

TOWN OF MILLBURY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2023

6 PM

Present: Mary Krumsiek, Katie McKenna, Scott Despres, Chris Naff, Brian Sora, Karyn Clark Melissa, David Delaney, Brian Falk, Terry Burke Dotson, Steve Stearns, Jennifer Barrett

Zoom: Matt A, Fran Desimone, ipad, Paul, Charles Cooper, Judy O'Connor, Conor, John Chiras, Christian's ipad

Pledge of Allegiance

There will be a change in the order of agenda items

New Business

Parade Committee

Chairman Naff stated that residents have expressed an interest in having a parade in Town. Selectman Delaney stated that he would like to form a committee to plan parades in town. The committee will have 4 members. He would like to start a scholarship funds as well through the parades. The potential date for the parade would be July 6th, he would discuss routes with the PD. All Millbury residents are invited to join

Motion to approve the Parade Committee by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Sora. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens Speak

Fran Desimone talked about the Personnel Board for the Town Manager Screening Committee.

Executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Sec.21 (a), Purpose 3, to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission Appeal In the Matter of Diamond Inn the Rough LLC d/b/a Belfont Hotel, License No. 05982-Rs-0712, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Board and the Chair so declares

Executive Session in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a), Purpose 3, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, Millbury Police Assoc-Local 128 MA Coalition of Police if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Board and the Chair so declares

Executive Session in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a), Purpose 2, to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with the nonunion personnel and to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, Police Chief Brian Lewos

Executive Session in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21 (a), Purpose 2, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, Action Town Manager Karyn Clark

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6:15 PM Motion to enter Executive Session by Chairman Naff, seconded by Selectman McKenna. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to enter into Executive Session by Selectman Sora, seconded by Selectman McKenna. And on a roll call vote with Selectman Despres, Selectman Krumsiek, Selectman McKenna, Selectman Sora and Selectman Naff. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to exit Executive Session by Chairman Naff, seconded by Selectman McKenna. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to exit Executive Session by Selectman Sora, seconded by Selectman McKenna. And on a roll call vote with Selectman Despres, Selectman Krumsiek, Selectman McKenna, Selectman Sora and Selectman Naff. Motion carried unanimously.

7:30 PM-Reconvene in Open session

Motion to accept the contract for Acting Town Manager, Karyn Clark by Selectman McKenna, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek. And on a roll call vote with Selectman Despres, Selectman Krumsiek, Selectman McKenna, Selectman Sora and Selectman Naff. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Drainage Easement Acceptance for 86 South Oxford Road

Motion to accept the deed easement for 86 South Oxford Rd. by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman McKenna. Motion carried unanimously.

Acceptance of the Land Use Restriction for the 19 Canal St Development

Stefan Stryker, 6 Coral St, stated that he lives near the property but recently there has been a shift in the demographic in the area which has caused disruptions and a lot of police presence.

38 Maple St

Chairman Naff stated the location was decided by the Planning Board and the Town cannot regulate private property. Terry Burke Dotson, 20 Salo Terrace, stated she has worked with people with disabilities and the group home near that area is not being handled well. The Planning Board did not pick the location for the facility. There are parking issues as well. The Planning Board should be allowed to create a plan for the facility. Steve Stearns stated the property was purchased and rented. The Planning Board decided to convert it to a 6 bedroom group home but he believes that didn't happen.

Motion to accept the land use restriction for 19 Canal St development by Selectman McKenna, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek. Selectman McKenna, Selectman Krumsiek, Selectman Sora, Selectman Naff voted in favor, Selectman Despres opposed Motion carried 4-1

Delegate the Personnel Boards appointment to The Town Manager Screening Committee
Motion tabled

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Discussion & Vote for the Town Manager Screening Committee to pursue a Contract with an Executive Search Firm

Search firms provide resources such as advertising, extensive research, conduct background checks, search for applicants and conduct confidential research. Selectman Despres stated he is against the idea of spending money on a search firm. The Board discussed that it would be beneficial to hire a Search Firm for the Town Manager Screening process.

Motion to pursue a RFP process for Search Firm for a Town Manager applicant by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman McKenna. Selectman McKenna, Selectman Krumsiek, Selectman Sora, Selectman Naff voted in favor, Selectman Despres opposed Motion carried 4-1

Appoint Mathew Ashmankas to the Conservation Commission

Motion to appoint Mathew Ashmankas to the Conservation Commission by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Sora. Motion carried unanimously.

Vacancy on School Committee

Due to another resignation on the School Committee, there is a vacancy. There will be a joint appointment at the next meeting. The deadline for applications is 9/22.

Management Update

Karyn stated that the Town has recently received a CDGB award for the Senior Center and Maple St, Asa Waters and the Senior Center received a Mass. cultural council grant, Senior Center received a National COA. There was a PD pinning ceremony for a new Officer and another community resource dog, Dusty. The partial demo for the FHQ is still in process. She thanked Conor for the Summer Concert series and thanked Kristen for the makeup concert held at the Mansion. September is preparedness month, Preparedness bags were distributed at the Senior Center and churches. A 4th van driver for the Senior Center was hired and he is in training with the WRTA. There is a new sign at the Town Hall, thank you Conor. There is a new sign at Pearl St. Chairman Naff thanked Karyn and Julie for dealing with the emergency at a business in Town.

Review & Approve Previous Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of August 8, 2023 by Selectman Krumsiek, 2nd by Selectman McKenna. Motion carried unanimously.

Dates to Remember

- Special Town Meeting 11/14 at 7pm at MHS; petition warrant articles are due on 9/15; last day to vote 11/3
- Flu Clinic at Senior Center 9/28
- Knights of Columbus 5k road race 9/23
- Flea Market 9/23 at Millbury First Congregational Church
- Town Yard Sale 10/7
- Southpark WaterColors 10/13 at Asa Waters

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Roundtable Discussion and Citizens Feedback

Fran stated that he would like to be on the personnel board for the Town Manager Committee. Chairman Naff stated he will get back to him. Selectman Krumsiek thanked the Assistant Building Inspector, Jason, for his work in the Town and with residents

5 Min Recess

8:30 Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting by Selectman Naff and seconded by Selectman McKenna. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Fleming, Secretary

Mary Krumsiek

Katie McKenna

Scott Despres

Chris Naff

Brian Sora

The block contains five handwritten signatures, each written over a horizontal line. From top to bottom, the signatures are: Mary Krumsiek (in dark ink), Katie McKenna (in dark ink), Scott Despres (in blue ink), Chris Naff (in dark ink), and Brian Sora (in dark ink). The signatures are cursive and somewhat stylized.