

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 2, 2020**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, March 2, 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

E. Beatty
C. Gaynor
A. Giannattasio
J. Golden
M. Hardiman
G. Harla
M. Parente
F. Smith
A. Sutton
J. Tranquilli
N. Sutton
P. Vetro
R. Vitali
W. Willis

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake
J. Berchem, City Attorney
P. Erodicti, Finance Director
K. Fortunati, City Clerk
J. Rosen, Chief of Staff

Excused

J. Grant

Chairman Vetro deferred to Mayor Blake for a special presentation.

Mayor Blake presented a proclamation declaring March 8, 2020 through March 14, 2020 as Girl Scout Week in the City of Milford.

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.

Michele Chutjian, 10 Central Avenue stated she had concerns with the installation of 5G in the City.

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

Ald. Sutton and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 3, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro wished everyone a happy Spring. He recognized Ald. Hardiman to provide a further report.

Ald. Hardiman stated that today starts St. Patrick's Month in the City of Milford. He further stated that earlier today the Irish flag was raised at City Hall. Ald. Hardiman stated there will be a pancake breakfast at the Masonic Hall in the Milford center on March 8th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. He also stated the St. Patrick's Day parade is the second largest parade in the State of Connecticut and will kick off at 1 p.m. on March 14th.

Chairman Vetro stated the Aldermen should have received a letter from the Milford Public Schools concerning a book signing. He further stated the time and place is incorrectly stated in the letter at the book signing will be on April 2nd from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Jonathan Law High School.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake stated that today the flagpole at Signal Rock in Woodmont had been replaced and the flag is flying once again. Mayor Blake provided the Board with an update on the Coronavirus and the City's effort on being prepared. He stated the Milford Health Department is working the CDC and State Department of Health staying update on the status of the virus. Mayor Blake further stated that an interdepartmental meeting was held today, and protocols have been updated. He reminded everyone to practice good health habits such as washing hands often. Mayor Blake asked the Board's consideration regarding items 8a-e and stated he would be happy to answer any questions as they come up.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

(8a) Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion for the approval for the appointments of (D) Andrew Belden, 26 Pond Street, 06460 as a member of the Historic District Commission (South of the Green), term to expire 12/31/23; (R) Andrew V. Kozlowski, 21 Gunn Street, 06460, as an alternate member of the Historic District Commission (South of the Green), term to expire 12/31/25; and (U) Laurie Quinn, 34 High Street, 06460, as an alternate member of the Historic District Commission (South of the Green), term to expire 12/31/22. Motion carried unanimously.

(8b) Board of Aldermen approval is hereby requested for the appointment of (R) Peter D. Cozzolino, 31 Gulfview Court, 06460 as a member of the Economic Development Commission, term to expire 12/31/22.

(8c) Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion for the approval for the appointment of (D) John K. Anderson, 247 Broadway, 06460 as a member of the Ethics Commission, term to expire 12/31/21. Motion carried unanimously.

(8d) Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the City of Milford to submit an application for the attached 2020 Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) Grant and to authorize the Mayor, Chief of Police and/or City Attorney's Office to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said grant.

Ald. Giannattasio stated he is familiar with the grant and asked if the amount of the grant is known. Lt. Dunn, Milford Police Department, stated he does not know the final dollar amount. Ald. Giannattasio asked where areas of enforcement will be established. Lt. Dunn stated he is not aware that specific areas have been decided, but it will most likely be various locations with good visibility and high traffic. Ald. Giannattasio asked where the funds from the grant are deposited. Mayor Blake stated it is a reimbursement grant at 100% for overtime up to \$30,000.

Ald. W. Smith asked what the police will be doing for enforcement. Lt. Dunn stated the officers concentrate on distracted driving enforcement. Ald. W. Smith asked what the ticket amount is. Lt. Dunn stated he believes it is over \$100. Ald. W. Smith asked where the ticket fees go. Mayor Blake stated a portion goes to the City with the balance going to the State.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8e) Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Allocation Transfer #4 (Golf Course Maintenance).

Ald. Giannattasio asked for an explanation how the funds will be used for maintenance. George Amato, Chairman of the Golf Commission, stated an outline had been provided showing the maintenance items. Mr. Amato reviewed the outline and stated an outside consultant had also viewed the course and provide suggestions for improvement. Ald. Giannattasio asked all the items listed in the outline will total \$30,000. Mr. Amato stated they expect it will total that amount. Ald. Giannattasio thanked the Commission for their hard work. Mr. Amato stated with the weather it is hoped the golf course will be opening the end of this month.

Ald. Beatty asked for an explanation concerning renting the room at the clubhouse. Dan Worroll, Commissioner, reviewed the room rental and stated it is available by contacting golf course directly. He further stated the rental is \$150 for 3 hours.

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 – Ald. Giannattasio reported a draft paving list was provided at the last Public Works Committee meeting.
- 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 RJ Milford, LLC v. City of Milford Re: 1645 Boston Post 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 8:14 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the meeting in public session at 8:21 p.m.

Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve settlement of RJ Milford, LLC v. City of Milford Re: 1645 Boston Post 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 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Toni Jo Weeks", with a horizontal line above it.

Toni Jo Weeks
Recording Secretary