

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2023**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their regular meeting on Monday, January 9, 2023, in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall. Chairman 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

M. Arciuolo
E. Beatty
B. Broesder
M. Casey
A. Giannattasio
G. Harla
S. Marlow
J. Moffitt
H. Mulrenan
R. Pacelli
M. Parente
P. Vetro
R. Vitali
W. Willis

Also Present

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

Excused:

D. German

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.

Jeanne Cavallaro, 109 Seemans Lane, Unit 25, talked about condominium refuge rebate. She stated she has spoken to many members of the Board with positive responses. Ms. Cavallaro discussed options for a fair rebate. She discussed increasing fuel costs impacting the cost of trash collection.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on December 5, 2022.

Ald. Harla and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 5, 2022, 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 all a happy and prosperous new year.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations

Mayor wished all a happy and healthy new year. He announced the following Mayor's appointments.

Aging, Milford Council on, two-year term expiring 12/31/24

(D) Lillian Holmes, 100 Oxford Road, 06460, reappointment

(U) Gloria Lanna, 823 East Broadway, 06460, reappointment

(U) Philip A. Caparusso, D.M.D., 46 Shadows End Lane, 06460, reappointment

(D) Linda Stephenson, 69 Elaine Road, 06460, reappointment

Term expiring 12/31/23

(D) Stephen Beres, 339 Meadowside Road, Unit A, 06460, new appointment

Conservation Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/25

(D) Howard Haberman, 38 Harborside Drive, reappointment

Inland Wetlands Agency, three-year term expiring 12/31/25

(R) Stephen V. Munson, 116 Wepawaug Drive, 06461, reappointment

Milford Department of Human Services, two-year term expiring 12/31/24

(R) Barbara Genovese, 19 Belmont Street, 06460, reappointment

Veterans Graves Preservation Commission, 1-yr term expiring 12/31/23

(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

Mayor Blake requested the Board's action on item 8a through 8f.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

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

Board of Assessment Review

Alternate: one-year term expiring 12/31/23

(U) Luke S. Porto, 589 North Street, 06461, reappointment

(R) Richard Vizziello, 85 Barton Road, 06460, reappointment

Building Code Board of Appeals, five-year term expiring 12/31/27

(D) Richard F. Jagoe, 1 Morningside Drive, 06460, reappointment

Civil Service Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/25

(D) H. James Haselkamp, 373 Orange Avenue, 06461, reappointment

Finance, Board of, three-year term expiring 12/31/25

(D) Brian Lema, 17 Maple Street, 06460, reappointment

(D) Raymond J. Arnold, 50 Herbert Street, 06461, reappointment

Fire Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/25

(R) Richard W. Smith, 21 Millwood Street, 06460, reappointment

(R) Thomas Riso, Jr., 11 Driftwood Lane, 06460, reappointment

Golf Course Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/25

(D) Nick Veccharelli, Jr., 57 Pond Street, 06460, reappointment

(D) George J. Amato, Jr., 10 Orchard Road, 06460, reappointment

Harbor Management Commission, five-year term expiring 12/31/27

(U) Joseph Gilbert, 71 Harborview Avenue, 06460, reappointment

Alternates: two-year term expiring 12/31/24

(D) Dora A. Kubek, 33 Liberty Street, 06460, reappointment

(R) Raymond Kirmaier, 26 Morris Lane, 06460, reappointment

Board of Health, three-year term expiring 12/31/25

(D) Christine M. Gonillo, 214 Seaside Avenue, 06460, reappointment

(R) Dr. Mitchell Quitner, 72 Old Field Lane, 06460, reappointment

Historic Preservation Commission, five-year term expiring 12/31/27

(U) John Kranz, 15 West Main Street, 06460, reappointment

Library Board, three-year term expiring 12/31/25

(D) Toby Zabinski, 102 Shorefront, 06460, reappointment

(U) Amanda Kemp, 3 Kinloch Street, 06460, reappointment

(U) Louise Uchaczyk, 32 Whalley Avenue, 06460, reappointment

Park, Beach & Recreation Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/25
(D) Kerri Rowland, 161 Beach Avenue, 06460, reappointment

Police Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/25
(R) John Mager, 33 Brett Cliff Drive, 06461, reappointment
(D) Richard Smith, 59 Sixth Ave, 06460, reappointment
(D) Sharon Marrone, 5 Springdale Street, 06460, reappointment

Sewer Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/25
(U) Bradford W. Hubler, 5 Melba Street, 06460, reappointment
(D) Alexander J. Armstrong, 68 Clark Hill Road, 06460, new appointment

Tree Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/25
(R) Bryan J. Mancini, 47 Tumblebrook Drive, 06461, reappointment
(D) Cheryl Cappiali, 234 Grinnell Street, 06461, reappointment

Zoning Board of Appeals, five-year term expiring 12/31/27
(U) William Soda, 35 Edgemont Road, 06460, reappointment
Alternate: three-year term expiring 12/31/25
(D) Carmina K. Hirsch, 484 Burnt Plains Road, 06461, reappointment

Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

8f. Ald. Harla and Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the following appointments.

ANIMAL SHELTER COMMISSION:

R Anna M. Accetta
85 Viscount Drive, #3E, 06460
New Appointment
Five-year term – Term to expire 12/31/27

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

U Michael P. Lynch
137 Terrace Road, 06460
Reappointment (*Retail/Industry*)
Three-year term – Term to expire 12/31/25

- R Peter D. Cozzolino
31 Gulfview Court, 06460
Reappointment (*Citizen Rep*)
Four-year term – Term to expire 12/31/26
- R John T. DePalma
27 Crestwood Road, 06460
Reappointment (*Citizen Rep*)
Four-year term – Term to expire 12/31/26
- D Julie Alcaez
68 Clark Hill Road, 06460
New Appointment
Four-year term – Term to expire 12/31/24

FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD:

- (R) J. Andrew Bevilacqua
5 Usher Street, 06461
Reappointment
Five-year term – Term to expire 12/31/27

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION:

- D Katherine O. Lutz
178 Anderson Avenue, 06460
Reappointment – Term to expire 01/01/27
- D Robert Berchem
125 West River Street, 06460
Reappointment – Term to expire 01/01/28

HISTORIC DISTRICT (SOUTH OF THE GREEN

- R Maria Henley
31 Reed Street, 06460
New Appointment – Term to expire 01/01/28

Alternate:

- D Douglas Jones
49 Green Street, 06460
Reappointment – Term to expire 01/01/27

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY:

- D Lisa Ann Tryon
25 Windward Road, 06461
Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/25

MILFORD GOVERNMENT ACCESS TELEVISION (MGAT):

- U Kara Flannery
41 North Street, 06460
Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/24

PENSION AND RETIREMENT BOARD:

- U MaryRose Palumbo
15 Stagecoach Circle, 06460
Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/25
- D Leo T. Mahoney
75 Fenway Street, 06460
Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/25
- U Ann Maher
50 Prospect Street, 06460
Reappointment – Term to expire 12/31/25
- U Gregory D. Tweedie
55 Carriage Lane, 06460,
New Appointment - Term to expire 12/31/25

Alternate:

- U Michael R. Dooling
202 Stagecoach Circle, 06460,
New appointment – Term to expire 12/31/25

Motion carried unanimously.

(8b) Ald. Harla and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve a Resolution Re: State of Connecticut, Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) Simon Lake Roof Replacement and to authorize the Mayor, Public Works Director and Finance Director to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents to effectuate said program.

Ald. Giannattasio asked the estimated total cost of the project. Mayor Blake stated the estimates were included in the application and were just under \$750,000. He stated \$500,000 would be funded through STEAP and the balance bonded. Ald. Giannattasio asked if the funds will be upfront by the City. Mayor Blake stated it is a reimbursable grant. Ald. Giannattasio asked if the cost is under

\$500,000 would a City match be required. Mayor Blake stated that STEAP is not a match grant. Ald. Casey discussed usage of Simon Lake. Mayor Blake commented on the current usage and potential future reallocation of space.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8c) Ald. Harla and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded motion to approve a Resolution Re: Cash Advance for the State of Connecticut's Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) Simon Lake Roof Replacement. Motion carried unanimously.

(8d) 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 Annual Progress Report on Implementation of Credited Plan 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.

Ald. Giannattasio asked who is responsible for preparing the annual report. Mayor Blake stated it is the Hazard Mitigation Committee. Ald. Giannattasio thanked the committee for their hard work.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8e) Ald. Harla and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve, per the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board dated December 23, 2022, for the acceptance of the Capital Improvement Plan for the years 2022- 2027. (This document is located in the back of this agenda.)

Ald. Marlow discussed the Pay-As-You-Go portion of the plan. Mayor Blake stated Pay-As-You-Go typically is smaller projects that may be funded under a department's budget. He discussed grants and bonding for larger projects. Ald. Marlow asked how it is determined which projects get completed. Mayor Blake explained how projects reviewed. Ald. Vitali stated school buildings are aging. He discussed a needs assessment to determine if upgrades should be made to existing buildings versus building new schools. Mayor Blake discussed the Board of Education portion of the Capital Improvement Plan. Ald. Casey inquired about the elevator at the Milford Public Library. Mayor Blake discussed CDBG funding. He stated the project is currently underway. Ald. Giannattasio asked what determines general maintenance versus capital improvement. Peter Erodici, Finance Director, stated \$5,000 constitutes a capital improvement. Mayor Blake stated wherever possible projects are funded out of the operational budget. Those that cannot be funded through the budget go through bonding. Ald. Giannattasio discussed certain items listed on the plan and the urgency in which they should be completed.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. New Business not on the Agenda that may be introduced by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting.

None

10. Budget Memo Transfers

None

11. Refunds

11a. Ald. Harla and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve refunds in the amount of \$17,886.04. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees

a. Ordinance Committee –

Ald. Parente reported the Ordinance Committee meet earlier this evening and voted to forward to the full Board an Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Establishing Compensation of City Officials and Employees in the City of Milford.

Ald. Parente and Giannattasio made and seconded motion to approve an Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Establishing Compensation of City Officials and Employees in the City of Milford.

Ald. Marlow asked if the purpose of the ordinance is voting on the funding. Ald. Parente stated this was inadvertently not included in the November ordinance. Attorney Berchem discussed the work is currently funded through Miscellaneous Professional Services line item. He reviewed other grant positions that were funded by the November ordinance. Attorney Berchem stated the position was inadvertently not included in the November ordinance and changes the positions from contracted to employee status. Ald. Marlow asked if ARPA requires that the position be employee instead of contracted. Attorney Berchem stated he is not certain and discussed the benefit of the position being an employee. Ald. Vitali asked which step the position would begin. Deepa Joseph stated it will be a specific amount as approved by ARPA which equates to step 3. She stated when proposed to ARPA the committee was not looking at steps. She further stated the hourly rate for the position is less than what the contracted amount is currently. Ms. Joseph stated the position is fund by serval grants, including ARPA. Ald. Giannattasio discussed reducing Miscellaneous Professional Services line item during budget season. Ms. Joseph stated any reduced amounts would need to be returned when ARPA funds are no longer available.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 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 – 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. – no report.
- u. Liaison Sub-Committee – Fire Commission – no report.
- v. Liaison Sub-Committee – Police Commission – no report.
- w. Permanent School Facilities Building Committee – 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.

(14a) Consideration of settlement of Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Milford City Hall Employees Association, AFSCME, Council 4, Local 1303-452, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024.

Chairman Vetro requested a motion to enter executive session.

Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Casey made and seconded a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Vetro announced those entering Executive Session for item 14(a) would be the full Board of Aldermen, Mayor, and City Attorney, Jonathan Berchem.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

Aldermen Beatty left the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Ald. Harla and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion for the Board to adjourn executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the regular meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Ald. Harla and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Milford City Hall Employees Association, AFSCME, Council 4, Local 1303-452, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024, , as discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Toni Jo Weeks", written over a horizontal line.

Toni Jo Weeks
Recording Secretary