

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2015**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Special Organizational meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 in the Board of Education meeting room. Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and asked those present to rise for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. He proceeded to go over some general housekeeping regarding informational paperwork which needed to be completed by each alderman and returned to secretary at the conclusion of tonight's meeting.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

B. Anderson
E. Beatty
B. Bevan
B. Bier
M. Casey
D. German
A. Giannattasio
J. Golden
J. Grant
M. Hardiman
S. Shaw
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake
Joanne Rohrig, City Clerk

Excused
F. Smith

2. Matters of Organization of the Board of Aldermen:

Mayor Blake commented he was hoping for a good two years with the Board. He stated for the new alderman there is a great deal of responsibility. He also spoke of Milford's background, the budget, etc. Mayor Blake stated to the Board they would have a lot to consider and deliberate over the next two years. He stated if any of the aldermen had any questions/concern to not hesitate to contact him or his office.

a. Election of Chairman of the Board of Aldermen

Mayor Blake opened up nominations for purposes of nominating a chairman.

Ald. Vitali asked if the voting could be done by paper ballot for the election of chairman.

Mayor stated historically voting has been by voice vote.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he wished to nominate Mr. Vetro for chairman. Ald. Veccharelli spoke of Mr. Vetro's tenure over the last two years and his ability to fairly conduct the business of the aldermen.

Ald. Golden seconded the motion.

Ald. Vitali stated he wished to nominate Ald. Giannattasio for chairman. Ald. Casey seconded the vote.

Ald. Vitali renewed his request for a paper ballot for the election of chairman.

Mayor Blake stated the tradition is that the vote is done by roll call vote.

Ald. Vitali stated in reading the rules, if there is a consensus from the Board, it can be done.

Mayor Blake asked Ald. Vitali his reasoning for the request.

Ald. Vitali stated it would make for a more open vote.

Ald. Shaw stated this item is addressed in Robert's Rules. She stated she would rather continue as to the bylaws.

Ald. Vitali stated he would like to make a motion to have a closed ballot in voting for the chairmanship.

The Board recessed at 6:39 p.m.

Mayor Blake reconvened the Board in public session at 6:42 p.m.

Ald. Vitali restated his motion to have a closed ballot.

Ald. Vitali and Ald. German made and seconded a motion to suspend the rules in order to vote by paper ballot with name.

Mayor Blake ruled the motion was not in order.

By roll call vote, the motion for Ald. Vetro as chairman failed 7 yes (Bevan, Bier, Casey, German, Giannattasio, Grant, Vitali) and 7 no (Anderson, Beatty, Golden, Hardiman, Shaw, Veccharelli, Vetro).

On the motion for Ald. Giannattasio for chairman, by roll call vote the motion failed 7 yes (Bevan, Bier, Casey, German, Giannattasio, Grant, Vitali) and 7 no (Anderson, Beatty, Golden, Hardiman, Shaw, Veccharelli, Vetro).

The Board recessed at 6:46 p.m.

Mayor Blake reconvened the Board in public session at 7:11 p.m.

Mayor Blake stated the Board took two votes and appears to be at an impasse.

Ald. Giannattasio stated instead of postponing the business of the people of the City of Milford he would support Ald. Vetro as Chairman.

Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Shaw made and seconded a motion to nominate Ald. Vetro as chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Blake congratulated Ald. Vetro and turned the meeting over to him as the new Chairman of the Board of Aldermen.

Chairman Vetro thanked the aldermen for their vote and confidence. He stated he felt he was fair over the last two years and that he would do the same. He spoke about past two years that at times were difficult, but that he hoped the Board would work together.

b. Announcement of Majority and Minority Leaders

Ald. Hardiman stated he sat next to this particular individual for the last 8 years and wished to announce his support for Ald. Veccharelli as Majority Leader.

Chairman Vetro called on a representative for minority leader.

Ald. Bevan stated he wished to announce Ald. Giannattasio as Minority Leader and spoke of his service over the years.

Ald. Giannattasio thanked Ald. Bevan for nominating him. He stated he looked forward to the future and the next two years and that the minority voice had been heard. He welcomed Ald. Bevan and Ald. Grant. Ald. Giannattasio stated he hoped as alderman they could think as independent thinkers and thinkers for the people of Milford.

3. Matters of Administration

a. Appointments of Aldermanic Standing Committees by aldermanic chairman

1. Meetings of the Aldermanic Standing Committees for the purpose of electing a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of each committee and conducting any other business pertinent to the Administration of the Standing Committees. Rules Committee to vote on recommended aldermanic Rules of Order for 2015-2017 term.

Chairman Vetro announced the temporary committee chairs for the aldermanic Standing Committees. The Board recessed at 7:15 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the Board in public session at 7:25 p.m. He announced the Aldermanic Standing Committees as follows:

Ordinance Committee: Susan Shaw, temp chair, Frank Smith, Bryan Anderson, Anthony Giannattasio, Michael Casey.

Public Works Committee: Bryan Anderson, temp chair, Janet Golden, Frank Smith, Dan German, Brian Bier.

Claims Committee: Janet Golden, temp chair, Martin Hardiman, Ellen Beatty, Michael Casey, Raymond Vitali.

Rules Committee: Susan Shaw, temp chair, Nick Veccharelli, Ellen Beatty, Michael Casey, Raymond Vitali.

Public Safety & Welfare Committee: Nick Veccharelli, temp chair, Martin Hardiman, Ellen Beatty, Bill Bevan, Jeremy Grant.

Personnel Committee: Philip Vetro, Chairman, Nick Veccharelli, Vice Chairman and Anthony Giannattasio.

2. Reports of the Aldermanic Standing Committees:

Ordinance Committee – Ald. Shaw announced Frank Smith was elected as Chairman and that she would serve as Vice Chairman.

Public Works Committee – Ald. Anderson announced he was elected as Chairman and that Ald. Golden would serve as Vice Chairman.

Claims Committee – Ald. Golden announced she was elected as Chairman and that Ald. Hardiman would serve as Vice Chairman.

Rules Committee – Ald. Shaw announced she was elected as Chairman and Ald. Beatty would serve as Vice Chairman.

Public Safety & Welfare Committee – Ald. Hardiman announced he was elected as Chairman and Ald. Beatty would serve as Vice Chairman.

Personnel Committee – Chairman Vetro stated he would serve as Chairman with Ald. Veccharelli as Vice Chairman, in accordance with the City Charter.

3. Voting on the Adoption of the aldermanic Rules of Order for the 2015-2017 term.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. Veccharelli made and seconded a motion to adopt the Board of Aldermen Rules (2015-2016) as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Appointments of Liaison Assignments by Aldermanic Chairman

Ald. Vitali raised a point of information and asked when the liaison to the police commission was created. He stated he did not recall anyone from the minority being appointed.

Chairman Vetro stated a request had come from the police commission and he filed it.

b. Appointments of Liaison Assignments by Aldermanic Chairman.

Board of Education: Janet Golden, Raymond Vitali
Flood & Erosion Control Board: Susan Shaw, Michael Casey
Park, Beach & Recreation: Nick Veccharelli, Bill Bevan
Planning and Zoning Board: Susan Shaw, Michael Casey
Sewer Commission: Martin Hardiman, Anthony Giannattasio
Harbor Management Commission: Nick Veccharelli, Brian Bier
Council on Aging: Ellen Beatty, Bill Bevan
Library Board: Frank Smith, Jeremy Grant
Fowler Memorial Commission: Nick Veccharelli, Michael Casey
Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership: Bryan Anderson, Brian Bier
Golf Course Commission: Martin Hardiman, Raymond Vitali
Inland Wetlands Agency: Susan Shaw, Jeremy Grant
Board of Health: Ellen Beatty, Raymond Vitali
Milford Department of Human Services: Ellen Beatty, Anthony Giannattasio
Pension and Retirement Board: Susan Shaw, Daniel German
Milford Government Access Television (MGAT): Janet Golden, Michael Casey
Economic Development Commission: Susan Shaw, Daniel German
Fine Arts Council: Frank Smith, Bill Bevan
Fire Commission: Nick Veccharelli, Anthony Giannattasio
Milford Progress, Inc.: Susan Shaw, Daniel German
Police Commission: Philip Vetro, Anthony Giannattasio

Ald. Vitali inquired about the liaisons for the police commission and stated he did not recall there being liaisons previously.

Chairman Vetro stated they were assigned last year.

c. Appointments of Special Committees by Aldermanic Chairman

Chairman Vetro announced the appointments of the Special Committees as follows:

Permanent School Facilities Building Committee: Matthew Woods (R), Citizen, Robert Nunno (D), Citizen, Mark Aherns (D), Citizen, Ald. Raymond Vitali, Ald. Martin Hardiman,

Chairman Vetro stated the Board of Education had not had their organizational meeting, therefore they had not announced their representatives to this committee.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary