

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 8, 2007**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 8, 2007 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairperson T. Beirne called the meeting to order at 7:38 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  
J. Garbus  
B. Genovese  
M. Hardiman  
B. Lambert  
J. Patterson  
J. Politi  
K. Rowland  
J. Toohey  
N. Veccharelli, Jr.  
P. Vetro

Also Present

Mayor J. Richetelli, Jr.  
J. O'Connell, Mayor's Admin. Asst.  
A. Jepson, City Clerk  
M. Lipton, City Attorney

**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.

L. Higgins – 85 Milford Point Road – spoke regarding accessibility to commission meetings. She stated there are 34 meetings held in the evening and two during the daytime. She stated the Animal Shelter Commission is held during the day at the animal shelter. She stated she wished to request a change of time to evenings and change of venue as well. She commented the chair of that Commission would be vacant next month and stated it is inappropriate for the director of the Animal Shelter to fill this spot, as it is a conflict of interest.

R. Dunphey – 109 East Broadway – congratulated those on the Board and those who would be leaving and recognized Barbara Genovese, Joan Politi, Tom Beirne and Joe Garbus and wished them the best of luck. He also congratulated the Mayor and all those who were elected and stated all had done a great job. He asked the next administration to always vote right and not by political party. He stressed the importance of voting right and not by political party. He reminded the Board they are voting for the people and citizens of Milford that elected them. He asked the Board to stick with the people.

S. Borer – 204 Anderson Avenue – asked the current Board to make sure they advise the new Board of the lawsuit with the Borough of Woodmont. He stated he would like to know about ongoing negotiations in Executive Session and reiterated the old Board let the new Board what it going on. He thanked the Board for listening and wished good luck to the new and good bye to those leaving.

A. Berman – 77 Pelham Street – stated she was speaking as Chair of the Environmental Concerns Commission. She stated she was waiting for someone to join her tonight but is unavailable at this point. She thanked the Board for all its support of environmental issues and expressed her hope the new Board would be as enthusiastic. She spoke as to the amount of tonnage of recyclables v. trash and the need to rethink which in the end could save money. She also stated in the past there had been a liaison to the Environmental Concerns Commission (Mary Lou Kecko) who attended their meetings and stated she hoped the new Board would re-institute that position.

M. Galullo – 21 Deerfield Avenue – stated he was here tonight to thank the Board. He stated he has appeared before this Board month after month and the he knows he has been heard, and he wished to thank the Board personally. He addressed Mr. Vetro and thanked him for always going by the books and acknowledged a mutual respect. He also directed comments to Mr. Garbus and stated he should never think the good he has done for this City would ever be erased. He extended a sincere thank you and to those victorious in the recent election he extended congratulations. To those that were vanquished he thanked each of those individuals for enriching our City and reiterated his thanks to everyone.

J. Prisco – 11 Riverdale Road – stated he would still fight for senior citizen relief. He stated to the Mayor that things are tough. He commented regarding the sewer fee and noted it had not increased in two years and expressed his hope it would not this year. He thanked the Board and extended good luck to the new Board.

Ald. Politi asked to recognize a constituent from her district.

K. Huber – 277 Roses Mill Road – stated she was speaking as a 26 year resident and taxpayer of the City. She stated she was speaking regarding item 8d on the agenda and respectfully asked the Board to support this item. She spoke as to the work of the Committee and noted it has been favorably endorsed in the Milford Mirror and received favorable comments from Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Blake. She asked the Board to act in a bipartisan manner and vote to support this Resolution for the benefit of the residents, parents and children in Milford.

Ald. Genovese stated she wished to thank the Board as well as the Mayor and all the people for the overwhelming support she received on the recent death of her father. She stated she needed to read from a prepared statement because this was so emotional for her. She commented in her statement of the number of years she has served this Board and her choice to step down at this time. She stated how important it is to always vote what is the right thing to do and who always remember who put you in office. She reiterated how important it is to do the right thing and thanked all.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on October 1, 2007.

Ald. Genovese and Ald. Ditchkus moved to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion carried as unanimously.

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

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Beirne stated it has been an honor and privilege to serve as this Board's Chair.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations.

Mayor Richetelli stated he would respectfully ask the Board's consideration of items 8a-8d and that he would be happy to discuss them as they come up in the agenda. He also commented this is the last meeting of this Board and that he wished to thank each and everyone. To those leaving and those remaining, he commented they always had the best intentions in their heart when coming to meetings for their constituents. To the new Board, he commented he looked forward to working with everyone.

7. Unfinished Business:

None.

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

8a. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution RE: Authorization to Enter into Grant Agreement and Conservation and Public Recreation Easement and Agreement with the State of Connecticut under the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program for Geib/Attolino Sod Farm (Open Space Land – Fresh Meadow Lane Near Grassland road and Sod Farm on North Street, and further authorize adoption of the Non-discrimination Policy Certification. Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the request to authorize the Purchasing Agent and Library Director to dispose of several non-usable and obsolete Library items per attached request from Library Director Jean Tsang dated September 27, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the request to designate the North American Osprey as the Official Bird of the City of Milford.

Ald. Blake thanked the Board for consideration of adopting the North American Osprey. He stated he suggested as an alternative the North American Turkey. He stated he realized the North American Osprey was going to come to fruition so he encouraged the Board to "push it out of the nest" and "let it take its wings before the cocks crow".

Motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Veccharelli made and seconded a motion to approve the Resolution RE: Urging the Current Milford Board of Aldermen to Advise the newly elected Board of Aldermen to Support the formation of a Education Funding Committee (requested by Aldermen Joan Politi).

Ald. Politi stated the Committee met this past month and that there were a number of items on the agenda. She spoke as to her concerns for the fate of this Committee and commented this Committee had been established by the BOA Chairman and unanimously approved. She spoke as to the work that has been done to date and the amount of work to be done. She stated she wished to advise the Board in a respectful way that this work is allowed to continue. She stated she wished to read into the record the Resolution for the home viewing audience.

Ald. Rowland commented she had the opportunity to sit in some of those meetings. She stated she would encourage the Board to keep this Committee and that she would like to see the Committee include the PTAs, parents and even teachers as well as state representatives, which she stated she knows many were involved.

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.

Ald. Hardiman and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to add to the agenda (Under New Business) a Resolution of the Board of Aldermen in Support of Incorporating the New England Sports Network (NESN) into Milford's Standard Cablevision Package. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Lambert and Ald. Rowland moved to amend the motion and add to the last paragraph ESPNU.

Ald. Lambert commented this would allow the Milford viewers to see many collegiate basketball games.

On the amendment, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Genovese commented to Ald. Hardiman that she knew her dad was looking down as he himself was a fan of the Red Sox and thanked him for this Resolution.

Ald. Patterson commented he is a devout Yankees fan and that the one or two Red Sox fans deserve this so it would be his honor to back this.

Ald. Rowland commented she too is a Yankee fan but that she would endorse this as it would allow her to watch her favorite sport, hockey and her Boston College Eagles.

Ald. Politi noted she too is a Red Sox fan and as many know that she will be moving to Massachusetts to be closer to the Red Sox but that she was in favor of this and only wished it had happened sooner for her husband who too is a Red Sox fan.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Budget Memo Transfers

None.

11. Refunds:

- a. Ald. Genovese and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$27,872.57. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

- a. Ordinance Committee – no report.
- b. Public Safety and Welfare Committee – Ald. Garbus spoke as to the emergency contact cards they had worked on and expressed hope this Board would follow through as this greatly benefits the citizens of Milford.
- c. Public Works Committee – no report.
- d. Claims Committee – Ald. Toohey reported the committee met earlier this evening regarding three claims and that they vote unanimously to forward to the full Board approval of these three claims as discussed in Executive Session.

Ald. Toohey and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the claims: 1) Finding and Award of Firefighter David Miller (Medicals only); 2) Finding and Award of Police Lieutenant Victor Daniels (Medicals only); and 3) Consideration of Claim of Public Works employee Abid Choulki (PPD Award), as discussed in Executive Session.

Chairman Beirne noted a typographical error in the spelling of the name that should read “Adib”.

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. –Ald. Toohey reported she attended a meeting last night. She stated the Park, Beach & Recreation Commission goes above and beyond as Ald. Rowland and Ald. Garbus can attest as they have served as liaisons for the last two years. She spoke as to the boy scouts and the work being done to put in bocce(or bocci) courts at Walnut Beach and stated she wished to advise the Board of this because of the amount of work they have put in.
- 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 reported the Committee has been meeting regularly and that the work on the schools continues and that she would like to see our schools continue to grow as they have. She stated she would like to continue to remain on this Committee as a citizen and asked if a position were to open she would like to serve.

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 Committee meets the third Tuesday of the month and that there was not much to report this month.

l. Golf Course Commission – no report.

m. Inland Wetlands Agency – no report.

n. Milford Academy Community Campus Bldg. Committee – no report

o. Courthouse Expansion Committee – no report

p. Liaison Health Department – no report.

q. Education Funding Committee – Ald. Politi reported met earlier this month and that she had thought the minutes had gone out. She stated she would get those to the Board. With the passing of the Resolution tonight, she stated she was happy to report the Committee would be able to move forward with a planned community forum “Educating the Public about the State ECS Formula and How it is Calculated”. She stated the forum would take place on Monday, November 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall. She stated the forum was being held in cooperation with Milford PTA Council and that she has been working with Kathy Huber who will get the word out to the PTAs, schools, etc. She thanked Chairman Beirne for putting the Resolution forward two years ago and that the Chair had the foresight to put this Committee together. She also thanked Ald. Blake and Board of Education member Pam Staneski for their work on this Committee as well. She also spoke of the work of Representative Paul Davis on behalf of this Committee.

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. Status Report and consideration of Settlement RE: Budget Grant for the Borough of Woodmont.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss item 14a.

Chairman Beirne added those going into the Executive Session would include the full Board along with the Mayor and City Attorney.

Motion carried unanimously. The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:16 p.m.

Ald. Rowland and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Genovese and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to authorize the Mayor and other involved City officials to resolve the threatened litigation by the Borough of Woodmont in connection with the 2008 Appropriation by crediting the Borough \$22,000 from the City's road re-surfacing and sidewalk improvement account(s) for use in its annual sidewalk paving and street repair program, in addition to the funds appropriated in the annual budget.

By roll call vote, motion carried 10 yes (Beirne, Bier, Blake, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Patterson, Politi, Toohey, Vetro) and 5 no (Beckwith, Hardiman, Lambert, Rowland, Veccharelli).

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Patterson moved to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber  
Board Secretary