

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 1, 2011**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, August 1, 2011 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman G. Smith called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. He asked those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for a moment of silence for those men and women serving our country.

**1. Roll Call**

Board Members Present

B. Bevan  
B. Bier  
B. Blake  
D. German  
F. Goodrich  
A. Giannattasio  
M. Hardiman  
B. Joy, Jr.  
J. Patterson  
G. Smith  
P. Smith  
P. Staneski  
N. Veccharelli  
P. Vetro  
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor J. Richetelli, Jr.  
P. Erodici, Acting Finance Director  
L. Bull DiLullo, Mayor's Admin. Asst.

**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.

A. Berman – 99 Pelham Street – acknowledged Chairman G. Smith of the Board of Aldermen for his Freedom lawn and also Ald. D. German and City Attorney W. Smith, Jr. She stated today is the official first day of Single-Stream Recycling. Ms. Berman gave thanks to the Public Works Department, especially D. Hooks, Sanitation Foreman and also Mrs. R. Silver for her hard work and determination and finally to all those at the senior center for stuffing over 17,000 envelopes. She also commented about remarks that have been made regarding B. Wright, past ECC President and the main mover of the Plan of Conservation and Development. She stated many have commented about her “Mother Nature” role and noted her love of the environment and stated she is a steward of our Earth and her comments should not be taken lightly. Ms. Berman asked the Board to be cognizant of reducing our city's footprint any further and recalled what Milford was like when she first moved here. She also spoke of the unfair treatment of the City Planner, who she stated has been suspended

without pay for four weeks. She gave the Board a copy of the editorial of Jill Dion of the Milford Manner where she questioned why this was not handled in-house. She stated she hoped this would be resolved very soon.

A. Petrahai – 32 Orient Avenue – spoke regarding temporary signs. He also spoke regarding testing scores, which were recently announced in the newspaper and expressed his concerns. Mr. Petrahai also spoke of the fiascos of the last two school heads and spoke about disparity. He stated the school system is overpaid and that they need to learn to do more with less. He also spoke about the recent budget cuts which he stated appear to have resulted in the lack of the ability to use bathroom facilities. He went on to explain what happened to him when he was trying to find an open bathroom. He also spoke regarding the police department and asked for an audit of all of the devices in the police cruisers. He stated something needed to be done about test scores and also commented the mayor's salary should increase.

J. Marini – 101 Pascal Drive - stated she is the owner of Edo Construction, a local concrete company. Reading from a prepared statement she stated her company has lost out on jobs that have gone to out of town contractors. She also stated her company uses all local city contractors. She stated she felt Milford she support local businesses as “we” support the City with “our” taxes.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on July 11, 2011.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 11, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on June 27, 2011.

Ald. Hardiman and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on June 27, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Chairman's Report – Chairman G. Smith stated he received a letter from recently retired Board secretary Rosalie Spinelli thanking the Board members for their gift. He also reported he received a letter from the Boys & Girls Club thanking the Board for their support and giving them the ability for continued partnership in the City.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Richetelli stated he would respectfully ask for the Board's action regarding items 8a through 8b and stated he would be happy to discuss each as they come up on the agenda. In addition, he asked that the Board add under item #9 New Business.

6a. Mayor Richetelli stated he was pleased to announce the appointment of Peter A. Erodicti, Jr., CPA to the position of Director of Finance. He stated former Finance Director Judy Doneiko retired on April 1, 2011 and that the Finance Department has been under the capable leadership of Peter Erodicti. He stated there were over 51 applicants. He stated he was pleased to announce the candidate who rose to the top was Milford's own Peter Erodicti.

Mr. Erodici thanked the Mayor and the Board. He stated he deeply appreciated the opportunity and that it was an honor to serve the City. He also thanked the former Finance Director for her help and support and also his predecessor in the Accounting Department, Mr. Hug. Mr. Erodici stated he looks forward to working in the Finance Department and working with the other City departments. He also stated he looks forward to continuing his work with the outgoing mayor and working with the new mayor and keeping Milford remain stable.

Chairman G. Smith stated on behalf of the Board of Aldermen he was delighted to see him step up.

6b. Mayor Richetelli made the Board aware of the following Mayor's appointment:

(U) William M. Blotney, 481 West River Street, 06461, to complete the unexpired term of Carolyn Greer (resigned) on the conservation Commission. Term to expire 12/31/13.

6c. Mayor Richetelli stated he would respectfully ask the Board to grant the Wayfinding Task Force of Milford Progress, Inc the opportunity to present a brief report on the status of the Wayfinding sign project. He acknowledged the presence of Kathy Alagano and Lynda Tellier Smith and deferred to them for their presentation.

Ms. Tellier Smith displayed the sign that will be throughout the City.

Chairman G. Smith asked about the size of the signs.

Ms. Tellier Smith stated the display was not to scale, but that the measurements were included in the Board of Aldermen package.

Ald. Blake asked about sponsorships on the signs and if the sponsor would then be responsible for maintenance of the particular area of the sign.

Ms. Tellier Smith explained they hoped to have funding in place and have a local landscaper maintain all of the locations so that there was uniformity to each of the areas.

Ald. Blake commented the Ordinance Committee of the Board of Aldermen met earlier in the evening and there was some discussion about the Chamber of Commerce and Milford Progress and expressed his hope that a representative of both of these organizations could stay around for that particular Ordinance to gain some perspective.

Ms. Alagano stated that would be a matter of policy and without first having a discussion with the Executive Board or the Chamber, they would not have any input at this point.

Ald. Blake asked if the Ordinance has been discussed at a recent Chamber meeting.

Ms. Alagano and Ms. Tellier Smith both responded no.

Ald. Bevan asked about the ability to change the items on the signs.

Ms. Tellier Smith explained the directions signs are actually slates and easily changed.

Ald. Bevan asked if there is a time period for a sponsorship.

Ms. Tellier Smith stated they have not gotten that far in their discussions so they have not set any guidelines.

Ald. Vitali commented the sign was very handsome and noted a lot of time went into this project and he expressed his thanks.

Chairman G. Smith thanked both ladies and their respective committees.

7. Unfinished Business:

None.

8. New Business (from the Mayor's Report Items 8a-8b):

8a. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the appointment of (R) Sgt. Daniel P. Sharoh, 184 Anderson Avenue, 06460, as the Police Union-Local 899 representative on the pension and Retirement Board to complete the unexpired term of Lt. Gary Compare (retired). Term to expire 12/31/11. Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the Capital Improvement Plan 2011-2016 (per recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board at their meeting held July 19, 2011).

Ald. Joy commented in looking over this long term plan it was important to reiterate that this plan is not a request to spend funds, but a road map for the future. He stated it is important to prepare a plan like this to have an idea what is coming down the road. He also pointed out quite a bit of money has been spent on educational facilities, which he commented is nice to see.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. New Business not on the agenda which may be introduced by a two-thirds (2/3) vote on those present and voting.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to introduce new business.

Ald. Veccharelli asked what the new business was and stated it must be announced in accordance with the aldermanic rules.

Chairman G. Smith stated he received a letter from Engine 260 regarding their annual fire muster. He stated the request which was dated July 7, 2011 was not received until tonight and asks for permission to use the facilities at Eisenhower Park.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the use of Eisenhower Park on September 10, 2011 for the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Engine 260 Antique Fire Apparatus Show and Muster and to allow Engine 260 Muster participants to camp at Eisenhower Park from September 4, 2011 through September 12, 2011 per request dated July 11, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Budget Memo Transfers

a) Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfers #14 and 15, Fund 10, FY 11. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

a) Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$6,922.92.

Ald. Veccharelli stated since he is the recipient of one of the refunds he would abstain from voting.

Motion carried 14 yes (Bevan, Bier, Blake, German, Giannattasio, Goodrich, Hardiman, Joy, Patterson, G. Smith, P. Smith, Staneski, Vetro, Vitali) and 1 abstention (Veccharelli).

12. Report of Standing Committees:

a. Ordinance Committee – Ald. Giannattasio reported the Ordinance Committee met earlier in the evening and voted to forward to the full Board of Alderman with a favorable recommendation the following Ordinance:

An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 2, Article V, Division 2, Section 2-90 and 2-91 and Substituting Chapter 2, Article V, Division 2, Section 2-90 through 2-92.5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford.

Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Veccharelli made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 2, Article V, Division 2, Section 2-90 and 2-91 and Substituting Chapter 2, Article V, Division 2, Section 2-90 through 2-92.5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford.

Ald. Bier and Ald. P. Smith made and seconded a motion to table the matter.

Ald. Bier stated the basis for his motion was the fact it had just been received and that they needed more time and based on the discussions during the Ordinance Committee meeting.

By roll call vote, the motion to table carries 8 yes (Bier, Blake, German, Goodrich, Joy, G. Smith, P. Smith, Staneski) and 7 no (Bevan, Giannattasio, Hardiman, Patterson, Veccharelli, Vetro, Vitali).

b. Public Safety and Welfare Committee – no report.

c. Public Works Committee – Ald. Joy reported as was heard earlier in the evening that Single-Stream Recycling began today. He also reported new sand is being moved to Gulf Beach.

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 – Ald. Staneski reported the pack back program was in full gear.
  
- 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. Board of Aldermen approval is requested for Allocation Transfer No. 1 (Legal Expenses – 990 Naugatuck Avenue) and status report RE: 990 Naugatuck Avenue.

14b. Status report and consideration of settlement of Kurt A. Fuchs, et al v. City of Milford, RE: 24 Hawley Avenue.

14c. Status report and consideration of settlement of Milford Associates, LLC v. City of Milford, RE: 49-98 Turnpike Square.

Chairman G. Smith stated he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session regarding items 14a, 14b and 14c.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for items 14a-14c.

Ald. Patterson raised a point of order stating the Chairman must announce who will be going into Executive Session.

Chairman G. Smith announced the full Board along with the Mayor, City Attorney and Attorney David Slossberg and Attorney Danielle Bercury would be in Executive Session for item 14 a; and the full Board along with the Mayor, City Attorney and City Assessor would be in Executive Session for items 14b-c.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

Attorneys Slossberg and Bercury left Executive Session at 9:43 p.m.

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

Chairman G. Smith reconvened the Board in public session at 9:48 p.m.

14a. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Allocation Transfer No. 1 (legal Expenses – 990 Naugatuck Avenue, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14b. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of the Settlement of Kurt A. Fuchs, et al v. City of Milford (Re: 24 Hawley Avenue) in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14c. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of the Settlement of Milford Associates, LLC v. City of Milford (RE: 49-98 Turnpike Square) in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman G. Smith announced the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen would be September 12, 2011.

Being no further business to discuss, Ald. Goodrich and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen K. Huber  
Recording Secretary