

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 1, 2019**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, July 1, 2019 in the Aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman P. 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

B. Anderson  
E. Beatty  
K. Fortunati  
C. Gaynor  
D. German  
A. Giannattasio  
J. Grant  
F. Smith  
J. Tranquilli  
N. Veccharelli  
P. Vetro  
R. Vitali

Also Present

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

Excused

J. Golden  
M. Hardiman  
A. Sutton

**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.

Wendy Terenzio, 24 Ard Court, read from a prepared statement. Ms. Terenzio stated she was speaking on behalf of Christine Pritchard, owner of Scoot & Paddle. She also stated she is President of the Walnut Beach Association. Ms. Terenzio voiced concerns regarding beach and other parking schedules in the Walnut Beach area. She stated the parking impacts Walnut Beach activities that bring support and tourism to the area. Ms. Terenzio stated the Walnut Beach parking lot does not allow for hourly parking and there is no access for elderly or handicap individuals who are brought to the beach by non-resident caretakers.

Laura Ambrogio, 24 Ard Court, Ms. Amrogio voiced concerns regarding beach and other parking schedules in the Walnut Beach area. She stated the parking impacts Walnut Beach activities that bring support and tourism to the area. Ms. Amrogio stated the Walnut Beach parking lot does not allow for hourly parking and there is no access for elderly or handicap individuals who are brought to the beach by non-resident caretakers

Sandra Kinskey-Lebeda, 147 North Street, stated she had concerns with the proposed realignment of North Street just passed the Boston Post Road. Ms. Kinskey stated the proposed island will be a de facto one way street and how this will impact travel to and from her residence.

David Kinskey-Lebeda, 147 North Street, stated there had been no public announcement of the change to the traffic pattern of North Street and Orange Avenue. He stated the paint island will be difficult to see in low light. Mr. Kinskey-Lebeda stated he spoke with the Police Department and was told no officer would ticket anyone crossing the island to enter or exit his home. He further stated he is a civil engineer and understands how projects such as these work. Mr. Kinskey-Lebeda stated he had concerns with the lack of effort to review the plans with neighbors in the area.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on June 3, 2019.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 3, 2019. 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 safe July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake asked the Board for their consideration of items 8a through 8c, including the executive session itmes.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

(8a) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Smith made and seconded a motion to approve the a Resolution Re: Grant Application for Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if the grant included wages for the Block Grant Coordinator, what the amount of that salary is and have there been any increases since the grant was last approved. Sheila Dravis, Block Grant Coordinator, stated the grant does include wages which are currently \$64,677. She also stated that wages are increased annually with the other non-represented positions. Ald. Giannattasio asked if there were any other staff members within the department. Ms. Dravis state she has one part-time seasonal employee. Ald. Giannattasio asked what municipal projects the fund would be used for. Ms. Dravis discussed the Beaverbrook boardwalk project.

Ald. Anderson asked Ms. Dravis to discuss planned upgrades for the housing authority units on Jepson Drive. Ms. Dravis stated this project has long coming and the project stated with upgrading the bathrooms in 45 units. She stated the Housing Authority does not receive state funding and they now need to remove asbestos which is a large project. Ms. Dravis stated there has been a lot of coordinating required for this project.

Motion carried unanimously.

8(b) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Smith made and seconded a waiver of bid for battery energy storage system #BESS 125Q-QMMA26737-00 in conjunction with the Microgrid project, and to authorize the Mayor and Public Works Director to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said purchase.

Ald. German asked if the backup system was part of the original Mircogrid plan and if there is only one manufacturer. Chris Saley, Director of Public Works explained the battery system and stated it had been put out to bid and the City did not receive one. Ald. German asked Mr. Saley if he had an estimate of other associated costs. Mr. Saley state other costs would be \$98,000 to \$100,000. Ald. German asked Mr. Saley why only a 3 year warranty. Mr. Saley discussed how the system works and the warranty.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8c) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve Allocation Transfer No. 1 (Vehicle Acquisition Program). 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. Veccharelli and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve Budget Memo Transfers #13 and #14, Fund 10, FY 19. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds:

a. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve refunds in the amount of \$15,242.29. Motion carried unanimously.

## 12. Report of Standing Committees:

### a. Ordinance Committee:

Ald. Giannattasio stated he is the Vice Chairman of the Ordinance Committee and he would like know if the concerns of the Walnut Beach community will be addressed by the Ordinance Committee. Ald. Smith, Chairman Ordinance Committee, stated that he, together with Ald. Gaynor, Mayor Blake and Justin Rosen met with members of the Walnut Beach Association. He further stated that the ordinance will be reviewed and he expects there will be amendments hopefully in August.

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.

s. Liaison – Milford Progress, Inc. – 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.

Chairman Vetro stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn to Executive Session on the following items.

(14a) Consideration of settlement of Walgreen Eastern Company v. City of Milford, Re: 1083 Boston Post Road;

(14b) Consideration of settlement of DHS Realty, LLC v. City of Milford, Re: 717 Bridgeport Avenue;

(14c) Consideration of settlement of Catherine and Robert Jenney v. City of Milford, Re: 15 Abigail Street;

(14d) Consideration of settlement of Frank and Nancy Ianna v. City of Milford, Re: 861 East Broadway;

(14e) Consideration of settlement of Blake Milford, LLC v. City of Milford, Re: 865 East Broadway; and

(14f) Consideration of settlement of Beaches, LLC v. City of Milford, Re: 75 Shell Avenue.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Vetro stated that Mayor Blake, Jonathan Berchem, City Attorney, and Dan Thomas, Assessor would be joining the Board in executive session. The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:04 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the meeting in public session at 8:33 p.m.

(14a) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of Walgreen Eastern Company v. City of Milford, Re: 1083 Boston Post Road. Motion carried unanimously.

(14b) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of DHS Realty, LLC v. City of Milford, Re: 717 Bridgeport Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

(14c) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of Catherine and Robert Jenney v. City of Milford, Re: 15 Abigail Street. Motion carried unanimously.

(14d) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of Frank and Nancy Ianna v. City of Milford, Re: 861 East Broadway. Motion carried unanimously.

(14e) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of Blake Milford, LLC v. City of Milford, Re: 865 East Broadway. Motion carried unanimously.

(14f) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve settlement of Beaches, LLC v. City of Milford, Re: 75 Shell Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business to discuss, Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Giannattasio moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 8:37 p.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