

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 8, 2018**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 8, 2018 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman P. Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:36 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  
C. Gaynor  
D. German  
A. Giannattasio  
J. Golden  
J. Grant  
M. Hardiman  
F. Smith  
A. Sutton  
J. Tranquilli  
N. Veccharelli  
P. Vetro  
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake  
J. Berchem, City Attorney  
S. Fournier, Mayor's Assistant  
J. Rohrig, City Clerk

Excused

K. Fortunati

**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.

Ann Berman – 77 Pelham Street – stated she was here tonight regarding two bipartisan issues. She stated she wished to congratulate Ald. Fortunati on a successful green Halloween. Ms. Berman stated over 100 bags were given out. She also stated there would be a climate change talk this Saturday at the Milford Library at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Berman stated the talk would focus on what Milford can do. She stated the event is being co-sponsored by ECC and the library.

**3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on October 1, 2018.**

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 1, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting. None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro congratulated the aldermanic secretary on being elected State Representative for the 119 and also applauded Ald. Beatty for her hard work in her candidacy. He stated this Sunday is Veterans Day with the parade stepping off at 2:00 p.m., and the wreath laying ceremony at 10:45 a.m.

Ald. Vitali recognized Chairman Vetro who was selected as 2018 Grand Marshall.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake also recognized Chairman Vetro and Ald. Hardiman and thanked them for their service to our country. He also extended a big thank you to all the candidates who stepped up for democracy, and spending so much time and energy meeting voters and residents. Mayor Blake stated this week's elections were not just in Milford, but the State and across the Country. He gave a big thank you to Ald. Beatty and newly elected State Representative Kathy Kennedy.

Mayor Blake stated he was pleased to announce Milford once again received a AAA bond rating that is good news as Milford continues to receive low interest rates. He also gave kudos to Finance Director Peter Erodici and the entire Finance Department for all of their hard work. Mayor Blake also announced Milford is one of 17 communities to receive the Sustainable CT award. He stated there are so many people as well as various Boards and Commissions working to reduce our carbon footprint, help make our community a better place. Finally, Mayor Blake stated he had a special presentation for West Shore Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> grader, Lila Hoxie. He stated many times there are groups who do great things for Milford and asked Lila Hoxie to come forward to receive a proclamation for the public she published "Out with the old, in with the new." He added proceeds from the sale of the book went to the Milford Animal Shelter. Mayor Blake went on to read the proclamation.

Mayor Blake stated he would ask the Board's consideration for items 8a-8i. He stated he would be happy to answer questions as they come up.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

8a. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request per the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board dated October 19, 2018 for a construction easement on property located at Flax Mill Road (Map 120, Block 906, Parcel 2b) in favor of the State of Connecticut, and to authorize the Mayor and City Attorney's Office to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents to effectuate said easement.

Ald. Giannattasio pointed out for accuracy it is Flax Mill Lane, not *road*. He also asked about the bridge, a landmark of Milford, and asked if it would maintain that New England charm.

Mayor Blake stated it is an 80/20 split with the State. He stated in terms of the aesthetics of the bridge he stated he has requested the New England charm of the bridge continue.

Ald. Giannattasio asked about the timeframe for the completion of the work.

Mayor Blake stated the anticipated start date for the project is October 2019 with completion anticipated in 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board dated October 19, 2018 for the acceptance of an easement from the Bango Family Revocable Trust for property located at 123 Cherry Street, and to authorize the Mayor and City Attorney's Office to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said easement.

Ald. Anderson asked for the record how this came about. He stated he is pleased to have the additional space and that it is most welcome. He also asked if there would be a turning lane.

Director Saley stated the property owners were approached with the request for the dedicated turning lane. It added it would be a safer travel lane.

Ald. Giannattasio asked about the existing sidewalk and if it was being pushed back.

Director Saley stated it would be pushed back and the utility pole would be behind the sidewalk.

Ald. Sutton asked if the city incurred any costs in obtaining the easement.

Mayor Blake stated the city did not incur any costs.

Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request per the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board dated October 19, 2018 for reciprocal easements between the City of Milford and Louisepaul, LLC for property located at 25 River Street and 15-23 River Street, and to authorize the Mayor and City Attorney's Office to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents to effectuate said easement.

Ald. Giannattasio asked the background as to what prompted this, recalling a proposed patio came before this Board previously.

Attorney Berchem state this Board approved a lease with the Mr. Fernandez for the property. He explained when work began it was brought to his attention there is a knee wall that encroaches. He

stated that wall was put in many years ago when a building was taken down and the park put in. Attorney Berchem stated it was also determined the city encroaches his property by approximately 22 inches. This allows for all parties to move forward.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if there was any liability.

Attorney Berchem replied no.

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

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Budget Memo Transfers #3 and #4, Funds 10, FY 19. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$46,970.95. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of the Suspend in the amount of \$509,750.76. 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  
J & J Milford, LLC v. City of Milford  
RE: 580 Bridgeport Avenue
- 14b. Consideration of settlement of  
OGL Master, LLC v. City of Milford  
RE: 221 Old Gate Lane
- 14c. Consideration of settlement of  
Milford Bank a/k/a The Milford Bank v. City of Milford  
RE: 9 Depot Street, 33 Broad Street and 119 High Street
- 14d. Consideration of settlement of  
MFG Baum, LLC v. City of Milford  
RE: 200 Research Drive
- 14e. Consideration of settlement of  
171 Broad Street, LLC v. City of Milford  
RE: 171 Broad Street
- 14f. Consideration of settlement of  
L & S III, LLC v. City of Milford  
RE: 241 Boston Post Road
- 14g. Consideration of settlement of

LM Cherry Street, LLC v. City of Milford  
RE: 202 Cherry Street

- 14h, Consideration of settlement of  
1639 LLC v. City of Milford  
RE: 247 Broad Street
- 14i. Consideration of settlement of  
Alliance Energy, LLC v. City of Milford  
RE: 1354 Boston Post Road

Chairman Vetro announced those entering Executive Session would be the full Board of Aldermen, Mayor Blake, City Attorney Jonathan Berchem and City Assessor, Dan Thomas.

Ald. Giannattasio stated he would be recusing himself from item 14c.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

Ald. Giannattasio exited Executive Session at 8:37 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the meeting in public session at 8:44 p.m.

14(a) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to authorize settlement in the matter of Connecticut Self Storage of Connecticut, LLC v. City of Milford, regarding 33 Schoolhouse Lane, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney and City Assessor, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14(b) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to authorize settlement in the matter of OGL Master, LLC v. City of Milford, regarding 221 Old Gate Lane, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney and City Assessor, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14(c) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to authorize settlement in the matter of Milford Bank a/k/a The Milford Bank v. City of Milford, regarding 9 Depot Street, 33 Broad Street and 119 High Street, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney and City Assessor, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14(d) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to authorize settlement in the matter of MFG Baum, LLC v. City of Milford, regarding 200 Research Drive, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney and City Assessor, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14(e) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to authorize settlement in the matter of 171 Broad Street v. City of Milford, regarding 171 Broad Street, in accordance with the

recommendations of the City Attorney and City Assessor, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14(f) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to authorize settlement in the matter of L & S III., LLC v. City of Milford, regarding 241 Boston Post Road, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney and City Assessor, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14(g) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to authorize settlement in the matter of LM Cherry Street, LLC v. City of Milford, regarding 202 Cherry Street, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney and City Assessor, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14(h) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to authorize settlement in the matter of 1639, LLC v. City of Milford, regarding 247 Broad Street, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney and City Assessor, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14(i) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to authorize settlement in the matter of Alliance Energy, LLC v. City of Milford, regarding 1354 Boston Post Road, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney and City Assessor, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy  
Recording Secretary