

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 3, 2022**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their regular meeting on Monday, January 3, 2022, in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall. Chairman Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Chairman Vetro asked those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Roll Call**

**Board Members**

M. Arciuolo  
E. Beatty  
B. Broesder  
M. Casey  
D. German  
A. Giannattasio  
G. Harla  
S. Marlow  
R. Pacelli  
M. Parente  
P. Vetro  
R. Vitali  
W. Willis

**Also Present**

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

**Excused:**

M. Hardiman  
J. Moffitt

**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.

Wendy Terenzio, 24 Ard Court, President Walnut Beach Association, spoke concerning excessive parking fees at Walnut Beach. She requested a parking fee exemption for Walnut Beach Association permitted activities.

Kim Thompson, 60 Stowe Avenue, member of Walnut Beach Association, reiterated concerns of excessive parking fees at Walnut Beach and inability of out-of-town individuals attending events.

Donna Travis, 9 Brookdale Avenue, Vice-President, Walnut Beach Association, s excessive parking fees at Walnut Beach and inability of out-of-town individuals attending events.

Mary Oake, 30 Darina Place, member of Walnut Beach Association, spoke concerning excessive parking fees at Walnut Beach and inability of out-of-town individuals attending events.

Simon McDonald, 30 Wood Avenue, member of Walnut Beach Association, spoke concerning excessive parking fees at Walnut Beach and inability of out-of-town individuals attending events.

Laura Ambrogio, 24 Ard Court, member of Walnut Beach Association, spoke concerning excessive parking fees at Walnut Beach and inability of out-of-town individuals attending events.

Geoffrey Viscount, 59 Chatham Avenue, member of Walnut Beach Association, spoke concerning excessive parking fees at Walnut Beach and inability of out-of-town individuals attending events.

Sara Bromley, 27 Norway Street, member of Walnut Beach Association, spoke concerning excessive parking fees at Walnut Beach and inability of out-of-town individuals attending events.

John Drapp, 41 Jackson Drive, Chairman, Republican Town Committee, spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance amendment. He thanked Ald. Giannattasio for bringing the amendment to the Board.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on December 6, 2021.

Ald. Harla and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 6, 2021, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Organizational Meeting.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications

Chairman Vetro wished everyone a happy and healthy new year. He stated he is looking forward to working toward making the City even better in the coming year.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations

Mayor Blake wished all a happy and healthy new year. He asked the Board for their consideration of agenda items 8a-8c and announced the following appointments:

Aging, Milford Council on, two-year term expiring 12/31/23

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

(D) Benjamin D. Gettinger, 93 Thompson Street, 06460, reappointment

(D) Mary Beth Stickley, 56 Sandpiper Crescent, 06460, reappointment

Conservation Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/24  
(U) Carolyn M. Alling, 29 Rivercliff Drive, 06460, reappointment

Inland Wetlands Agency, three-year term expiring 12/31/24  
(U) James D. Connors, 25 Country Lane, 06461, reappointment  
(U) Ranjit Behve, 37 Magnolia Road, 06461, reappointment

Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership, five-year term expiring 11/30/26  
(D) Eric Barba, 51 High Street, Apt. B, 06460, reappointment

Veterans Graves Preservation Commission, one-year term expiring 12/31/22  
(U) Thomas Cody, Jr., 13 Dock Road, 06460, reappointment  
(U) David DeRubeis, Sr., 17 Waterview Landing, 06460 reappointment  
(R) Patrick Tokarz, 155 Castle Lane, 06460, reappointment

## 7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

8a. Ald. Harla and Ald. Casey made and seconded motion to approve the following Mayor's Appointments to the Boards and Commissions:

Assessment Review, Board of, one-year term expiring 12/31/22  
Alternates:  
(R) Richard Vizziello, 85 Barton Road, 06460, reappointment

Building Code Board of Appeals, five-year term expiring 12/31/26  
(R) Jeffrey Attolino, 136 Research Drive, Unit J, 06460 reappointment

Civil Service Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/24  
(D) Henry B. Healey, 115 Bayshore Drive, 06460, reappointment  
(D) Gary Peluchette, 1425 Windward Road, 06461, new appointment

Ethics Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/24  
(U) Katie L. Rodriguez, 12 Wayne Road, 06460, new appointment  
(U) Lauren Paladino, 151 Cinnamon Road, 06460, new appointment, term to expire 12/31/23

Board of Finance, three-year term expiring 12/31/24  
(D) Meghan Smith, 59 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 06460, new appointment  
(R) Lauren A. Ranges, 144 Easy Street, 06460, reappointment

Fire Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/24

(R) Howard S. Stein, 35 Anchorage Drive, 06460 reappointment

(U) Cassandra Soda, 35 Edgemont Road, 06460, new appointment,

(D) Peter C. Smith, 65 Old Field Lane, 06460, new appointment

Golf Course Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/24

(U) William D. Healey, 37 West Shore Drive, 06460, reappointment

(D) Daniel Worroll, Jr., 457 Swanson Crescent, 06461, reappointment

Harbor Management Commission, five-year term expiring 12/31/26

(D) Ray S. Oliver, 404 Gulf Street, 06460, reappointment

(R) Richard Preneta, 212 Gulf Street, 06460, new appointment

Board of Health, three-year term expiring 12/31/24

(R) Joan Cagginello, 17 Westminster Court, 06461, reappointment

(R) Dr. Constance Young, 37 Loomis, Street, 06460, reappointment

(D) Penny Vasilas, 111 Broadway, 06460, new appointment

Historic Preservation Commission, five-year term expiring 12/31/26

(R) William Silver, 55 Governors Avenue, 06460, reappointment

Library Board, three-year term expiring 12/31/24

(U) Alicia Piselli, 58 Carrington Avenue, 06460, reappointment

(U) Brian N. Smith, 85 Viscount Drive, A-45, 06460, reappointment

(D) Katie L. Carroll Garbati, 54 Dalton Road, 06460, new appointment

Park, Beach & Recreation Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/24

(D) Daniel W. Worroll, 457 Swanson Crescent, 06461, reappointment

(U) Ann Fabian, 294 Welches Point Road, 06460, reappointment

Police Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/24

(D) Alberta Jagoe, 1 Morningside Drive, 06460, reappointment

(R) Bill Bevan, 23 Merlin Circle, 06460, reappointment

Sewer Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/24

(U) Tara Carroll, 36 West Main Street, Apt. 2, 06460, reappointment

(U) Edward Abel, 12 Sampson Ave, 06460, reappointment

Transit District, four-year term expiring 12/31/25

(I) Michael Lebov, 75 Anchorage Drive, 06460, reappointment

Advisory Board, two-year term expiring 12/31/23

(D) Nija Phelps, 1264 Naugatuck Avenue, 06461, reappointment

Tree Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/24

(U) David Skirkanich, 32 Wilshire Boulevard, 06460, reappointment

(R) Constance C. Gaynor, 60 Seventh Avenue, 06460, new appointment

Alterantes:

(D) Nancy Iddings, 136 Housatonic Drive, 06460, reappointment

Veterans, Ceremony, and Parade Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/24

(R) Thomas Jackson, 336 West River Street, 06460, (*American Legion Representative*), reappointment

(R) Emily Sopchak, 52 Dogwood Place, 06460 (*Citizen Representative*), reappointment

Zoning Board of Appeals, five-year term expiring 12/31/26

(U) Christine Valiquette, 10 Seaview Avenue, 06460, reappointment

Alternate:

(R) Gary DuBois, 83 Knobb Hill Road, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/24

(D) Michael Clarke Smith, 228 Shadyside Lane, 06460, new appointment, term to expire 12/31/23

(D) Carmina K. Hirsch, 484 Burnt Plains Road, 06461, new appointment, term to expire 12/31/22

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Vetro requested a motion to reorder the agenda bringing item 8d forward.

Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Casey made and seconded a motion to bring item 8d forward. Motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. Harla and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve the following appointments.

ANIMAL SHELTER COMMISSION:

R Karen Dorney  
67 Anchorage Drive  
Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/26

D Colby S. Collier  
50 Cherry Street, Suite 103, 06460  
New appointment – Term to expire 12/31/24

FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD:

U Reza Manzouri  
20 Bridgewater Avenue, 06460  
Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/26

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION:

- D Katherine O. Lutz  
178 Anderson Avenue  
New Appointment – Term to expire 1/1/22

Alternate:

- D Timothy Chaucer  
104 Hawley Avenue, 06460  
Reappointment – Term to expire 1/1/27

HISTORIC DISTRICT (SOUTH OF THE GREEN):

- U M. Elizabeth Kennard  
16 Reed Street, 06460  
Reappointment – Term to expire 1/1/27
- U Walter Ortoleva  
244 Seaside Avenue, 06460  
New appointment – Term to expire 1/1/24

HUMAN SERVICES, MILFORD DEPARTMENT OF:

- U Donna Nunno  
9 Elm Street, 06460  
Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/24
- D Joan Campbell  
84 New Haven Avenue, 06460  
Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/24
- D Brendan D. Casey  
119 Hawley Avenue, 06460 (*United Way Rep*)  
Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/24
- D Joy Duva  
253 West Rutland Road, 06461 (*Chamber Rep*)  
Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/24

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY:

- D Daniel C. Bedeker  
377 Housatonic Drive, 06460  
Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/24

Alternate:

- D Matthew Connors  
198 West River Street, 06460  
Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/24

MGAT (MILFORD GOVERNMENT ACCESS TELEVISION) COMMITTEE:

- D Nija Phelps  
1264 Naugatuck Avenue, 06461  
Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/23
- U Nicole Servas  
29 Musket Hill Lane, 06461  
New Appointment – Term to expire 12/31/23

PENSION AND RETIREMENT BOARD:

- R Steven DuBrow  
15 Rose Street, 06460 (*Police Union*)  
Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/24
- R Thomas A. Harrigan  
269 Seaview Avenue, 06460  
Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/24
- D Chris Hiza  
140 Centennial Drive, 06461  
New Appointment – Term to expire 12/31/24
- D Gregory S. Kimmell  
101 Centennial Drive, 06461  
Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/24
- D Alexander J. Armstrong  
68 Clark Hill Road, 06460  
New appointment – Term to expire 12/31/22

Alternates:

- D Matthew D. Glennon  
15 Berkley Terrace, 06460  
New Appointment – Term to expire 12/31/23

R Michael Moreno  
9 Sentinel Hill Road, 06460 (*Police Union*)  
Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/24

U Kevin Frank  
167 Meadow Street, 06461 (*Local 944*)  
Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/24

Chairman Vetro stated the Board would stand in recess while the auditorium emptied. Board recessed at 8:01 p.m. and reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

8b. Ald. Harla and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve the City of Milford Community Rating System (CRS) PPI Program for Public Information and to authorize the Mayor, Open Space Manager, Floodplain Administrator and Inland/Wetlands Agent to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said program. Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. Harla and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve, per the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board dated December 10, 2021, the acceptance of the Capital Improvement Plan for the years 2021-2026.

Ald. Arciuolo and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded an amendment to the main motion increasing the Police Station Rebuilt from \$30 million to \$40 million.

Ald. Giannattasio stated he agrees with the amendment given today's inflation it is prudent to increase for today's costs. He stated he thought the amount had been increased last year from \$30 million to \$35 million. Mayor Blake stated this is a planning tool that is reviewed each year. He stated the amounts in the final plan will be those approved this evening. Ald. German asked how accurate the \$40 million is given the architect's proposal a few years ago was higher. Mayor Blake reiterated this is a planning tool and subject to additional scrutiny through bonding and other funding mechanisms. He stated big projects such as this will increase the debt service significantly.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Ald. Vitali commented the Board of Education allocation is \$80 million with \$70 million allotted to renovation and maintenance. He stated he has requested for several years a long range plan from the Board of Education and without one he cannot support the plan.

Main motion, as amended, carried 12 in favor (Arciuolo, Beatty, Broesder, Casey, German, Giannattasio, Harla, Marlow, Pacelli, Parente, Vetro and Willis), 1 against (Vitali).

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. Harla and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve budget memo transfers #3 and #4, Fund 1005. Motion carried unanimously..

11. Refunds

11a. Ald. Harla and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve refunds in the amount of \$9,547.55. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees

a. Ordinance Committee

12a-1 Ordinance Committee Chairman, Ald. Parente, reported the Ordinance Committee meet earlier this evening and voted to forward to the full Board An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9 Garbage, Trash and Refuse, Article II Collection, Section 9-14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Rules and Regulations Generally).

Ald. Parente and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approval An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9 Garbage, Trash and Refuse, Article II Collection, Section 9-14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Rules and Regulations Generally).

Ald. Giannattasio thanked the Board for considering the ordinance. He stated the ordinance will impact 55 and older communities and such communities provide many of their own services. Ald. Parente stated her appreciation for bringing the matter to the Board's attention. She recognized Rick Rizza from her district to speak. Mr. Rizza asked for the Board's approval of the amendment. He stated the reimbursement currently over covers 50% of actual costs. Mr. Rizza commented that the proposed amendment will cover 70% of costs and every little bit helps. He asked that the Board approve the amendment.

Ald. Pacelli stated he would be abstaining from voting as he represents elderly communities that may be impacted by the ordinance.

Motion carried 11 in favor (Arciuolo, Broesder, Casey, German, Giannattasio, Harla, Marlow, Parente, Vetro, Vitali and Willis), 1 against (Beatty) and 1 abstention (Pacelli).

b. Public Safety and Welfare Committee – no report.

c. Public Works Committee – no report.

d. Claims Committee – no report

e. Rules Committee.

Ald. Willis stated he has been attempting to schedule a meeting and hopes to do so by the end of January.

f. Personnel Committee.

Ald. Vitali stated nothing was received correcting the members of the Personnel Committee. Chairman Vetro stated it was corrected on the record at the prior meeting. Ald. Vitali asked for a new list of committee members showing such correction. Mayor Blake stated one will be provided.

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. Liaison Sub-Committee – Library Board – no report.
- i. Liaison Sub-Committee – Veterans Ceremony & Parade Commission – no report
- j. Liaison Sub-Committee – Fine Arts – no report
- k. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership – no report.
- l. Liaison - Golf Course Commission – no report.
- m. Liaison - Inland Wetlands Agency – no report.
- n. Liaison Board of Health – no report.
- o. Liaison – Human Services Commission – no report.
- p. Liaison Sub-Committee - Pension & Retirement Board – no report
- q. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Government Access Television (MGAT) – no report.
- r. Liaison – Economic Development Commission – no report.
- s. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Arts Council – no report.
- t. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Progress, Inc.
- u. Liaison Sub-Committee – Fire Commission
- v. Liaison Sub-Committee – Police Commission
- w. Permanent School Facilities Building 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.

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

The Board adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Jo Weeks  
Recording Secretary