

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, September 10, 2012 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman P. Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Chairman Vetro asked those present to join in saluting our flag.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

B. Anderson
B. Bier
G. Gasper
D. German
A. Giannattasio
J. Golden
R. Nunno.
S. Shaw
F. Smith
P. Smith
G. Stanford
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake
Jonathan Berchem, City Attorney
Bonnie Peloso, Asst. City Clerk
Peter Erodici, Finance Director
Steve Fournier, Mayor's Admin. Asst.

Chairman Vetro deferred to the Mayor for a presentation.

Mayor Blake stated he was pleased tonight to have present tonight Milford's 9-10 year old International Little League All-Star Softball team and acknowledge their accomplishments. Mayor Blake went on to read a proclamation to the District IV, Section 1 and State Champion Milford International Little League 9-10 All Star Team, who traveled to Old Forge, PA and were only one game away from a championship. He acknowledged their coaches, Tom Jolly and Tom Boehm and declared September 10, 2012 as Milford International Little League All-Star Softball Day in Milford.

2. Public Statements

Public statements are limited to the legislative function of the Board of Aldermen. He stated the time limit granted to each speaker shall be three (3) minutes. Residents, taxpayers, and electors may address the Board at this time. He stated the Board encourages speakers not to express derogatory, insensitive, or offensive statements or to engage in personal attacks against individuals. He stated in order to allow everyone an opportunity to speak; he would ask that everyone limit their comments to three minutes.

A. Petrahai – 32 Orient Avenue – spoke regarding the cost of the East Shore Middle School project. He stated the senior citizens cannot afford \$6M. He also stated the senior citizens in Milford need help and commented

we are all going to be senior citizens some day. Mr. Petrahai stated people are moving down south because of lower taxes. He asked the Board to please do something for the seniors.

L. Malone – 14 Eighth Avenue – stated she is the Chair of the Mayor's Open Space Advisory Committee and was speaking tonight regarding the open space agent position. She went on to provide the Board with the history of this group. She spoke of the unsupervised areas and the importance of the peace of the adjoin neighborhoods. She asked the Board to vote in favor of this.

J. Prisco – 11 Riverdale Road – stated he was glad to see something on the agenda for senior citizens. He commented everyone is getting raises except senior citizens, including him. He asked for 2% more for the senior citizens. He asked the Board to please pass that agenda item tonight. He also spoke regarding the condition of the playground at Anderson Avenue, stating it is a mess with cracked pavement, trees into the basketball backboards, etc. He also questioned why we do not have a picture of the father of our country, George Washington, in any of our city buildings.

W. Hauck – 39 Lookout Hill – stated he has lived here for 13 years. He stated he was asking the Board to vote no for the open space agent and that he had 44,002 reasons. He stated the Mayor is the CEO of the town and that he sees this position as a leadership and process issue. He also spoke about funding. He reiterated he was not in favor of this position.

M. DeGrego – 1089 West River Street – stated he was speaking tonight regarding the open space manager. He stated that person would protect the city's parks and open space areas and keep them from vandalism, neglect, etc.

K. Rowland – 465 Pond Point Avenue – stated she was speaking tonight regarding the tax relief for seniors. She stated she was honored to serve several years ago on a committee for tax relief. She spoke personally about the struggles of her grandfather and how he would barter. She stated our seniors are hurting and need our help and asked the Board to please find a way to help these families. She stated those 100-150 families would be very happy.

M. Galullo – 21 Deerfield Avenue – spoke regarding the open space officer. He stated this position would be a benefit to our city and that it was the best way to protect our open space.

A. Berman – 77 Pelham Street – stated she has been waiting 12 years for someone who would help look out for our open spaces. She spoke of the need to protect our land and air and that she was happy her wish was finally being fulfilled. She stated how important it is to be cognizant of how this is done and thanked the Board in advance and expressed her hope they would support it.

B. Poutray – 85 Willow Street – stated he is the Chairman of the Conservation Commission. He stated he strongly supports this proposal and stated it was his hope the appointment of this position would fully restore those open space areas in Eisenhower Park, Mondo Ponds, etc. He stated this person will help to restore these trails. He also expressed his hope this person would create additional grants. He continued reading from a prepared statement regarding the numerous benefits for the city this position could create. He stated well kept open spaces affects our community, adding it is not only about land acquisition, but maintenance as well. He stated it was time to shift the emphasis from acquisition to restoration.

V. Piselli – 361 Meadowside Road – stated he offered a unique perspective. He stated he is in favor of this and has been since the day he moved here 12 years ago. He spoke of the work done at Wilcox Park. He commented he is and has been a land manager and explained how they restored Wilcox Park and instituted a school program out of their work.

K. Orrechio – 165 N. Broad Street – stated she is a senior citizen, taxpayer and mainly an ecologist. She stated this plan to protect open space is irreplaceable. She spoke of the need to have someone who will revitalize the troops and that it was her hope this person will also get our kids outdoors and that they will continue after we are gone.

B. Milton – 32 Elm Street – stated she strongly supports the Mayor’s initiative to hire an open space agent. She stated it is our job to make sure our woods are safe. She continued reading from a prepared statement speaking of the world it could be by managing our open space. She also spoke of the work that has been done at Wilcox Park, Mondo Ponds, etc. She asked the Board to please vote in favor of this position to make our woods safe and full of enjoyment for our children.

G. Mirmina – 54 Columbia Drive – stated he was in favor of the position on tonight’s agenda. He addressed some of the financial concerns and explained the need to take care of what we have, commenting “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” He also spoke of the use of volunteers and also the potential for the City to obtain grants. He continued reading from a prepared statement. He reiterated there are so many potential benefits, with more to lose by not trying.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on August 6, 2012.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 6, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting.

5. Chairman’s Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro announced a September 11 ceremony would be held at 10:00 a.m. at the World Trade Center Memorial Garden at Live Oaks School. He also announced the VFW would be holding a golf tournament on Monday, September 17 and a Pig Roast on October 13, 2012.

6. Mayor’s Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake stated tomorrow’s ceremony was in recognition of that important date which occurred 11 years ago. He stated the World Trade Center Garden at Live Oaks School is the official garden of the City and explained it was created in recognition of three Milford men, Avnish Patel, Michael Miller and Seth Morris. He stated Avnish Patel and Michael Miller were both graduates of Live Oaks School and that Seth Morris had survived the attacks in New York in 1993.

Mayor Blake also asked the Board to consider items 8a-81 on the agenda. He also reported to the Board as follows:

(6a) Pursuant to Section 9-169f of the Connecticut General Statutes, the City must examine and explore redistricting local voting district boundaries by June 1, 2013. He stated Article II, Section 4(b) of the Charter states that the Board of Aldermen may at any time by ordinance alter the voting district boundaries or establish new aldermanic districts. The City last passed a redistricting ordinance in 2003. He stated as was done in 2003, he was hereby appointing the Ordinance Committee as the Redistricting Committee and charge said Committee to review and recommend a redistricting ordinance to the full Board for approval.

(6b) Mayor Blake stated for informational purposes he wished to make the Board of Aldermen aware of the following Mayor's appointment:

(R) Shirley A. Serrano, 36 Meetinghouse Lane, 06460, to complete the unexpired term of Judith Toohey (resigned) on the Milford Council on Aging. Term to expire 12/31/13.

Mayor Blake also recognized Ald. G. Stanford, his former teacher, who recently celebrated a special birthday.

7. Unfinished Business.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of the Minutes of the Budget Deliberation Meetings held on: April 5, 2012, April 9, 2012, April 12, 2012, April 23, 2012, April 24, 2012 and May 17, 2012.

Ald. Anderson and Ald. Shaw made and seconded a motion to divide the question and vote on the minutes separately. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Shaw made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Budget Deliberation Meeting held on April 5, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Anderson and Ald. Shaw made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Budget Deliberations Meeting held on May 17, 2012.

Mr. Erodici noted a correction on p. 2. The collection rate for 2009 should **read 97.6%, not 77.5%.**

Motion carried unanimously with the correction noted above.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Stanford made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Budget Deliberations Meetings held on April 5, 2012 and April 24, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Budget Deliberations Meetings held on April 9, 2012, April 12, 2012 and April 23, 2012. Motion carried 13 yes (Bier, Gasper, German, Giannattasio, Golden, Nunno, Shaw, F. Smith, P. Smith, Stanford, Veccharelli, Vetro, Vitali) and 1 abstention (Anderson).

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

8a. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the appointment of (D) Zabinski, 102 Shorefront Road, as a member of the Library Board to fill a vacancy. Term to expire 12/31/13.

Ald. F. Smith commented he believed Ms. Zabinski would be a great addition to this Board and was pleased to endorse her for this appointment.

Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the request to accept the United States Department of Justice Project Safe Neighborhood Grant in the amount of \$30,901.00 and to authorize the Mayor, Finance Director, and Police Chief to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate the acceptance of this grant and implementation of the award. Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the Clean Energy Communities Municipal Pledge.

Ald. Anderson stated he wished to inquire of Mr. Ivers if this would require reaffirmation of a new Committee to oppose this initiative.

Mr. Ivers explained this is a continuation of a program that started several years ago. He also acknowledge the presence tonight of two representatives from the UI.

Ald. Veccharelli asked about energy for the sewer treatment plant. He pointed out this department is the highest electricity user in the City.

Mr. Ivers stated they have completed feasibility studies for each plant and went on to explain the market conditions which undermine economics. He also spoke of the incentive structures which aren't what they once were.

Ald. Veccharelli stated Branford uses thermal energy.

Mr. Ivers stated that is an approach and something they are looking into it.

Ald. F. Smith commented regarding the 20% purchase of clean energy. He stated it was his understanding this was accomplished by the purchase of renewable energy. Ald. F. Smith asked Mr. Ivers if he could explain this.

Mr. Ivers explained they purchased one that was built by someone else. He continued with a lengthy explanation and spoke of the accumulation of credit in the future.

Ald. F. Smith asked about benchmarking them and reducing consumption on municipal buildings. He also asked Mr. Ivers if he could explain how metrics are established and how progress is measured.

Mr. Ivers explained the base use of energy for all municipal buildings and how they establish the conservation progress and way of measuring progress.

Ald. P. Smith commented Milford Public Schools started a program several years ago. She asked if those initiatives are included in the City's benchmarking.

Mr. Ivers stated these initiatives do not include school buildings.

Ald. P. Smith asked if the city could piggyback off of the school's savings.

Mr. Ivers commented it is like "low hanging fruit". He stated they have a ways to go to catch up.

Ald. P. Smith asked if there are any financial obligations or if these are all incentives.

Mr. Ivers stated part of the new program; gas and electric have pledged to become more involved.

Mayor Blake stated the amendment should be amended to add the following language: "and to authorize the Mayor and Finance Director to sign all documents to effectuate all documents to the City of Milford."

Ald. Anderson and Ald. Shaw and seconded the motion to add the following language at the end of the sentence: "and to authorize the Mayor and Finance Director to sign all documents to effectuate all documents to the City of Milford."

Ald. P. Smith asked the Mayor if he could incorporate updates into his monthly report.

On the amendment, motion carried unanimously.

On the main motion, motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the Resolution Re: State of Connecticut Local Capital Improvement Program Assistance for Milford Road Resurfacing Program – 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

8e. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Cash advance for Road Resurfacing Program – 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

8f. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Intertown Capital Equipment Purchase Incentive (ICE).

Ald. P. Smith commented this sounds like different towns. She asked if this includes Woodmont.

Mayor Blake stated the language specifically refers to the boroughs. He went on to give the background and explained the 30% reimbursement from the State. Mayor Blake stated this is a win/win for both the borough and City. He stated it is creative and the reimbursement only adds to it.

Ald. P. Smith asked if any of the reimbursement would go into the general fund.

Mayor Blake explained the City of Milford is paying for equipment and stated it yes; it would go into the City's general fund.

Ald. Veccharelli stated it was a great idea and was happy to see the Mayor turning over every stone and rock to get funds for Milford's citizens. He stated this will reap a tremendous savings and that he appreciated the Mayor's due diligence.

Ald. Anderson thanked the Mayor. He stated this was the subject of questions of the Public Works Director during budget time. He stated this is great news for a department sorely stretched.

Ald. P. Smith asked for clarification as to the 30%. She asked if this was being bonded for would it offset the amount being bonded.

Mayor Blake stated this is the Vehicle Acquisition Program, not bonding.

Motion carried unanimously.

8g. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request to accept a United Illuminating incentive reimbursement for \$3,690.00 for energy conservation associated with the East Side Fire Station Project and to deposit said payment in the project's Construction Account #0040-4320-5527-4994-0000.

Mayor Blake explained this reimbursement is associated to a bonded project, so this is why this Board is accepting this project and it is not going to the general fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vitali asked for a status report as to when the fire station would open.

Mayor Blake stated he toured the facility on Friday and that he was assured it would be 1-2 weeks. He noted there have been several dates and that he was hopeful the project would be completed in the next 1-2 weeks.

Ald. Giannattasio asked about potential fines to the contractor.

Ald. Shaw raised a point of order stating they were off the agenda.

Mayor Blake interjected stating the question being asked could pertain to potential litigation, so the Board would need to go into Executive Session for any further discussion.

8h. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the request to use available funds in the amount of \$45,000.00 from the Open Space Fund, Account #0040-4142-0434, for the purpose of retaining the service of an Open Space and Natural Resource Agent; and to authorize the Mayor and Finance Director to take all steps necessary for implementation.

Ald. P. Smith spoke of the process and infrastructure in putting this together. She stated she has met with open space members and that this is a great idea to get control, but that she was more concerned with the process.

She asked about the job description, if this is seasonal/temporary, are taxes included, or if this is an independent contractor that will be getting a check cut. She stated she did not feel this is ready. She reiterated she liked the idea of getting control, but that she did not have an administrative view of how it will get done.

Mayor Blake stated the funding will come from Open Space. He stated the acquisition or maintenance is not taxpayer money. He explained there are approximately 500 properties or 2500 square feet of open space. He stated basically the City has not maintained or protected what they have brought and that a program is needed. Mayor Blake reiterated this would not cost the taxpayers. He stated the natural resources agent position will go out and be noticed to select the various applicants. He stated the Chair of the Open Space Committee, along with the Chair of the Conservation Commission would sit on the panel. He stated the hope is this is seed money and this person will be able to write and obtain grants for the City and that the position will be self-sustaining, similar to the harbor and golf commissions.

Ald. P. Smith rebutted this is actually taxpayer money. She questioned funds from the City for things such as taxes, FICA, workers compensations, etc.

Mr. Erodicti stated he would need to consult with the Mayor going forward.

Ald. P. Smith spoke regarding projects that are “shovel ready” and asked how those would be paid for.

Mayor Blake stated the biggest hurdle is a Boy Scout or eagle group getting through the permitting process.

Ald. P. Smith asked about supplies, i.e. for a major project.

Mayor Blake stated if it was items such as saws, chains, etc. they would come from the Public Works Department.

Chairman Vetro stated he has had calls from constituents that have some issues with things such as the job description, how many hours will this person be charged with, how many days per week, etc.

Mayor Blake stated this would be a full time position and that an Open Space inventory would be created.

Chairman Vetro stated it would be funded by Open Space. He stated the seed money is \$45,000 and once that runs, how will the individual be paid.

Mayor Blake stated the hope is this position will become self-sustaining.

Chairman Vetro asked about accountability. He asked who this person would report to and how will they know this person is doing what they are charged with.

Mayor Blake stated he is working with the City Departments and Conservation Commission. He stated the person will be accountable to the Board of Aldermen.

Chairman Vetro stated his job is to oversee taxpayer money. He questioned what would happen if they don't get grants and the funds run out. He stated in the perfect world the grants will be there, but what if they are not.

Mayor Blake stated if the scenario mentioned by Chairman Vetro were to occur, it would then come before this Board.

Ald. Shaw noted the amount of work that went into this by the Conservation group. She referenced the 2002 Plan of Conservation and Development, which she stated in part stated that open space will be maintained. She stated a new draft would be coming before this Board shortly. She also pointed out there is over \$200,000 in the open space fund. She also stated this is a great fundamental start that protects a high investment.

Ald. P. Smith stated her constituents have asked her if this person will be charged with enforcement.

Mayor Blake stated that would be left to the police department.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he has been a long time advocate for the City acquiring open space. He stated he would like to see this preservation for the community for a long time into the future. He also stated he is happy with the open space they have. Ald. Veccharelli also stated he understands the taxpayers are hurting and that he did not want to spend money unnecessarily and that he wanted to be sure this would not cost the taxpayers. He also commented this is similar to what is in place at Milford Harbor and the golf course. He expressed his hope this person will be self-sustaining and develop grants and be the catalyst to build enthusiasm through the various departments and make the City parks and City a better place. He stated this Board will keep a close eye and make sure progress is being made.

Ald. Golden stated she is in favor of this natural resource agent and that it is much needed.

Ald. German thanked all of the folks who have done a lot of work to bring this forward, adding this would enhance the value of Milford. He asked how the City would measure what the person is doing and who the person would report to.

Mayor Blake stated he would be happy to keep this Board informed.

Ald. Stanford commented "a picture is worth a thousand words." She stated someone is needed to oversee these spaces and bring them up to par. She stated she is in favor of this.

Ald. Anderson stated a lot of hard work that has gone on for about a year. He commended the Mayor for dusting off the old report and getting this done. He commented as to the resources Milford has such as waterways, parks, etc. He stated he is concerned with the spread of infestation. Ald. Anderson stated his desire is that this individual be able to map some of what we may not even know we have. He asked if there is a current inventory. He also noted the Beaverbrook waterway caught fire back in April. He stated there is an economic benefit that there will be a spinoff. Ald. Anderson also commented about the out-of-town groups that will find our resources attractive and the City will see interest for new walking paths, bicycle paths, trails, etc. He stated he is in favor of this and urged his fellow aldermen to adopt this.

Ald. Vitali expressed his appreciation of the hard work that went into this. He stated his concern is an evaluation tool. He stated the administrative duties are performance based and that he would ask the Mayor to create a scale to see where that individual may fall. He stated after talking about this tonight and hearing all the things this person has to do and be, this person will have to be one tremendous person for \$45,000. He expressed his hope they could find someone. He reiterated the need for an evaluation tool.

Ald. F. Smith commented from a historical perspective. He stated this person will be a renaissance man or woman with the criteria needed to do this job, but that he was confident they would find someone. Ald. F. Smith stated he was on this Board 12 years ago when the City acquired the Solomon property. He stated it is time to start taking care of our open space acquisitions and keep and restore. He stated everyone who spoke tonight was here 12 years ago and spoke of their commitment. He also stated this will help with property values and attracting people to Milford. He stated he supports the appointment of this Open Space Agent.

Ald. P. Smith stated she agreed with the comments of Ald. Anderson and getting projects taken care of. She stated she also understood this position to be \$45,000, but that money was needed for tools for this person. Ald. P. Smith also stated she believed other money would be needed and that other departments will also need to be involved. She stated this really is only one piece.

Mayor Blake stated he agreed and referred to the document which he stated is about bringing the departments together. He stated this Board allocates \$10,000 each year for Beaverbrook, so there are other funds that can be drawn from.

Ald. P. Smith expressed concern they don't end up with just a list of projects at the end of the year.

Ald. German asked when the position would be posted and when it was anticipated someone would start.

Mayor Blake stated he would speak with the Personnel Department tomorrow.

Motion carried unanimously.

8i. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request to authorize the Building Department to go out to bid for the demolition and removal of an existing two story residential building, accessory structures and contents therein, located at 20 Lajoie Lane, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 29-401, et seq and Chapter 11, Article II, Division 9, Section 11-143 of the Milford Code of Ordinances. Authority is further requested for the Chief Building Inspector, in conjunction with the Purchasing Agent and the City Attorney's Office, to review all bid proposals and award the bid in conjunction with the conditions contained in the Invitation to Bid, and to sign any agreements and take all steps necessary to effectuate same.

Ald. P. Smith questioned why this was being done with this property.

Mayor Blake explained the building was condemned by the Health Department and subsequently abandoned by the homeowner. He stated the City would place a lien on the property.

Attorney Berchem added the homeowner now has a conservator who approached the City about getting the home demolished and selling the property as a lot. He explained there is a statute which allows the City to lien the property, demolish the building and recoup those funds.

Ald. P. Smith asked if there were any property taxes that would be collected.

Attorney Berchem stated it was his understanding the homeowner is behind one year, approximately \$5,000.

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. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$43,464.85. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

a. Ordinance Committee – Ald. F. Smith reported the Ordinance Committee met earlier in the evening to consider five (5) Ordinances, with one Ordinance being forwarded to the full Board with a favorable recommendation.

Ald. F. Smith and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20.5 Taxation, Section 20.5-6(4) Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Milford (Property Tax Relief for Qualified Elderly and Totally Disabled Persons).

Ald. P. Smith asked how the \$15,000 number was arrived at.

Mayor Blake stated it is \$10,000 over the State Circuit Breaker Program. He stated this captures more seniors than previously mentioned. He added there are a lot of struggling seniors who have not received any increase. He stated he wants to see seniors remain here in Milford and that this would help.

Ald. P. Smith stated for clarification that this was \$5,000 over the current Ordinance.

Mayor Blake responded yes.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he wished to air on the side of caution and recuse himself from voting as his wife may be eligible.

Motion carried 13 yes (Anderson, Bier, Gasper, German, Giannattasio, Golden, Nunno, Shaw, F. Smith, P. Smith, Stanford, Vetro, Vitali) and 1 abstention (Veccharelli).

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.

Chairman Vetro asked if any of the aldermen had a Report for any of the Special Committees.

13. Report of Special Committees:

- a. Liaison Sub-Committee – Board of Education – Ald. Stanford reported the Board of Education and administration reported AP exams have drastically increased. She commented this is good for the school system and brings respect to the City and more importantly is great for the kids.
- 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 – Ald. P. Smith reported there are two flu clinics coming up, on October 1, 2012, and October 3, 2012. Call the senior center to schedule an appointment.
- h. Permanent School Facility Building Committee – no report.
- i. Liaison Sub-Committee – Library Board – Ald. P. Smith commented this is a very compassionate Board. She reported there would be energy fair on September 29, 2012.
- 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.

Ald. Shaw reported the Fine Arts Council has a new director.

14. Relative to Item 14 of the Agenda, “Executive Session”, I respectfully submit the following for your consideration and action.

Executive Session. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting is required for any items 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 go into Executive Session to consider items 14a, 14b, 14c and 14d as follows:

(14a) Consideration Pension Agreement between the City of Milford and Milford Public Works Union, Local 1566 and Milford School Custodians & Maintainers, Union Local 2018, Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO. Chairman Vetro stated the full Board along with the Mayor and City Attorney would attend.

(14b) Status report of pending litigation: Sound View Media, Inc. v. PURA, Superior Court, Hartford, HHD-CV-6034434 S. Chairman Vetro stated the full Board, along with the Mayor and City Attorney would attend.

(14c) Status report and consideration of settlement of Bruce Kay, et al v. City of Milford, RE: 68 Point Lookout; and

(14d) Status report and consideration of settlement of Kahuna Realty Group, LLC v. City of Milford, RE: 262 Depot Road.

Chairman Vetro stated the full Board, along with the Mayor, City Attorney and City Assessor would attend.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Shaw made and seconded a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss items 14a-d as announced by the Chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 10:07 p.m. (The City Assessor entered the Executive Session at 10:07 p.m. and left at 10:14 p.m.)

Chairman Vetro reconvened the Board in public session at 10:28 p.m.

14a. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Pension Agreement between the City of Milford and Milford Public Works Union, Local 1566 and Milford School Custodians & Maintainers Union, Local 2018, Council 4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14c. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to authorize the City to enter into settlement RE: Bruce Kay, et al v. City of Milford, RE: 68 Point Lookout, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor and City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14d. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to authorize the City to enter into settlement RE: Kahuna Realty Group, LLC v. City of Milford, E: 262 Depot Road, 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. Golden moved to adjourn at 10:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary