

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2020**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman P. Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:30 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

C. Gaynor
A. Giannattasio
J. Golden
J. Grant
G. Harla
M. Parente
F. Smith
W. Smith, III
A. Sutton
P. Vetro
R. Vitali
W. Willis

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake
Karen Fortunati, City Clerk
Jonathan Berchem, City Attorney
Peter Erodici, Finance Director
Justin Rosen, Chief of Staff

Board Members Excused:

E. Beatty
M. Hardiman
J. Tranquilli

Chairman Vetro deferred to Mayor Blake for a special presentation.

Mayor Blake stated that the Milford Pop Warner Rookie Tackle Team, Jr. Varsity Cheerleading Team and Peewee Cheerleader cheerleading team for the presentation of proclamations. Mayor Blake read the proclamations and stated the teams had brought great honor and pride to the City of Milford with their accomplishments at the State, Regional and National

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.

None.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on December 3, 2018.

Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 2, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro stated he hoped everyone enjoyed the holiday season and wished everyone a happy new year.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake also wished everyone a Happy New Year. He asked the Board's consideration regarding items 8a-g and stated he would be happy to answer any questions as they come up. Mayor Blake informed the Board of the Mayoral appointments below.

6a. Mayor Blake announced the following mayoral appointments:

Aging, Milford Council on, two-year term expiring 12/31/21

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

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

(R) Doreen Fontana, 18 Overlook Drive, 06460, reappointment

(D) Benjamin D. Gettinger, 93 Thompson Street, 06460, new appointment

(D) Mary Beth Stickley, 16 Village Road, 06460, new appointment

(D) Linda Stephenson, 69 Elaine Road, 06460, new appointment, to fill vacant position, term to expire 12/31/20

Conservation Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/22

(U) Ryan A. Keeler, 49 Darthill Road, 06460, reappointment

(D) Howard Haberman, 38 Harborside Drive, reappointment

(I) Gregory D. Tweedie, 55 Carriage Lane, 06460, new appointment

Inland Wetlands Agency, three-year term expiring 12/31/22

(R) Stephen V. Munson, 116 Wepawaug Drive, 06461, reappointment

(D) Jason Zammiello, 24 Honeysuckle Lane, 06461, new appointment

Planning and Zoning Board Recommendation

(U) Ranjit Behave, 37 Magnolia Road, 06461, new appointment, to fill vacant position, term to expire 12/31/21

Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership, term expiring 11/30/24
(D) Eric Barba, 51 High Street, Apt. B, 06460, new appointment

Veterans Graves Preservation Commission, 1-yr term expiring 12/31/20
(U) Thomas Cody, Jr., 13 Dock Road, 06460, reappointment
(U) David DeRubeis, Sr., 17 Waterview Landing, 06460, reappointment

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

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

Ald. Sutton and Ald. F. Smith made and seconded a motion to approve the following Mayor's Appointments to the Boards and Commissions as listed below:

Board of Assessment Review, remaining vacant term expiring 12/31/20
(R) Richard C. LoPresti, 118 Gulf Street, Unit 13, 06460, new appointment, to fill vacant position
(D) Emily McDonough Souza, 15 Elm Street, 06460, new appointment, to fill vacant position

Alternate: one-year term expiring 12/31/20

(R) Sandra Cohen, 65 Beechwood Avenue, 06460, reappointment
(R) Richard Vizziello, 85 Barton Road, 06460, new appointment, to fill vacant position

Building Code Board of Appeals, five-year term expiring 12/31/24
(D) Ray S. Oliver, 40 Gulf Street, 06460, reappointment

Civil Service Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/22
(R) Janice Tantimonico, 70 Sassacus Drive, 06461, reappointment
(D) H. James Haselkamp, 373 Orange Avenue, 06461, reappointment

Ethics Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/22
(D) Jesse T. Batterton, 116 Cornfield Road, 06461, new appointment

Finance, Board of, three-year term expiring 12/31/22
(D) Brian Lema, 17 Maple Street, 06460, reappointment
(D) Raymond J. Arnold, 50 Herbert Street, 06461, new appointment

Fire Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/22
(R) Richard W. Smith, 21 Millwood Street, 06460, reappointment
(R) Thomas Riso, Jr., 11 Driftwood Lane, 06460, reappointment

Golf Course Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/22
(D) Nick Sutton, Jr., 57 Pond Street, 06460, new appointment
(D) George J. Amato, Jr., 10 Orchard Road, 06460, reappointment

Harbor Management Commission, five-year term expiring 12/31/24
(U) John Nevin, 292 Melba Street, 06460, reappointment

Board of Health, three-year term expiring 12/31/22
(D) Christine M. Gonillo, 204 Oronoque Road, 06461, reappointment
(R) Dr. Mitchell Quitner, 72 Old Field Lane, 06460, reappointment
(R) Ernest Judson, Jr., 77 Plains Road, Apt. 219, 06461, reappointment

Historic Preservation Commission, five-year term expiring 12/31/24
(U) Michele A. Kramer, 104 West River Street, 06460, reappointment

Housing Code Board of Appeals, five-year term expiring 12/31/24
(U) Richard Merly, Jr., 120 Cheryl Ann Drive, 06461, reappointment

Library Board, three-year term expiring 12/31/22
(D) Toby Zabinski, 102 Shorefront, 06460, reappointment
(U) Amanda Kemp, 3 Kinloch Street, 06460, reappointment
(U) Louise Uchaczyk, 32 Whalley Avenue, 06460, reappointment

Park, Beach & Recreation Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/22
(D) Kerri Rowland, 161 Beach Avenue, 06460, reappointment

Police Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/22
(R) John Mager, 33 Brett Cliff Drive, 06461, reappointment
(D) Richard Smith, 59 Sixth Ave, 06460, reappointment
(D) Sharon Marrone, 5 Springdale Street, 06460, reappointment

Sewer Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/22
(U) Bradford W. Hubler, 5 Melba Street, 06460, reappointment
(R) Brian Bier, 39 Christine Terrace, 06461, reappointment

Transit District, (Advisory Board) two-year term expiring 12/31/21
(D) Nija Phelps, 1264 Naugatuck Avenue, 06461, reappointment

Tree Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/22
(R) Bryan J. Mancini, 47 Tumblebrook Drive, 06461, reappointment

Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/22
(R) Vincent R. Zelinsky, 130 Oxford Road, 06460, (*VFW representative*), reappointment
(R) Patricia Deer, 235 Seaside Avenue, 06460, (*Civic representative*), reappointment

Zoning Board of Appeals, five-year term expiring 12/31/24
(D) Sarah Ferrante, 82 Pond Street, 06460, reappointment
Alternate: three-year term expiring 12/31/22
(D) Etan Hirsch, 27 Woodhill Road, 06461, reappointment

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to re-order the Agenda and bring forward agenda item 8g. Motion carried unanimously.

8g. Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals to the following Boards and Commissions:

Animal Shelter Commission:

(R) Marilyn Blake, 150 Forest Road, Unit 15, 06461, Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/24

Economic Development Commission:

(U) Michael P. Lynch, 137 Terrace Road, 06460, Reappointment (*Retail/Industry*), Three-year term – Term to expire 12/31/22

Historic District Commission:

(U) John Carissimi, 64 Kirkside Avenue, 06460, Reappointment – Term to expire 01/01/25

Alternate:

(U) Michele A. Kramer, 104 West River Street, 06460, Reappointment – Term to expire 01/01/25

Historic District (South Of The Green):

(R) Arthur W. Stowe, 36 Fresh Meadow Lane, 06461, New appointment – To fill vacant position as regular member, term to expire 01/01/25

Human Services, Milford Department Of:

(U) Susan M. Stango, 48 Rivercliff Drive, 06460, Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/21

(D) Jessica A. DeYoung, 74 Oriole Lane, 06460, New appointment – To fill vacant position, term to expire 12/31/2020

Inland Wetlands Agency:

(R) Scott F. Marlow, 353 West Main Street, 06460, New appointment – Term to expire 12/31/22

Milford Government Access Television (Mgat):

(D) Nija Phelps, 1264 Naugatuck Avenue, 06461, Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/21

Pension And Retirement Board:

(U) MaryRose Palumbo, 15 Stagecoach Circle, 06460 (MEA), Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/22

(R) Mark Tutino, 212 Cedarhurst Lane, 06461. Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/22

(D) Leo T. Mahoney, 75 Fenway East, 06460, Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/22

(U) Ann Maher, 50 Prospect Street, 06460, Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/22

Alternate:

(R) Christine L. Angelica, 87 Carriage Path South, Milford, CT 06460 (MEA), New appointment – Term to expire 12/31/22

Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Karen Fortunati swore in those appointees present.

Chairman Vetro stated the Board would stand in recess for 5-minutes. The Board recessed at 7:57 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the Board in public session at 8:03 p.m.

8b. Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Allocation Transfer No. 2 (Marina Maintenance). Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve per the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission dated December 5, 2019 pursuant to CGS §8-24 for approximately 1738 square feet of land for road widening for the purpose of public safety, as depicted on “Map of Proposed Street Line Revision at Property Known as 92 Old Field Lane, Milford, CT, City of Milford, Department of Public Works” prepared by City of Milford Engineering Bureau dated May 1, 2017, and to authorize the Mayor, Public Works Director, and City Attorney to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said action. Motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve, per the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board dated December 17, 2019, the acceptance of the Capital Improvement Plan for the years 2020- 2024.

Ald. Vitali asked if it was possible to break out portions of the Capital Improvement Plan or if it must be voted on as a whole. Mayor Blake stated this plan is a tool used for planning and funding. He explained how the plan is used for seeking grants. Ald. Vitali stated school enrollment is down and he feels the Board of Education should do a need assessment and long range planning. He further stated he could not support the plan as presented. Ald. W. Smith stated there are many good things in the plan, infrastructure needs work and schools need to be upgraded and maintained. He stated he has concerns with the \$10 million for a welcome center. Ald. W. Smith stated the inclusion of the new police station is a good thing and he would like to see the \$10 million for the welcome center allotted to the police station. Ald. Giannattasio stated previously the police station was in the plan for \$20 million and now it is \$30 million. He asked if there is a time when the amounts are revisited and amended. Mayor Blake explained this is a planning tool and the Board considers funding typically at the February meeting. He further stated that the police station was raised to \$30 million at the

suggestion of the design team. Ald. Giannattasio stated he hopes this is an amount that can be increased to reflect today's construction costs. He stated he is in favor of the plan. Ald. Sutton asked Mayor Blake to confirm that the plan is not binding as to projects or costs and that projects can be prioritized and funded through bonding. Mayor Blake stated that is correct this is a planning tool that allows eligibility for certain grants. Ald. Willis asked what for information on the current state reimbursement rate. Mayor Blake provided an explanation on how the rate has been readjusted.

Motion carried 11 in favor (Gaynor, Giannattasio, Golden, Grant, Harla, Parente, F. Smith, Sutton, Tranquilli, Vetro, Willis), 2 against (Vitali, W. Smith).

(8e) Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion for the approval a Resolution Re: State of Connecticut Local Capital Improvement Program Assistance Program - 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

(8f) Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion for the approval a Resolution Re: Cash Advance for State of Connecticut Local Capital Improvement Program Assistance - 2019. 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. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$19,916.52. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

- a. Ordinance Committee – no report.
- b. Public Safety and Welfare Committee – no report.
- c. Public Works Committee – no report.
- d. Claims Committee – no report
- e. Rules Committee – no report.
- f. Personnel Committee – no report.

13. Report of Special Committees:

- a. Liaison Sub-Committee – Board of Education – no report.
- b. Liaison Sub-Committee – Flood & Erosion Board – no report.
- c. Liaison Sub-Committee – Park, Beach & Recreation Comm. – no report

- d. Liaison Sub-Committee – Planning & Zoning Board – no report.
- e. Liaison Sub-Committee – Sewer Commission – no report.
- f. Liaison Sub-Committee – Harbor Management Commission – no report.
- g. Liaison – Council on Aging – no report.
- h. Permanent School Facility Building Committee – no report.
- i. Liaison Sub-Committee – Library Board – no report
- j. Liaison Sub-Committee – Fowler Memorial building – no report
- k. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership – no report.
- l. Golf Course Commission – no report.
- m. Inland Wetlands Agency – no report.
- n. Liaison Health Department – no report.
- o. Devon Revitalization Committee – no report.
- p. Human Services Commission – no report
- q. Liaison Pension & Retirement Board – no report.
- r. Milford Government Access Television (MGAT) – no report.
- 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.

14a. Consideration of settlement of MSCI 2007-HQ 13 Merritt Crossing, LLC, et al v. City of Milford RE: 440 Wheelers Farm Road.

Chairman Vetro stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. He stated the full Board with Mayor Blake, City Attorney and Interim Assessor joining.

Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to enter Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the meeting in public session at 8:43 p.m.

Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve settlement of MSCI 2007-HQ 13 Merritt Crossing, LLC, et al v. City of Milford, RE: 440 Wheelers Farm Road, , in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney and Interim Assessor as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board adjourned at 8:44 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