
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – April 22, 2024
ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL
6:00 PM

PRESENT: Chairman Michael K. Walsh and Select Board members Thomas J. O’Loughlin and Paul A. Mazzuchelli and Town Administrator Richard A. Villani.

1. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To sign the warrant.
UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To approve the Regular Session Minutes of April 8, 2024, as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
3. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To approve the Executive Session Minutes of April 8, 2024, as submitted. Mr. O’Loughlin abstained. IT IS A VOTE. 2 to 0.
4. The Board reviewed an application from Milford Hospitality, LLC DBA Rail Trail Flatbread Co. of 223 Main Street, requesting an Amendment to their All Alcohol Beverages License for an Alteration of Premises. Kareem El-Gamal was present on behalf of the Rail Trail. Mr. Mazzuchelli read the Department Head Review Form. The Town Planner noted on the Review Form that “Violations exist to zoning/site plan approval, re: Parking lot changes, metal container placement, and dumpster relocation. The Town Administrator informed the Board the dumpster relocation has been resolved and the applicant has agreed to file an amended Site Plan with the Planning Board for the parking lot changes and an application for a Special Permit with the Zoning Board Appeals for the placement of the metal container. Mr. Gamal said the Rail Trail will file the Site Plan application and the ZBA application. Resident Steve Bowden, who owns property at 11 Congress Street, attended the Hearing and asked what will be done with the area where the drive-through bank building is located for the former bank. He said there are tree branches down and debris. Mr. Gamal said the Rail Trail leases the building. They do want the area to be clean and aesthetically pleasing to customers. Mr. Gamal said he would provide his contact information to Mr. Bowden. Mr. Mazzuchelli said he would recommend approving the application, as the applicant has agreed to file the amended Site Plan and ZBA applications. Mr. O’Loughlin said the Rail Trail has been responsible in communicating with the Town and has made a good effort to comply with fencing in the dumpster. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the application from Milford Hospitality,

requesting an Amendment to their All Alcohol Beverages License for an Alteration of Premises. UNANIMOUS.

5. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – April 22, 2024

- A. Tree City USA Approval - I want to thank Parks Director, James Asam and Tree Warden Chuck Reneau for their efforts in the Town receiving approval of its Tree City USA Application from the Department of Conservation and Recreation.
- B. Comprehensive Plan Community Meeting – I want to again remind residents that the first Milford Comprehensive public meeting will be held on Monday, May 13th from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Milford Upper Town Hall. An introduction to the Comprehensive Plan will be presented. There will be interactive exercises to learn about residents' vision for the Town, including challenges and opportunities there are for the Town. Light refreshments will be served, and interpretation will be offered.

6. The Board did not have any discussion regarding the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

7. The Board reviewed the List of Secondhand/Antique Dealer & Pawnbroker Licenses, Pool Table Licenses and Bowling Alley Licenses for renewal. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the renewal of the licenses for Baza Jewelry and Gifts, Nathans', TJ Café & Games and MV Jewelry and More. UNANIMOUS. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To approve the renewal of the Pool Table License for Fun Zone Milford LLC d/b/a Pinz. UNANIMOUS. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To approve the renewal of the Bowling Alley License for Fun Zone Milford LLC d/b/a Pinz. UNANIMOUS.

8. The Board reviewed an application from PayMore of 9 Medway Road, Unit 9E for a Secondhand License. All paperwork was in order. Chris and April Hong, the owners of PayMore were present. Mr. Hong said this is a Franchise Business. They deal in second hand electronics. They do not loan out money for used items. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To approve the application for a Secondhand License for PayMore. UNANIMOUS.

9. The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Town Administrator to appoint Carlos Moreira as a part-time custodian. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To appoint Carlos Moreira as a Part Time Custodian and that he be placed

at a Grade 1/Step 1 under Article 2 with a starting hourly wage of \$23.11 and that he be allowed to begin work as early as April 22, 2024. UNANIMOUS.

10. The Board approved and signed a Proclamation to proclaim April 26, 2024, as Arbor Day.
11. The Board reviewed a recommendation to appoint Chris Pilla to the position of Treasurer/Collector. The Town Administrator read his Memorandum recommending Chris Pilla be appointed as the Town's first Treasurer/Collector. Mr. O'Loughlin said it is a great idea and that Mr. Pilla has done an excellent job as Treasurer. The new position streamlines the Treasurer and Tax Collector positions. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To approve the Town Administrator's recommendation to merge the two positions of Treasurer and Tax Collector. UNANIMOUS. Mr. Mazzuchelli said it is much more efficient. Mr. Walsh said he is in favor of the combining of the two positions. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To appoint Christopher Pilla to the position of Treasurer/Collector effective July 1, 2024. UNANIMOUS. The Town Administrator will meet with Mr. Pilla to begin negotiation of a contract to be reviewed by the Board at a future meeting.
12. Invitation to Speak: NONE.
13. Mr. O'Loughlin said the State Police have begun a Yellow Dot Program that was instituted by Police Chief Robert Tusino some months ago. He commended Chief Tusino for his foresight in beginning the Program.
14. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To adjourn the Select Board meeting at 6:32 PM, UNANIMOUS.

Richard A. Villani
Minutes Recorder

Michael K. Walsh, Chair

Thomas J. O'Loughlin

Paul A. Mazzuchelli