

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 3, 2023**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their regular meeting on Monday, April 3, 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
D. German
A. Giannattasio
G. Harla
S. Marlow
H. Mulrenan
R. Pacelli
M. Parente
P. Vetro
R. Vitali
W. Willis

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake
J. Berchem, City Attorney
P. Erodici, Finance Director
K. Fortunati, City Clerk

Excused:

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.

Evan Winters, spoke concerning the walkway at Beaverbrook and Mondo Ponds and maintenance issues.

Jeanne Cavallaro, 109 Seamans Lane, Unit 25, spoke concerning the garbage reimbursement ordinance for condominiums.

Lynn Shipman, 6 Dogwood Lane, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Christopher Haley, address unknown, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Madison Eisenhandler, 75 Masters Lane, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Alia Seraj, 22 Oljay Terrace, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Mary Elizabeth Oake, 30 Darina Place, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Ryan McConnell, 114 Maple Street, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Amelia Brenner, 180 Melba Street, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Caraly Schulze, 100 Sea Flower Road, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

William Henry, address unknown, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Melissa Kennedy, 76 Regent Terrace, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Greg Kanaan, 23 Marie Street, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Melinda Childs, 10 Chestnut Lane, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Riley Hanford, 288 Naugatuck Avenue, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Michael Kazakewich, 23 Green Meadow Road, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Courtney Bloszko, 36 Sampson Avenue, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Susan Scholl, 445 High Street, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Jen Federico, 117 Hawley Avenue, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Jack Andreychik, 42 Darina Place, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Mary Kate Locke, 57 Cedar Hill Road, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Mary Ellen, 326 West Main Street, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Kristopher Seluga, 156 Clark Hill Road, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Auggie Harrigan, 107 Oronoque Road, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Bridget Krauss, 42 Nells Road, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Mackenzie Krauss, 42 Nells Road, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Ted Boynton, address unknown, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

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Kishore Kothapalli, 16 Zurko Farm Road, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Michelle Williams, 85 Viscount Drive, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Joe Bloszko, 36 Sampson Avenue, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Chris Thomas, 8 Argyle Road, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Cathy Berni, 96 Centennial Drive, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Tristan, 146 Cedar Hill Road, address unknown, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Ms. Sotomayor, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Callie Lawlor, 68 Green Street, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Torrie Lawlor, 68 Green Street, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Julianna Dawson, 72 Lamplight Lane, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Desiree Dawson, 72 Lamplight Lane, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Kathleen Sciarappa, 160 Red Root Lane, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Payal Trivedi, 84 Judith Drive, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Paul Bunton, 68 West Rutland Road, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Lauren Mueller, 11 Plymouth Court, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Kara Flannery, 41 North Street, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Melinda Brenner, 252 Brewster Road, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Helen Gallagher, 38 Walnut Street, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Favi, 102 Dale Drive, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Sara Bromley, 27 Norway Street, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Unknown, spoke in favor of restoring the Board of Education budget.

Ald. Mulrenan departed meeting during public speaking (time unknown).

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on March 6, 2023.

Ald. Harla and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 6, 2023, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications

None

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations

Mayor Blake thanked everyone who supported and advocated for the Board of Education budget. He announced the Arbor Day tree give away and Earth Day events. Mayor Blake requested the Board's action on items 8a through 8f.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

(8a) Ald. Harla and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Jennifer Denes, 75 Railroad Avenue, 06460, as a member of the Board of Health to fill the present vacancy (term expiring 12/31/25). Motion carried unanimously.

(8b) Ald. Harla and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Mallory Nugent, 90 Barton Road, 06460, as a member of the Human Services Commission to fill the present vacancy (term expiring 12/31/23). Motion carried unanimously.

(8c) Ald. Harla and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve a Resolution Re: A Resolution Adopting the 2023 SCRCOG Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

Ald. Giannattasio requested information on how and when the plan will be presented to the Board of Aldermen. Mayor Blake discussed adoption of the plan and working with consultants. He discussed disasters over the past 10 years and impacts on the community. MaryRose Palumbo stated a link to the plan is on the City's website. She also stated the update to the plan was presented to the Board in January. Ald. Giannattasio asked if the plan will be presented again next January. Ms. Palumbo stated it would be presented annually in January.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8d) Ald. Harla and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve per the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission pursuant to CGS §8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes for the sale of 183 Home Acres Avenue and the authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to take all steps necessary to effectuate said sale.

Ald. Giannattasio asked is a sales prices has been established and if the property will be sold through the bid process. Jonathan Berchem, City Attorney, stated the property has not been sold and only the authority to sell is being requested. He stated he recommends it be listed with a broker for marketing. Attorney Berchem provided a brief summary of the foreclosure process.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8e) Ald. Harla and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve a Resolution Re: State of Connecticut Local Capital Improvement Program Assistance – 2023.

Ald. Parente asked for an explanation of theLOCIP grant. Mayor Blake stated LOCIP funds have been used for projects such as asphalt management, roof repairs, and UPS systems. He stated the funds must be used toward items on the approved Capital Improvement Plan. Ald. Parente asked if there are specifications on what the funds will be used for. Mayor Blake stated it will be used for capital improvement projects. He stated prior to a project application is made to OPM for approval. Discussion ensued regarding identifying projects and obtaining OPM approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8f) Ald. Harla and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve a Resolution Re: Cash Advance for Local Capital Improvement Program Assistance – 2023. 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 \$69,757.97. 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 – 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.

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

The Board adjourned at 10:26 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