been named one of the 100 Best Communities in America for Young People by America's Promise – The Alliance for Youth and Capital One. He reported Milford is the only community in Connecticut to win this prestigious award two years in a row. I wish to thank the many agencies, groups, and individuals who work tirelessly on behalf of our youth and whose efforts are recognized by this award and distinction.

6b. Mayor Richetelli made the Board aware that pursuant to Section 12-117 (a) of the Connecticut General Statutes that an extension for a period not to exceed one month, for the completion of the duties of the Assessor, specifically Section 12-55 (a), (b), and (c), namely the signing and publication of the Grand List from January 31, 2007 until no later than February 28, 2007, and, as required by the Statute, sent written notice to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.

6c. Mayor Richetelli reported to the Board that the City's Assessor, Daniel K. Thomas has been appointed to the State Work Group to Study Property Revaluations Undertaken by Municipalities by the Speaker of the House James A. Amann.

6d. Mayor Richetelli reported that Mr. Ronald A. Skurat of Seymour, CT and other members of the Housatonic Valley Association would be present at the February 5, 2007 meeting. He reported they would be bringing information and have requested that they be permitted to address the Board regarding the Housatonic River and the activities of their association and respectfully requested they be allowed to make a brief presentation.

Mr. Ron Skurat distributed a folder to the members of the Board and gave a brief overall. He also explained their goal is to protect the Housatonic River. He continued with his presentation. He deferred to Caprice Shaw for additional comment.

Ms. Shaw stated she is the Regional Director. She offered her congratulations to the City of Milford for being named one of the 100 Best Communities. She explained how they look at the various towns that border the Housatonic and that they chose to include Milford. She gave a brief overview of her role as director.

Mayor Richetelli stated that the Finance Director was away at a conference but was happy to have the City Accountant, Walter Hug present.

7. Unfinished Business:

None.

8a. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Ditchkus moved to approve the request for Resolution RE: Grant Application for Yough and Family Services Activities. Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Vetro moved to approve the request for the attached Resolution RE: Grant Application for Human Resources Development Activities. Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Ditchkus moved to approve the request for Resolution Re: Grant Application – State Department of Social Services. Motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Vetro moved to approve the request for Resolution RE: Substance Abuse Programs. Motion carried unanimously.

8e. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Vetro moved to approve the request for Resolution RE: Acceptance of Funds (“Mark Cooper Charitable Fund”). Motion carried unanimously.

8f. **REMOVED**

8g. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Vetro moved to approve the request for the appointment of (R) Marilyn W. Blake, 99 Green Meadow Road, to complete the term of (R) Josephine Joy (resigned) on the Golf Course Commission. (Term to expire 12/21/08). Motion carried unanimously.

8h. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Ditchkus moved to approve the request to authorize the Mayor to extend the City’s Agreement with the United Illuminating Company by signing Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 2 of the United Illuminating Company ISO-NE 30 Minute Read Time Demand Response Program Agreement of 2006.

Ald. Blake asked for clarification as to why they were being asked to extend a previously executed contract.

Mayor Richetelli explained this was a three-year extension and that the Board had approved this agreement this past June. He spoke of an event that took place in August. He explained when that happens they have to switch generators and explained the process in doing that.

Ald. Patterson commented UI also reimburses for fuel costs but that he did not see that in this contract.

Mayor Richetelli explained they reimbursed the City this year in the amount of \$36,800 for actual events and \$1,300 for gasoline used. He referred to page 2 of the agreement and read the language. He also spoke of the kilowatt generators and that there is one at the police department and in Public Works from the Wastewater Division. He explained they must be 100-kilowatt generators.

Ald. Veccharelli asked the location of the generators.

Mayor Richetelli spoke of the ones they have and reiterated they need to be over 100 kilowatts to get reimbursement. He also noted that one of the high schools has one.

Motion carried unanimously.

8i. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Vetro moved to approve the request for Resolution RE: Approval for a 2.4 Acre Wetland Creation and Invasives Control Project in Eisenhower Park by CL&P/UI/Northeast Utilities together with Necessary License, Easement and Conservation Agreements.

Ald. Ditchkus stated it was his understanding this project is 2.4 acres and that they could have done this anywhere.

Mayor Richetelli replied that was correct and explained how the Eisenhower Park Study Committee met with UI on a number of occasions regarding the power lines project. He explained it was the Army Corp of Engineers that made this possible for all 2.4 acres. He also explained this was to be done in one specific location and they decided to do it all in Eisenhower Park. He also stated a representative from UI was present. He pointed out there would be a fee attachment and explained there has to be a third party to check on the work. He stated those fee still have to be worked out and that he would report back to the Board.

Ald. Toohey asked when the work would take place.

Mr. M. Kibble, Project Manager stated they were required to have it done one year from the date of the project, which is January 12, 2007.

Ald. Toohey asked if any work in that are at this point.

Mr. Kibble responded no.

Ald. Rowland asked if it was the Army Corp of Engineers that required the work once the wires were down.

Mr. Kibble explained the competition for a lot of wetlands and that it adds up to 2.4 acres.

Ald. Rowland asked if it was just Eisenhower Park.

Mr. Kibble responded yes.

Ald. Bier extended a thank you to the utility company for choosing Milford.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Beirne stated he would entertain a motion to re-order the agenda and bring forward item 12a-1 through 4.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Toohey moved to re-order the agenda and bring forward items 12-1 through 4. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Ditchkus stated the Ordinance Committee met earlier in the evening and moved to forward to the full Board with a favorable recommendation. He stated they would vote on each one separately.

Ald. Toohey and Ald. Vetro moved to waive the reading of the Ordinances in their entirety. Motion carried unanimously.

12a-1 Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to approve an Ordinance appropriating \$12,937,000 for various school improvements and authorizing the issuance of \$12,937,000 bonds of the City to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

Chairman Ditchkus explained the items are for Pumpkin Delight, Foran, Phase II, Jonathan Law for additional renovations, Phase II and Foran the asbestos and lead abatement. He stated it is also for school improvement to the Alternative Education at Milford Academy.

Ald. Blake stated he clarified with Mr. Russell that close to 40% will be reimbursed by the State. He also commented Alternative Education is a cost of \$3,500,000 and we should receive \$2,500,000 from the State.

Ald. Politi asked for a break down of Phase I, II, III. She also spoke of a concern raised in Public Session regarding the intra structure of our schools. She stated she wished to have the clarified if this is for the cafeteria expansion.

Mayor Richetelli state M. Cummings, Principal at Foran High School was available.

Mr. Cummings explained Phase I was the stairwells to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor and also included was some of the sprinkler pipe work. He stated Phase II was the Media Center and replacement of the gym floor and bleachers. He stated the Media Center is sorely needed. He stated they would also replace the air conditioner, chiller and boiler.

Ald. Politi asked about Phase III.

Mr. Cummings replied Phase III is the replacement of the cafeteria, bathrooms and classroom space.

Ald. Politi asked about Phase I at Law and also Phase II

Ms. J. Garagliano, Principal from Jonathan Law explained Phase I was the replacement of the windows in the existing building and also included enclosing the courtyard. She stated Phase II is the renovation of the science labs and upgrades as well as tile work and Phase III is for additional classrooms which are sorely needed.



Ald. Rowland commented regarding the importance of safety and also regarding the science classrooms and stated that it was mentioned the aesthetics in the gym and asked for a more detailed explanation regarding the bleachers and gym floor.

Mr. Cummings explained the bleachers on the right side of the gym are shorter bleachers but it is the manual operation of them when they need to be opened. He stated currently they are able to get replacement parts but is becoming increasingly difficult. He stated the floor is original to the building and spoke of the years of water leaks therefore there is some buckling even though each year it is sanded.

Ald. Rowland asked if there is a problem with the divider.

Mr. Cummings responded it is not a major problem and that the new one works better but they are running out of room with regard to storage.

Ald. Patterson asked about the 40% reimbursement and asked if that would go towards this debt.

Mayor Richetelli explained this is a line item each year in the budget and also debt burden attributed to the schools.

Mr. Russell commented if there is ever a Phase IV or V he explained they break it down as to necessity such as fire/code safety, electrical, mechanical and also existing instructional areas if there was enough money.

Motion carried unanimously.

12a-2. Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Toohey moved to approve an Ordinance appropriating \$4,650,000 for various Public Improvements and authorizing the issuance of \$4,650,000 bonds of the City to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purposes.

Ald. Ditchkus gave a brief outline commenting this includes such projects as Stern Hall, the Gulf Street intersection improvements, Naugatuck Avenue drainage, fire department pumper, etc. He stated the pumper replaces one in a 20-year cycle. He also expressed his support of the Naugatuck Avenue project and commented at times they were under 2 feet of water and that it is long overdue.

Ald. Toohey also spoke of the Naugatuck Avenue area particularly Saint Ann's Parish that has spent many years of being underwater. She stated Saint Ann's has done so much to repair the damage. She also commended Andy Charland on the work he has done to try to alleviate this situation. She also spoke of what they have done as a community and urged the Board to support this.

Ald. Lambert thanked Mr. Charland for a personnel tour of this area. She stated Saint Ann's has tried everything. She also spoke of how devastating it is to be a business owner in that area. She stated they have an obligation to do this and give their support to these people. She urged the Board to pass this and start the much-needed repairs.

Ald. Genovese stated she is not from that area and that Devon is looking nice but stated safety should come first before glorifying an area. She expressed her hope that in the future the focus would be to fix things that need to be fixed.

Ald. Blake asked for an explanation of the \$180,000 they may allocate and asked if that is the high side or low side and how much they could potentially be liable for.

Mayor Richetelli explained this was in the Capital Improvement Plan in 2002 and it is coming up for approval now. He stated by vote of the Devon revitalization it was agreed the engineering fees would come out of State dollars. He explained \$50,000 would have to go out for an EEP for engineering consultant fees. He stated knowing this was coming up and keeping up with the desire to do only on bonding per year. He stated he has had informal discussions with engineering firms and they hope and anticipate the \$180,000 will be enough.

Ald. Rowland asked if the five-year proposed included an assistant chief's vehicle and another service truck and commented it did not add up.

Mayor Richetelli responded this only includes the pumper and that the figure includes the contingency and financing fees for the pumper. He stated the other two vehicles, if funded, would be through the Vehicle Acquisition Program.

Ald. Ditchkus thanked the Mayor for getting this through and stated this was a state mandate at one time.

Motion carried unanimously.

12a-3. Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Toohey moved to approve an Ordinance appropriating \$3,300,000 for the East/West Interceptor Replacement and authorizing the issuance of \$3,300,000 bonds of the City to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

Ald. Ditchkus explained this is to replace 36" sewer line that supplies almost 2/3 of the City. He stated this is area they just would not want to see fail.

Ald. Blake asked if there was a coordinator or point person in place for the entities that all have interest to put in this jockey boxes or whatever so they don't have to start over.

Mayor Richetelli stated the consulting engineer for the sewers is Westcott and Mapes. He explained the new line would be placed next to the old line and then switched over. He stated they try to know to the best of their ability to know what will go on and also that new projects are responsible to return the site to the state it was in.

Ald. Toohey spoke of an issue in April/May 2006 when that sewer was tapped into and there was some issues. She also noted there will be an over 55 development going in. She stated this is something that needs to get done and that it was important for it to move forward.

Mayor Richetelli elaborated on the program of not "messaging up" utilities already there and stated there is a law that requires you to "Call Before You Dig" (CBYD).

Ald. Bier spoke of CBYD and asked if they could call them so as to coordinate with them so we don't have to do this again.

Ald. Veccharelli asked how long this would go on.

Mayor Richetelli responded he believed it was in the aldermen's packet that it is one year.

Ald. Ditchkus stated he understood the concerns of Mr. Blake and seeing the utilities come down. He stated this has been a contention of Public Works for 15 years or so and explained what happened some time ago. He stated he would like to see our legislatures help out.

Ald. Lambert stated she would like to see this plan go forward to they just don't see some disaster.

Motion carried unanimously.

12a-4. Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Vetro moved to approve an Ordinance Amending \$3,400,000 for various public improvements and authorizing the issuance of \$3,400,000 bonds of the City to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

Ald. Ditchkus explained this was an Ordinance passed back in 2004 and that approximately \$400,000 would be added. He stated the bulkhead back then came in at less than expected.

Ald. Blake commented as he has in the past that he is a boater that has been stuck himself and also helped others. He also stated he wished to clarify that the Harbor Commission voted to expend up to \$100,000 and whatever the City needs to support this.

Mayor Richetelli explained he was asking for an amount up to \$400,000 to be used from authorized yet unused bond of 2004. He also stated he anticipated the cost of the dredging would be much less than \$400,000. He also stated the DEP based on testing would tell them where to dump it and that the \$100,000 would come out of the undesignated fund balance for the test.

Ald. Rowland referred to the December minutes and read portions noting the testing was not suitable and in the January meeting the reports need to be done.

Mr. R. Swift referred to two sections, one closer to breakwaters and another spot further out. He gave a lengthy explanation as to the composition, testing and chemical analysis.

Mayor Richetelli added the figure is from a dredging company.

Mr. G. Montano was also present commented there are always the questions, when was it done before, what will be done, will it happen again. He also spoke of the sediment of the river and the ponds and noted sedimentation will always happen but making ponds deeper would also help.

Mayor Richetelli elaborated on what Mr. Montano said and stated dredging the upper ponds, Eisenhower Park, City Hall, etc. He stated over a certain amount of acreage it is not the jurisdiction of Inland/Wetlands and puts it with the Army Corp of Engineers.

Ald. Bier commented immediate economic impact on the City would be great and that it would be prudent to do this now. He also commended the Harbor Commission and previous Board.

Ald. Vetro spoke of the dredging of the harbor and asked if it is done on a regular basis. He stated he is in favor of this but not too happy the City has to pay for it. He also suggested regular maintenance and set aside monies every 8 years or so.

Mr. Swift stated there is a maintenance operation right now but this has gotten to an emergency point at this time. He stated prior to this D. Hosking and C. Tomlinson worked on this for 4 years and took all the right steps. He also commented he was always told by the Army Corp of Engineers that Milford was penciled in. He stated the Federal Government into maintaining what they call major harbors such as Boston, NYC.

Mayor Richetelli stated in the City there are reserve accounts; unfortunately the Federal Government does not work that way. He spoke of the lengthy files after September 11 and that so much changed so drastically. He stated they have made requests through Congresswoman R.DeLauro for the funding and unfortunately each year they are denied. He also stated that each year they meet and he will bring up the request of Ald. Vetro.

Ald. Ditchkus spoke of Norwalk and NYC harbors and noted they have always known this is a problem.

Ald. Politi noted she is the liaison to the Harbor Commission and complimented both gentlemen. She commented the importance to look to the future and ways to fund this in the future.

Mr. Montano spoke of anchoring system, which has one payment but also other ongoing loans and cited some of those projects.

Ald. Politi asked if there is a fee for individuals to use our harbor.

Mr. Swift responded that would be a last resort.

Ald. Vecharelli commented as a taxpayer that he appreciated the Harbor Commission “kicking in” the \$100,000 to get it done.

Motion carried unanimously.

8j. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Ditchkus moved to approve the request for Resolution RE: Cash Advance for Education Facilities. Motion carried unanimously.

8k. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Ditchkus moved to approve the request for Resolution RE: Cash Advance for Wastewater and Sewer Improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

8l. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Vetro moved to approve the request for Resolution Re: Cash Advance for Various Public Improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

8m. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Vetro moved to approve the request for Resolution RE: Cash Advance for the Planning, Construction, and Finance of Various Public Improvements (amended from Resolution passed by Board of Alderman on November 8, 2004, from East Side Bulkhead and Boat Ramp Repairs Project to Emergency Dredging – Federal Channel at entrance to Milford Harbor). Motion carried unanimously.

8n. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Ditchkus moved to approve the Resolution RE: Milford Board of Education concerning Joseph A. Foran High School (Phase II Alterations and Energy). Motion carried unanimously.

8o. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Vetro moved to approve the request for Resolution RE: Milford Board of Education concerning Jonathan Law High School (Phase II Alterations and Energy Conservation). Motion carried unanimously.

8p. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Garbus moved to approve the request for Resolution Re: Milford Board of Education concerning Pumpkin Delight Elementary School (floor tile replacement, asbestos abatement, and driveway safety improvements). Motion carried unanimously.

8q. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Ditchkus moved to approve the request for “Milford Connecticut South the of Green Proposed Historic District Study Report” dated June 27, 2006 by the Milford Historic District Study Committee and to create an Ordinance to create and provide for the operation of a historic district pursuant to the report from the City Clerk the at residents of the proposed district approved the establishment of said district by an affirmative vote of 76.55 percent of the residents who returned ballots (2/3 or 66.67 percent required for approval) all in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-147. Motion carried unanimously.

8r. Ald. Genovese and and Vetro moved to approve the request for Resolution Re: Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Energy Purchasing Program Authorization to Sign Participation Agreement.

Mayor Richetelli explained the program and deferred to Mr. A. Rowan (sp) for additional information.

Ald. Blake asked if they would realize the same type of savings as the Board of Education.

Mr. Rowan responded the market changes so much it is too hard to predict. He stated they have done this for 79 towns and cities. He also commented that although they cannot predict it there could be a significant amount of money and it could be worthwhile.

Motion carried unanimously.

8s. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Vetro moved to approve the request to accept a 4kW solar photovoltaic system from the CT Clean Energy Program as a result of our efforts toward the goal of 20% by 2010 Clean Energy Campaign and authorize the Mayor and all other City agencies to facilitate the installation of this system. 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.

10. Budget Memo Transfers:

- a. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Ditchkus moved to approve consideration of Budget Memo Transfer #9, Fund 10, FY 2006-2007.

Ald. Blake asked if this is a transfer for the contingency fee and asked the reason why.

Mr. Hug explained they draw monies from certain accounts and then move it to the accounts necessary.

Ald. Blake asked about project plans.

Mr. Hug replied he was not aware of plans.

Ald. Blake asked if a project is planed does this Board give its approval.

Mr. Hug stated all Board of Finance transfers go through the Board of Aldermen.

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Vetro moved to approve consideration of Budget Memo Transfer #10, Fund 10, FY 2006-2007. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 11. Refunds:

- a. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Ditchkus moved to approve consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$36,531.19. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 12. Report of Standing Committees:

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Toohey moved to waive the reading of the Ordinances in their entirety. Motion carried unanimously.

12a-5. Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to approve an Ordinance establishing Article XI.A of Chapter 18 of the Milford Code of Ordinances establishing Milford Historic District No. 2. Motion carried unanimously.

12a-6. Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to approve an Ordinance Amending an Ordinance creating Article XVII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Tree Commission, Appointment of Alternates).

Ald. Ditchkus explained this allows for two alternates to be appointed to the Commission.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Rowland stated she wished to defer to Unfinished Business. She stated she asked last month about the gasoline account and perhaps heating accounts.

Mayor Richetelli explained they watch those accounts each month. He also commented if they continue not to have snow and not having to use outside contractors as well as salt and sand it is another option. He also noted with regard to heating fuel there was a 10% drop. He stated they would continue to watch these accounts.

- b. Public Safety and Welfare Committee – no report.

c. Public Works Committee – Ald. Toohey reported they met and went over many different issues. She also stated she wished to bring to the Board’s attention the 24-hr flashing light on Daniel Street and that it seems to be helping and making citizens more cognizant.

Mayor Richetelli added that system is not yet completely operational and when the whole system is fully operational it will be much better.

d. Claims Committee – Ald. Toohey reported the Claims Committee met earlier in the evening to discuss one item and voted unanimously to forward it to the full Board.

Ald. Toohey and Ald. Ditchkus moved to approve Consideration of the Claim of Police Officer Mark Freeman (PPD Award) as discussed in Executive Session with the City Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

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 – Ald. Genovese stated they would meet on February 8, 2007.

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

j. Liaison Sub-Committee – Fowler Memorial building – no report.

k. Liaison Sub-Committee – Housing Authority – Ald. Lambert reported the Housing Authority met. She stated they had some complaints from senior citizens regarding an outrageous UI bill. She stated she checked with the director and they have 80-gallon tanks. She asked if someone could look into this.

Mayor Richetelli asked if she was referring to 80-gallon tanks at the Housing Authority on Jagoe and noted they are private.

Ald. Lambert responded yes and that 80-gallon tank was installed last year and noted that off-peak they are supposed to be less.

Mayor Richetelli stated he would look into it. He also pointed out the Housing Authority is separate from the City but he would still look into it.

l. Golf Course Commission – Ald. Toohey reported at the last meeting they received a letter from Mrs. J. Joy that she would no longer be serving. Ald. Toohey publically thanked Mrs. Joy for her work as a founding member of the Commission and that this Board should also recognize her.

m. Inland Wetlands Agency

n. Milford Academy Community Campus Bldg. Committee

o. Courthouse Expansion Committee – no report

p. Liaison Health Department

q. Education Funding Committee – Ald. Politi reported they would met next Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

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.

a. Status Report – Negotiations RE: 72 Old Field Lane, Cadley Property

Ald. Garbus and Ald. Ditchkus moved to adjourn to Executive Session with the full Board, Mayor Richetelli and the City Attorney. Motion carried unanimously. The Board adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Patterson moved to come out of Executive Session at 11:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Rowland and Ald. Patterson moved to adjourn at 11:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber  
Board Secretary