

Town of Milton
Town Council Special Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2003

Mayor John F. Bushey called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Councilwoman Betts offered the opening prayer.

Mayor Bushey called the roll.

PRESENT: Mayor John Bushey
Councilman Charles Fleetwood
Councilwoman Leah Betts
Councilman Robert Blayney
Councilman Jerry Hudson
Councilman William Wright
Councilwoman Stephanie Parker

Others Present: Jocelyn Jenkins, Town Clerk
Eric Evans, Code Enforcer
Stephanie Coulbourne, Finance Clerk
Dawn Johnson, Town Secretary
Allen Atkins, Town Maintenance
Bob Kerr, Engineer

Consideration of Dogfish Head Request Regarding Compliance of Discharge

Bob Kerr reported that he and Allen Atkins have met with Kevin Burdette of McCrone and agreed that June 1 is about as quick as compliance can occur. DNREC concurs.

Kevin Burdette and Sam Calagione were present. Mr. Burdette noted that they are attempting to locate a farm to dispose of the waste. Mr. Calagione stated that the right size and right location of the farm is critical. They have talked to 2 landowners and have 4 or 5 more to contact. Mr. Burdette stated that the waste could be split, but that is not as cost effective.

Councilman Blayney asked Mr. Calagione if the product could be used as fertilizer for planting beds? Mr. Burdette replied that the best crop to put it on is a grass crop. Landscaping/continuous growth is an option.

Councilman Blayney asked what the reluctance from farmers to date has been? Mr. Burdette stated that no one has ever approached them with a request like this. Mr. Calagione answered that he thinks the real reluctance is the involvement of DNREC. Mr. Calagione reported that the pH has been better the last few days by adding more lime. Mr. Atkins agreed.

Councilman Hudson asked Mr. Kerr and Mr. Atkins if they are happy with Dogfish Head is doing and if Dogfish Head is making a good faith effort? Mr. Kerr stated yes as long as they keep up the lime.

Mr. Kerr recommended approval through June 1, but requested monthly updates prior to each meeting and that the Town be copied on everything to DNREC.

Councilwoman Betts confirmed with Mr. Calagione and Mr. Burdette that they are striving to get this done as soon as possible. Mr. Burdette stated yes; however, the big hurdle is finding a farm. They do guarantee they will have a farm by June 1 or some other alternative in place.

Mr. Kerr also noted that obtaining a permit from DNREC is also a hurdle that no one has control over. Mr. Burdette noted that they are looking for 8 to 22 acres.

Councilman Hudson made a ***motion*** to extend Dogfish Head's permission to remain on the Town sewer until the regular meeting in June (2nd) with the stipulation that they provide monthly reports and copy the Town on correspondence with DNREC. This is a good, small business and what we need in Town. Councilman Blayney seconded the motion.

Motion carried – “Aye”

Mr. Calagione thanked Town Council.

Motion to Use Municipal Street Aid Monies for Purchase of Police Vehicles

Mrs. Jenkins reported that we have purchased a police vehicle from Harrington Police Department for \$3100 and have a new one on order (\$24,000 to \$25,000). She needs authorization to proceed to use Municipal Street Aid money to purchase the vehicles.

Councilman Wright is opposed to this purchase with Municipal Street Aid money. There are too many other things he is working on. This should have been put in the budget.

Councilman Blayney asked if this is a usual purchase with Municipal Street Aid money? Mrs. Jenkins went over the various items that Municipal Street Aid money can be used for.

Councilman Wright stated that it can be used for snow removal and we haven't finished the winter yet. This could put us in a bind.

Councilman Hudson asked if this will impact Mulberry Street or other street repairs? Mrs. Jenkins noted that a lot of the potholes are on State streets. Municipal Street Aid money is mostly used for street lights.

Mrs. Jenkins stated that the concern is that once the two officers on F.T.O. come off training there are not enough police cars for the officers. We hired the officers with the

understanding that they would have take home cars, and we can't now not follow through.

Mayor Bushey explained where Municipal Street Aid money comes from and how it is calculated.

After additional discussion, Councilman Blayney made a ***motion*** to authorize \$3100 from the general fund to pay for the used vehicle from Harrington Police Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Betts.

It was asked if Chief Phillips had signed a contract on the new vehicle yet. Mrs. Jenkins was not sure. The purchase of the new vehicle will be discussed at the March 3 monthly meeting. Chief Phillips needs to be here.

Councilman Blayney stated that this is why Town Council needs quarterly or monthly reports of revenues and expenditures.

Councilman Hudson stated that Chief Phillips should have budgeted this.

The question was called on the motion.

Motion carried – “Aye”

Office of State Planning Regarding Comprehensive Plan Update

Ann Marie Townsend from the Office of State Planning was present. Planning & Zoning members – John Hopkins, Noble Prettyman, and Linda Rogers were present. Dean Sherman could not attend due to a prior commitment.

Review and discussion of the Comprehensive Plan and Maps took place. Town Center classification was discussed, as well as where the boundaries should be for Town Center zoning classification.

Mayor Bushey read a letter from Lynne Celia purchaser of Norma's Restaurant. The restaurant will be renamed the Mulberry Street Café. She has requested a transfer of the alcoholic liquor license.

Executive Session

Councilman Wright made a ***motion*** to go into Executive Session at 8:51 p.m., seconded by Councilman Blayney.

Motion carried – “Aye”

Adjournment

Council came out of Executive Session at 9:38 p.m. Councilman Wright made a *motion* to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Blayney.

Motion carried – “Aye”

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Johnson
Administrative Assistant

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