

**Milton Town Council Meeting
Milton Library, 121 Union Street
Monday, November 3, 2014, 6:30pm**

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1. Call to Order – Mayor Jones
2. Moment of Silence
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Roll Call – Mayor Jones

Councilman West	Present
Councilman Coté	Present
Councilwoman Parker-Selby	Present
Mayor Jones	Present

5. Public Participation

- Ed Harris, 305 Behringer Avenue: Just a couple of things I want to address with you. One of which, because I know the Town of Milton has supported Cat Snipper's. They've given them substantial contribution in order to help them with what they've been doing and first of all, I just want to tell you I love cats; personally I've adopted way too many cats; we've placed probably 30 cats over the last five years, but we've had an ongoing problem with the property next to our retail store, that was overrun by feral cats. As a matter of fact, through a friend of ours, who has a farm, I personally have caught close to 30 cats now, 28 cats. They've been relocated. There are still quite a few cats on that property. Let me tell you where the problem is stemming from. I want to go back to Cat Snipper's. Cat Snipper's, from what I understand, their goal was to catch and release cats. Catch them, have them fixed so they wouldn't reproduce, release them. What's been happening over a period of time is, they haven't been catching them and releasing them. Basically it's not Cat Snipper's, it's cat feeder's. So they're taking large bags of food, or they were, now it's stopped, because we've contacted the property owner, who's downstairs, works at the library here. We also contacted Cat Snipper's and said look, what you're basically doing, you're attracting cats. When you take a 50 pound bag of cat food, break it open, every single cat within that region, within a mile, is going to come and eat. While they're eating, it's like Club Med for cats; they're reproducing. So they go back home and they have kittens. What needs to be done and I think maybe it's because the Town is supporting them, contact them and say look, the feeding has to stop. If you own a cat, take care of your feral cat in your yard, but you need to catch them, take the money that you've invested in the Cat Snipper's and have them spayed or neutered, because it really isn't helping it, it's actually making it worse, because all these cats and kittens, we have the winter coming, they're going to die. They're going to freeze and die, which is sad. I also want to say that by putting that food out by our property, was attracting skunks and other vermin; we had a skunk under our shop. We really were unable to keep it opened for two days, because of skunks that were coming to eat the cat food, so as I've said, we've dealt with it personally. I just think you need to take a look at

the other locations where they're doing it and I have no problem with people that are doing that. I think it's great. They love the animals, that's wonderful. The only other thing I want to say to you is, I understand, I know we're getting ready for a tax increase, 10-11% tax increase and I've come to you all before and I've said this and I'm going to stress it again. We've been here like 25 years, 24 years now. Nothing has changed. I live in what's called the older part of Milton, up on the hill, everybody knows our house; not the street, not the streetlights; not the sidewalks; not the curbs. I've had my house reassessed. I'm sure all of you who live in old Milton feel the same way, by the standards of Wagon's West Shores and by Cannery Village. What am I getting? What am I getting for 11% now? What are you doing to improve old Milton. Look at Atlantic Street. There are people that come here from Cannery Village and they say I love Cannery Village, believe me, it's a great community and they're complaining about their streets. But take a ride up here and look at the condition of those streets. Atlantic Street is worse than most of the streets in Cannery Village. We seem to be focusing on the new developments. It's wonderful, the new development in town, but what's happened, it seems to me is, a lot of the manpower, a lot of the... If you take a look and I don't know whether you can tell me or not, how much time administratively takes in that Town Hall is going towards Cannery Village, Wagon's West Shores and Heritage Creek? How much time of the employee's is taken towards old Milton? It just seems disproportionate that old Milton is being left behind, but yet we're footing the bill for all this new development that's coming in, so what I'm hoping when you do invite new developer's to come in, make sure that they pay their share. It's not fair, because we're not seeing any benefit. I'm living up there and my taxes have steadily increased. My property value has basically leveled out. It hasn't gone up since the economy has dropped, but I keep on paying more and more and more and I don't see what I'm getting for my money. I'm getting nothing. So I think it's not fair. Maybe you want to consider that. Thank you.

- Jim Welu, 30263 East Mill Run: I wanted to address sidewalks on Chestnut Street. I saw the most recent summary of the accounts the town has and there was a note under one of the accounts of \$30,000 for Chestnut Street sidewalks. I think we should no longer talk about the sidewalks on Chestnut Street. Let's spend the money and get the sidewalks fixed. We've got \$30,000. We got it from the State probably 10 years ago and it's still sitting there. Let's use it. Let's go out for bid and get those sidewalks done. Secondly, when Tidewater was here, or maybe I guess they were at the Comprehensive Plan meeting, they talked about one of the major problems is the discharge of phosphorous in the system and it seems to me that I have heard many, many times that most of this phosphorous comes from laundry and dishwasher soaps and there are non-phosphorous soaps available. They're probably expensive, but I think it's something that the town needs to look into in terms of encouraging people to use non-phosphorous detergents. I mean, the little extra expense will probably be saved in less amount of sewerage fees that we have to pay in this town. Thank you.

Councilman Coté: I would just like to address one of Mr. Welu's points. There is a notation on one of the spreadsheets for the bank accounts. Best that I have been able to find out, is that that money was not received from an outside source. That was money that the Council, at the time, agreed to set aside for purposes of matching a possible grant from the State or Federal, but no grant was received, so it wasn't money received,

it was just the set aside in anticipation of matching a grant, which was not received. I'm not sure that that notation gets to stay... I'm not sure that that's really \$30,000 really set aside, because the conditions didn't meet.

Jim Welu: What evidence did you find in researching the records of the town, that this was a town set aside and not a grant from the State of Delaware?

Councilman Coté: Spoken to two people who were in office at the time.

Jim Welu: Namely?

Councilman Coté: I don't think it matters.

Jim Welu: I think it does. Because there are a lot of people that were in office at the time and...

Councilman Coté: Alright. One of them was Mayor Bushey and he informed me that he conferred with Mrs. Betts and that was their recollection of the situation at the time.

Jim Welu: I think further investigation, because I've been here a lot of years and it was never disputed until you've brought it up, that this was not a grant, it was secured from the State.

Councilman Coté: Well, it's hard to get a grant for sidewalks when the Town Code says that the sidewalks are the responsibility of the homeowner's, so the Town has a hard time getting a grant for that.

Jim Welu: Well we got all new sidewalks on Mulberry, we got all new sidewalks from Front Street down to Atlantic Avenue, year's ago; they stopped at Atlantic Avenue. We got a whole set of streets, or sidewalks, from the Safe to School...

Councilman Coté: I believe that was pretty much most of those sidewalks you're talking about, were from that.

Jim Welu: But those are sidewalks that were the responsibility of the owner's of those properties and yet we got State, Federal grants, money from all different sources, so I don't think that argument holds up.

Councilman Coté: Well other than the fact that we can't find any paperwork and that's the best knowledge we have. I don't think we get to change it, because you'd like to, as opposed to the people who were in office at the time.

Jim Welu: No, I'm just trying... It doesn't affect me one way or the other. I'm just saying that this issue keeps coming up year after year after year and if the Town had set aside \$30,000, forget about the state grant then. Why doesn't the Town spend the money the set aside for this?

Councilman Coté: Because it was to match a grant, which they never got.

Jim Welu: Okay, the matching grant never came through.

Councilman Coté: Which they never got.

Jim Welu: Spend it, because by my calculations, when I had a house on Chestnut Street, we could have done all of the sidewalks, even the ones that have been done now, by the Safe Walk to School Program. We could have done all of them on Chestnut Street, for \$30,000. We have contractor's that gave us prices and they could have gotten all those sidewalks done.

Councilman Coté: It's a different day.

- Richard Miller, Grist Mill Drive: Thank you. Before I ask my question, I just want to make a public statement that Mr. Harris talked about Cannery Village, in a way that insulted me and I'm sure my neighbor's. The last time I heard we were all part of Milton.

If Mr. Harris wants to know what he's getting for his money, he's getting hundreds of hours of volunteer time; he's getting a lot of expertise in this town and we've been trying for the last three years through this new mayor to get Cannery Village and Wagamon's West Shores under the same lexicon as Milton. That was the memo that went out and we all agreed that we're all part of Milton. So I want to get that on the record. I'm tired of being segregated and having an identity that we're somehow special. We're no more special than any other household in this community, so I'm part of Milton. I don't know where Mr. Harris is from. My question is Madame Mayor, I wanted to find out if there was any update on the punch list for the pain in the ass Cannery Village?

Mayor Jones: Mr. Miller, just one moment. I did speak with some resident's in Cannery Village who had met with a portion of the developers. It's my understanding that that group is continuing to work as a conduit, between getting properly aligned for what to do administratively, so when that group comes forward, they have their i's dotted and their t's crossed. As far as the punch list goes, it is my understanding that that should be turned back over to us, but I was given no date for that, Mr. Miller.

Richard Miller: Thank you for the update.

- Jeff Dailey, 211 Grist Mill Drive: I'm not going to run interference between my neighbor's, Ed Harris and the fellow who lives right across the street from me, Mr. Rich Miller, but with all due respect, Rich, I heard Ed Harris' comments a little differently. He has lived here a long time and he hasn't seen any changes on his street, any improvements. Yes, two very large Homeowner's Association communities that are, in fact, neighborhoods and in the town limits of Milton, probably do require a lot of man hours from Town Hall. That's true, but at the same time, living in Cannery Village with our falling apart streets and the punch list outstanding and no paving date in sight, we're paying taxes and we're getting little in return, plus the Town of Milton doesn't have to pay for the upkeep of those streets, so the Town is getting full taxes from us, but at the same time, they're getting kind of a free ride in many, many respects. So, even the police, don't technically have to police our streets and I think Heritage Creek is in the same boat, because their streets have not been handed over to the Town. What I'm curious about is why we haven't put together an infrastructure list of things that need to be done, funding sources for those items, improvements like Atlantic Avenue and the older neighborhoods that haven't seen changes over the years and I honestly think that with a 10-11% increase in taxes, you are beholden to the resident's to come up with just such a list. It may be a wish list because the funding may not be there, but we need to get organized so that we know what is a priority. I go to church, my church is renting space in St. John the Baptist, until very, very recently that lane was so hazardous to walk coming out of church in the evening it was loaded with potholes. It's been fixed, but there are any other number of lanes, the continuation of it, between Chestnut Street and Walnut Street that are just as bad. So if we don't know what needs fixing, I'm sure somebody is holding the list in their hip pocket, or they have a good idea in their brain, but that isn't serving the public. At the top of the list, Cannery Village and it's streets situation should be near the top of the list. How to fund it? The developer's need to be brought to the table and pardon me, Mr. Solicitor, but I really think you need to apply a bit more pressure, however you can muster that and every single day we need to realize that there are neighborhoods in our town that are literally falling apart, in terms of

streets, in terms of lighting and it's gone on long enough. At least create the list. Thank you.

- Bob Howard, 217 Chandler Street: I'm speaking for the Economic Development Committee this evening. What I'd like to do this evening is announce... I hate to be rushing the holidays this much, but it is November and Thanksgiving is in this month. We're going to again sponsor the Holiday Shopping Promotion to Shop Milton during the holiday season. It will start the day after Thanksgiving and end on December 13th, the day of the Holly Festival. It's a month early and you'll probably hear a lot more about this at next month's meeting, but December 13th is going to be a busy day in Milton. The Holly Festival is from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Holiday House Tour, sponsored by the Century Club is from 2:30 p.m. til 7:00 p.m. At 3:00 there will be a Carole Sing in the Theater, at which time the door prizes will be announced for the Shop in Milton Promotion. Then merchant's in the town center will keep their stores opened until 7:00 that evening and some of them will have refreshments and then at 7:00 p.m. on December 13th the Milton Theater is going to have their Holiday Comedy Special. So I just wanted to give you a heads up about the Holiday Shopping Promotion that starts this month. Thank you.
- Betty McGrath, West Shore Drive: My husband and I are relatively new to the community. We really moved in in September and we did attend the last Council Meeting and I really just wanted to say to the Council Members, first of all thank you for being Council Members, because I was on a Board once and it was hard, but my concern, after last month's meeting, not this one, but last month's meeting was when the whole "shall" and "will" thing came up about whether the Council "shall" ask for recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Commission, or "may" and I was very disturbed at that meeting by that whole concept that the work that's done by a Committee like that, or any of the Committee's like the gentleman that just stepped from the Economic Development Committee, that the work that they put in would be treated as though you didn't really need to look at it. I found that disturbing and before my husband and I moved here, we subscribed to the Cape Gazette for a year and a half and when you were first elected as Council President or Chair (Mayor), there was so much positive comments in the letters about a new day in Milton and this being more opened and inclusive of people's attitudes; we also went to an Open House in Wagamon's West Shores and there were two women there who were saying they were so excited that you were elected, because it was going to be so different and I felt very sad at last month's meeting. So I just wanted to really... I know how hard... I don't know, but I have an inkling of how hard your job is, all of you; but I really want to encourage you to keep that openness and not shut down the avenues. We attended, also, the Working Committee Meeting this past Saturday with the Planning and Zoning Commission and they work hard, too and to the extent that we can be a representative "democracy", they are representing us in their work, so I just really wanted to encourage that. One other small comment and that was, and I apologize to anybody that was involved in it, but I'm concerned that the stuff that's going on in Milton, isn't getting proper publicity, because I felt like the Blue Grass Festival that was just held a short time ago, wasn't known outside the community. Maybe I missed it, but the only thing that I really saw, were a really small sign on Cave Neck Road and I know it was put into the Cape Gazette. They

put a lot of stuff in. So I apologize, because I may have just missed it, but we loved it and I thought there should have been more people there. There were a lot of people eating, though. That part is very popular, but anyway, thanks.

- Ryan Patel, 116 Magnolia, from the Bodie's Dairy Market: We had an armed robbery that occurred on Saturday and it was the second one in the last two weeks and the third one in a month. My concern was, yes they think they got them, but there's no camera's for security purposes for the Town to look out at and I wanted to bring that up if the Town Council has concern and have looked into that, or not. I've got sites in other towns. The other towns have cameras throughout their town looking at the streets and it is a safety concern and I just wanted to see if you guys would look into that.

Mayor Jones: Mr. Patel, I want to ask you, does your business have any cameras that record?

Ryan Patel: Yes, we do. We have them inside and I was talking to the officer's and their suggestions, we are going to add cameras on the outside, as well, as soon as we can. A small town like Greensboro, population is 1,500 or 1,800, they have cameras in their town and I don't see how we at Milton can't get that for our safety, as well.

Mayor Jones: Alright, thank you.

Kristy Rogers: That's all.

- Marie Mayor: When I came tonight, I had to put down a reason for being here when I wrote my name and it's really to express gratitude and I know that we have problems and challenges in Milton, but this is a truly wonderful place to live and to be a part of the community and if you want to know about democracy, you can come to Milton and hear the words from the soul. I am from Southern Louisiana and there's a university down there called LSU. The coach says if you want to go fast, you go alone. If you want to go far, you have to go with others, and I really appreciate the work that the Council's doing. What people come here and express the concerns of our community, it helps me as a property owner here to know that I am in good hands. I know we have far to go, but we're going together and I want to apologize for littering the streets, the yards. I promise the signs will be down on Wednesday and I've asked everyone who has a sign to remove it tomorrow night. If they don't comply with that, I'll be through the end of the week and we'll get them out of the town. Thank you for everything that you've done to make this election such a wonderful evening, tonight and an election process and I will see everybody, I hope, at the polls tomorrow. Thank you.

Mayor Jones: Thank you, Marie.

6. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

Mayor Jones: Council having looked at the agenda, are there any additions or corrections at this time?

7. Agenda Approval

Mayor Jones: Hearing none, may I hear a motion to approve?

Councilman West: I make a motion to approve the agenda.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Second.

Mayor Jones: All those in favor say aye. Opposed. Motion is carried.

8. Presentation and Approval of Minutes: June 2, 2014

Mayor Jones: You've had the minutes from June 2nd. Are there any additions, corrections, comments.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: I do have a comment. I would like to go on record to ask that we look into, I know I bring it up most meetings, a better quality of recording minutes that will not use so much paper. I believe awhile back I asked that we look into use of iPads, like other organizations have done now as part of saving some money which we may be able to use in our community, because we're using reams of paper and I just sincerely believe after looking at some of the other towns that we can do a much better job with our minutes, so that people can read them and understand the main gist of the meeting and go to the town if they want to hear every word that someone has said; plus we do not get some of the things that are said. We have dots, rather than the entire conversation or statement, so that's not doing me any good. I want to see the main, important part of what we're speaking about each meeting and then if I want to see what someone said, particularly, I will go to the office and listen to the tape. I do think we need to look into that sincerely and hard, how we can save money and get rid of all these papers.

Councilman Coté: I have on correction. On Page 19, the third comment attributed to myself, where it says "when you tap it with a handle", I believe it's "hammer". **Correction made.**

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Well, I can find more than that, but it takes time. That's what I'm talking about.

Mayor Jones: Anything else on June's minutes? If there are no other comments, do I hear a motion to approve?

Councilman Coté: Motion to approve, as amended.

Councilman West: I'll second it.

Mayor Jones: All those in favor say aye. Opposed. Motion is carried.

9. Mayor's Report

Mayor Jones: A couple of points under the Mayor's Report, this evening. First, we have canceled the Open Forum Meeting for the 15th. That became a conflict time and we will need to set another meeting and coming into the holidays, this will be tricky. We do plan to meet again, as a Council, on the 17th this month; that's the third Monday. So I would like Council to have a look at calendar's and figure out what a good time for that Open Forum Meeting will be to replace the one on the 15th. Also, the Planning and Zoning Commission is winding up it's work with the Comprehensive Plan for this quarter of this year on Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. here in the library the Community Facilities Plan, you can find this information on our website for those who are following along, they're getting very close and they worked diligently on Saturday to go through some assignments and start the writing of the Plan, so I do encourage you to follow along with that.

10. Discussion of Written Committee Reports

Mayor Jones: Council, in front of you are written reports for tonight. We have two from Historic Preservation. One in August and one the 9th of September. Those are the only committee meetings we have this evening.

11. Department Reports: Administrative, Code, Police, and Public Works

Mayor Jones: You'll find a report from Mrs. Rogers, Mr. Trotta, the police report.

Kristy Rogers: Madame Mayor, I'd also like to add to the Administrative Report. I received an email today wanting to give thanks and appreciation to the Police Department and to the Public Works, for the great job they were doing this month; more recently as seen today at Wagamon's West Shores and around town, sweeping the streets.

Mayor Jones: Thank you, Mr. Wingo.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Madame Mayor, I'd like to thank Mrs. Rogers for getting the FOIA Road Show. I think that would be great for the community members to attend and understand FOIA. For those that do not know, that's December 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Jones: Right here in the library. Now that's up on the website, correct? That notification, as well.

Kristy Rogers: Yes and what that is, is a presentation by the Attorney General's Office related to the Freedom of Information Act, so everyone is invited to attend the presentation. It will be here in the library December 8th at 6:30.

Mayor Jones: The Code Enforcer's report. We have a police report. Are there any questions? Comments?

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: The Code Enforcer's report, where are we with that? Is this going to happen, the demolition of...

Mayor Jones: It's actually on our agenda, under a separate item and we have a report that's going to cover that.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Good, because I did finally speak to the owner this evening, as a matter of fact.

Mayor Jones: That's separate from this one. That's just down...

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: I saw it on there.

Mayor Jones: Mr. Wingo, when is the next meeting of the Water Committee?

Greg Wingo: It will be on November 12th at 5:30.

Mayor Jones: Here in the library?

Greg Wingo: That's correct.

Mayor Jones: Thank you. Question for you. I know it's been awhile since Streets and Sidewalks Committee was able to meet. As the Director of Public Works, however, have you put together, at least during the budget period of time, when we were looking at paving for the next calendar year. Have you identified the projects that Mr. Dailey speaks about, as far as the conditions of the roads; those that need surfacing the quickest?

Greg Wingo: That's correct. Over the years there's a big list, so I've been taking input and riding around and walking around, trying to get a priority list together for that.

Mayor Jones: Okay.

Vickie Williams: Cannery Village's _____ on my mind.

Mayor Jones: Thank you, I'm pleased to hear that. Thank you. So you have a manageable list, just so that folks understand, when Municipal Street Aid is received, I'm looking at Mrs. Rogers so that we get this right, Municipal Street Aid is not only meant to cover the lighting in the Town of Milton, it is also spread out to accommodate and be able to be used for some street repair now, correct?

Kristy Rogers: It may be used towards street repair, but as the town budget is the majority, I think \$65,000 this year, is towards streetlights only. But we did set aside \$35,000 of savings, transfer tax, to use towards paving.

Mayor Jones: Okay. Are there any comments on the Department Reports?

12. Finance Report and Revenue/Expenditure Report

Mayor Jones: Councilman Coté the finance report.

Councilman Coté: We have September 30th, which ended the year. We ended the year positively and I think, and without getting into the details, the annual audit will start I think in a couple of weeks and we'll have the final versions of what the auditor's like to move around, from one category to another, but generally we ended on the plus side. We had some building permits in excess of what we thought and transfer tax in excess and we had some salaries that were less than budgeted. Those are the biggest items. And property tax, with the addition of properties during the year, property taxes exceeded the budget, as well. So all in all, it's a positive year.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: I have a question, Councilman Coté. The sale of old cars, what is that? Were those police cars or what's that mean? Help me with that.

Kristy Rogers: We salvaged three police cars, this year.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: So they were sold?

Kristy Rogers: To the junkyard.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: The junkyard. Okay.

Mayor Jones: Councilman West anything on this report?

Councilman West: No.

Mayor Jones: Any other comments?

13. Old Business – Discussion and possible vote on the following items:

- a. Code Enforcement Officers' recommendation regarding 105 Milton-Ellendale Highway

Mayor Jones: Now you'll find the report, the Code Enforcement Officer's recommendation regarding 105 Milton-Ellendale Highway.

Seth Thompson: Mr. Collier, I don't know if you want me to take it, but this obviously has been on the agenda a few different times. I spoke with Mr. Collier today, double-checked that indeed our Town Code is in compliance with the State Code, that the costs of razing a structure can constitute a lien on the property. My office previously ran a lien search, so there aren't any other liens that would get some sort of priority over us. So at this point, I think the Council needs to make a decision if they're going to go out and bid that process, because I think it probably will end up being over \$10,000 for razing the property; then we can record a lien and then we can foreclose upon that lien so the end result of that process is a Sheriff's Sale of the property. I'm certainly willing to answer any questions about the legal process. The one question that came up in my mind was whether or not the town's costs, in terms of attorney's fees would be able to be put into the lien and that's not the case. So I think it will probably take around four or five hours of attorney time, going through that full process. So that is one cost that the town's not going to recover, but that's something for you to consider and if there are any other legal issues or real world issues that the Council wants to ask, I'm certainly willing to answer them.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: As I said before, I know the family and the daughter went to Cape and so I know the young people from years back and I was concerned, knowing they were my neighbor's, did they have ample opportunity to speak out, or look into the _____, because I hate to see that happen without a homeowner having any input.

Tonight I really got a chance... I don't know if she's in the audience, I did invite her up, Mrs. Walstead. I asked if she had any concerns or could do anything and she probably like myself, she said she just couldn't afford to do that.

Seth Thompson: Certainly, to her credit, she's been very up front about that. I know the Code Enforcement Officer included her rights to appeal and all of that, in the most recent notice that that time has run. I think, indeed, the town wanted to make sure she had ample opportunity to have her due process.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: That's where I'm coming from, making sure the people that own the property have lots of time to see what they could get done or whatever, before a Town decides to tear a property down or something. I'm still just concerned about you know...

Seth Thompson: It doesn't necessarily have to be a truly adversarial process, either. I would encourage the Town to work with the owner, in terms of scheduling and that sort of thing. The lien process is really designed so that the Town can recover it's money, obviously, but that's something that we all live in the real world. We're just looking at your costs and your expenses and we've been talking about real estate taxes going up, so I think it's important that the Town knows that there is a method for recovering that money, if the Council, indeed, decides that it's appropriate to go forward and raze the structure.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Just so the family has their ample time and due process, was my concern.

Councilman Coté: Is there another option besides razing the structure?

Seth Thompson: There is. You could find them in violation, cite them for having a structure that's out of compliance with the Building Code and then you're going to go to the Justice of the Peace Court to get that; that would be reduced to a Judgment, but that doesn't remove the structure, obviously, so if the true concern is the structure, then the razing and liening of the property is really the most direct route.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Yes and on the other hand, it is definitely a nuisance when we do have animals and cats and all that around in the neighborhood properties. The same thing was happening, just for information. My neighbor was having a problem with someone putting lots of meat on her property, which is right next to my property and I understand what Mr. Harris is saying, because I had the police go out and check it out, because that had happened and it hadn't been that long ago. Now that ceased because the police did see who it was, or what have you, but that's been going on over on the property that we're talking about right now, that's detrimental to the entire neighborhood and the Town, eventually, if we have these kinds of wild animals going around.

Councilman West: Mr. Thompson, do we have anything in writing that states that she is okay with all of this?

Seth Thompson: I think... I haven't communicated with her directly. I know that Mr. Trotta has. I think they've all been oral communications. I don't think we've received anything in writing from her, at least I haven't seen it.

Councilman West: But I feel that we should have something in writing.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: I agree with Councilman West on that.

Seth Thompson: That would be helpful. Your Code doesn't require it. I guess I'm a little

hesitant...

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: I've been kind of old school with that.

Seth Thompson: Again, I think it's something that's helpful. I think it's difficult to hinge your Code Enforcement on somebody giving you a written document acknowledging something. That basically gives them the ability to avoid enforcement by not providing a written document.

Councilman West: But in this day and time a gentleman's agreement won't hold up.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: I agree with that.

Councilman West: And we need something from her in writing.

Seth Thompson: To be clear, this isn't an agreement. This is a Code Enforcement issue.

Councilman West: I know that, but we still should have something in writing from her, stating her intent, not just verbal communication.

Seth Thompson: There should have been a certified mailing receipt.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Yeah, is that available? These are things I'd like to know too.

Seth Thompson: Right. If you look at your copy of the September 18th letter, it looks like that went out via Certified Mail.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Oh yes, I did read that.

Seth Thompson: That's the more encompassing letter that notifies the owner of her rights to appeal.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: I did see that.

Mayor Jones: But as far back as May.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Well I talked to her early this evening. Like I said, I invited her up here, but she didn't appear. Did not say, to not do it, or anything, but it's just a fact that respect of the property owner, is a big concern of mine and that's why I thought my concerns are...

Mayor Jones: Mr. Collier, I do notice on the back, under the contract to be determined, these would be the steps if we went forward. Is that correct?

John Collier: That is correct.

Mayor Jones: And I cannot speak for the record, for the actual record held at Town Hall. Is it safe to say that the May 14th letter is one of the initial notifications to the property owner?

John Collier: This has been going on and going since that date. Yes. The property owner has been given ample opportunity to indicate whether they choose to correct the deficiencies and I think the recommendation tonight is a result of more than enough time for them to have responded in some positive fashion, as to correcting the deficiencies on the property.

Councilman Coté: At the risk of being a little maybe picky, maybe not, in the first letter here, from the Code Enforcement Officer, it just says the timeframe for an appeal or a restraining order elapsed on October 19th. It would seem like the notation that no appeals have been made, should be in the report. I don't think we would go ahead, if an appeal was made, but it would seem like that should be stated in here.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: You bet.

Seth Thompson: Councilman, are you just suggesting that the Code Enforcement Officer supplement the Town file? Is that...

Councilman Coté: Yes, that in fact no appeal was made.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: It would be in the record.

Mayor Jones: No appeal received.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Crossing the t's and dotting the i's.

Mayor Jones: Mr. Collier, if you'll see to that correction from Mr. Trotta.

John Collier: Will do. Thank you. Mr. Thompson answered my question about how we would recoup the cost. It certainly isn't anything that we had planned for, but I don't think it's a good idea to carry that much debt without coming up with a solution to get the money out of the property.

Seth Thompson: The Town is going to front, if it does have to go to Sheriff's Sale, the Sheriff, I think, requires \$1,000 deposit, so this is a significant expense that the Town is basically agreeing to at least put up front for the vast majority. Now again, not everything's going to be recoverable, but it's important to think of this... I don't know what the Request for Proposal is going to come back, but just thinking about demolition, you know \$10,000, \$12,000, that's often the cost of demoing a structure and then you're going to spend a few thousand dollars, including that Sheriff's deposit and going through the foreclosure process alone.

Mayor Jones: Okay.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: And another thing I was looking at, was asbestos abatement. I want to make sure that if that happens, that asbestos isn't floating all through the neighborhood where I have to breathe it. I know that's expensive, as well.

Seth Thompson: You're right. That's part of why that demolition cost is significant. It's not just bringing a wrecking ball.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: They will take it all. That's not fun, right Mr. Harris?

Mayor Jones: Let's start, Mr. Harris, very short and then Mrs. Williams.

Ed Harris: Just to shed a little bit of light. First of all, I just want to tell you Bonnie and her husband, I've known them for years. She owns the property next to the business that I own. Bud was incredible. Loved the man. After he passed, she couldn't take care of the house, maintain the house. The house has been in disrepair now, really bad, probably for about six years. She vacated. The problem and I like Bonnie. She's downstairs and I talk to her, but I think she's overwhelmed, I'll be honest with you. I think it's a bad situation for everybody. Nobody really has sat her down, I don't think, and said hey look. Why don't you try to market this property; because she's going to end up losing money; at least she can get something out of it. Okay? I don't think anybody from the Town has really come to her and said, why don't you try to get together with her real estate agent and just get rid of it. Sell it for a reasonable price. Someone will tear it down and buy the property. The problem that I have with it is, on several occasions we've had the police, 6 and 8 cars pulling into the lot, because kids are going in there and messing around with the pool table. They've broken the windows out. We addressed it with you all, just to board it up, if nothing else. Just to secure the property would be better than having it opened the way it has been, but it's been drawn on and drawn on and I understand she's just not aggressive and I feel bad for her. I'll be honest with you. But stuff happens and it is an eyesore. It's the gateway to the town and it's come to the point now where it's a danger, because the kids a couple of doors down are now going in. You can talk with the police about that. They go crawling through the windows. The second

floor windows are out. So it's just a matter of time before somebody really hurts themselves and ends up suing the town, so I don't know whether you just want to sit down with her and say hey look, Bonnie, we'll get you a real estate agent or find a real estate agent to just sell it cheap, so they can tear it down, you know. There probably is another solution, but right now it's not safe. There's a big satellite dish. The roof is collapsing, it's just not safe. I feel bad for her, because as I said, her husband was incredible, great man and he was a friend.

Mayor Jones: I have to say I agree with you, but I think we're passed the point of giving it the time to go to a real estate agent and go through the process. It's become a safety and as you say a place for folks to hang out.

Ed Harris: I look at it every day.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Well she did have it For Sale for awhile, but I guess nobody...

Ed Harris: She was asking too much money for it. She could have sold it cheap. She could have walked away with a little bit of money and been happy. Right now she's going to lose money and that's the sad part about it. Okay, thanks.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Oh really. I didn't know that. I didn't realize the cost.

Mayor Jones: Can you get to the microphone?

Mrs. Williams: My question is, has the town looked into having the Fire Department burn it, as a controlled burn? They use it for training and then you don't have to pay anything to get rid of it.

Kristy Rogers: Yes, contacts have been made with the Fire Department and because of the attachment of electric and utility lines to that, they're unable to do so.

Mrs. Williams: With all the tankers and stuff we have in this town?

Kristy Rogers: That's the explanation I received.

Mrs. Williams: We burn places all the time.

Mayor Jones: We can only take them for what they offer.

Mrs. Williams: I'll talk to Jack Bushey tomorrow.

Mayor Jones: Okay, so adding to this report, or recommendation, to Mayor and Council from the Code Enforcement Officer to include no appeal received. I'm looking for a vote to move forward on this this evening.

Seth Thompson: And Mayor and Council, Mr. Harris' comments prompted this. This process isn't going to happen overnight either. Obviously we're going to put out the Request for Proposal. The Town is able to reach out to the owner and the owner should be able to market the property, if she aggressively markets it and sells it, obviously before the structure's is razed. On some level, the Town still has the same problem, it's just a different property owner, but at any rate, there will be opportunities for the property owner along the way to hopefully work with the town and for the town to work with the property owner.

Mayor Jones: We are looking for a vote this evening, to go forward so we can put out an Request for Proposal.

Councilman Coté: I'll make a motion to go forward with the Code Enforcement Officer's recommendation to proceed with demolition.

Councilman West: I'll second that with one thing added; that we get something in writing from her.

Seth Thompson: I don't think we can work that and Councilman, I understand your concern. It sounds like you're basically amending his motion.

Councilman West: Yes.

Seth Thompson: And Councilman are you okay with the amended motion?

Councilman Coté: Well, I heard what you said earlier about that, is that if somebody chooses not to write us a letter, then that puts our Code in the dumper, basically.

Seth Thompson: That's the concern.

Councilman Coté: And I don't think that's a reasonable approach.

Seth Thompson: I just want to make sure that Council knows what motion they're voting on. At any rate, Councilman West, do you want to go forward with your motion and see if it gets a second; so treating it as a new motion, as opposed to an amendment to the motion?

Councilman West: No, I'll just second his original motion. I'll withdraw what I said.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: But we are going to add somewhere no appeals received. I believe that I heard that earlier.

Mayor Jones: Yes. And will this come back once we have the Request for Proposal back before Council, knowledgeable of what it will be? We have a motion, we have a second to go forward with the recommendation on the Code Enforcer, all those in favor say aye. Opposed. Motion carried.

- b. FEMA required review and update of Town Code Chapter 125, Entitled "Floodplain Management"

Mayor Jones: This is a very large and technical, bureaucratic, if I may, document, to say the least. What does it really say?

John Collier: Alright Mayor and Council, you have before you for consideration, this is actually an ordinance to repeal the ordinance regarding the flood plain as it now states. This document has actually come to the town via the Department of Natural Resources. It was sent out to them for their consideration of what we have in place. This brings an ordinance in line with what's required, in order for the town to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. These are pretty much requirements. I can tell you that the majority of this writing was done by folks in DNREC. The only thing that I have added to this was an ordinance number, so minor changes for spell check and the fact that an Ordinance is usually done by the Mayor and Council, not the town _____, so the penalty phase was added and this is in line with our normal penalties that aren't specified otherwise. This is the standard penalty language. All the documents that it refers to in this, as far as FEMA documents and brochures and stuff, copies of those have been obtained electronically. They are on file in Town Hall and available to anyone who comes and wants to request them. I guess the bottom line of this thing is that even though this is for your consideration tonight, this would not actually have to take affect until March 16, 2015, which is when the new flood maps are enacted upon. So, it's better early than late to bring this forward, even if you were to go forward after the first reading this evening, it still would have an effective date of March 16, 2015.

Councilman Coté: So the existing ordinance would stay in place until then?

John Collier: Until then and then effective March 16, 2015, the new ordinance would

take its place and a lot of this is just the requirements by the FEMA folks, it's what their expectations are in order for this community to remain active in the flood insurance program. There are some other attachments in here that explain about free board and what that means. It's recommended in the ordinance that the Town adhere to 1.5 feet of free board and for the record, the town is actually what's known as an "A" Flood Zone, which is a river flood zone and not a coastal flood zone, so if you look at the larger chart that you have and you go to the column that says Plus 2, by instituting that amount of free board, within your ordinance, there's an average of 63% savings on flood insurance rates for those people that are impacted by this. Currently in town, most of the people are grandfathered, because there is no new construction, nor has there been any construction in that area, the flood area for quite some time. If any new came forward, this ordinance would impact them. The existing ones, by Federal Ordinance, are regulated, or actually they're grandfathered. It's a lot to absorb. I agree with you. It was quite a read for me over the past week.

Mayor Jones: And has the solicitor and our engineer had a look at this yet?

John Collier: It has not been to the solicitor, that I am aware of.

Seth Thompson: I received it last week, I guess.

John Collier: Okay, you did receive it. Okay, I forwarded it to the Town Administrator and I don't know where it went from there, other than it's on your agenda tonight.

Seth Thompson: And Mr. Collier, I must admit, I really like the title of the Ordinance, because I think and rightfully so, I've been criticized for being a little short with my titles; so this one clearly spells out all the different elements of the ordinance. So that's good.

John Collier: Well I can't take credit for that. That was actually what came to us through DNREC and the Flood Management people at DNREC. I had very little input, other than some minor tweaks here and there and to add some information that they left blank. One of the requirements is that you had to appoint a Flood Plain Manager and part of the requirements for this job is that I get that certification within my first year of employment, so I've already started that process.

Mayor Jones: So you will be having a diligent look at this for us?

Seth Thompson: And it does look like the Ordinance, the template, factors in a second reading, if you look at the last page. So I think what we probably want to do is include the effective date of March 16th. It gives you the option of passing it on a first reading, or passing it on a second and final reading. We do have a few months here if... It's up on the website, I take it, Mrs. Rogers?

Kristy Rogers: Yes and Council would need to adopt this by January to send to FEMA to have it back by March.

Mayor Jones: How about if we put that on our December agenda for Town Council?

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Yes.

Councilman Coté: I just wanted to ask one quick, possibly small question. On page 25, 125-33, the last page, it refers to the permit officer. Is that somebody different than the Flood Plain Manager?

John Collier: I would say it's one in the same. The context is meant, whoever issues the permit for the flood plain area and if you would like that clarified, we can certainly do that and return it to you with that clarification.

Councilman Coté: If it's all the same person, maybe we could use the same title.

John Collier: Be consistent?

Councilman Coté: Yes.

John Collier: That's not a problem whatsoever, if that's the only thing you have on it, I'm pretty tickled right now.

Councilman Coté: There were a lot of other little, but today, if it's coming back, it is a lot to read, especially with the small print.

John Collier: Yes. Well, unfortunately with the strike-through and everything else, it's kind of the way that it comes out.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: I'm used to it.

John Collier: If anyone on Council would so desire, I could send you a version without the strike-through. It looks like that. That's the one I kept for myself in order to read and answer any questions today.

Councilman Coté: I'll take one of those.

John Collier: Alright, I'll see that it's forwarded to you.

Councilman Coté: Electronically, is fine.

John Collier: By all means.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: So we're not voting on this tonight, right now?

Mayor Jones: No we will not vote on this this evening.

c. Memorial Park Gazebo Usage Policy and Request Form

Mayor Jones: This line item was adopted in our budget this year. We are still looking to approve the policy for the use.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: We went through this before, I believe and kind of took a lot of glitches. Do we vote on this tonight?

Seth Thompson: You can. I think Mrs. Rogers incorporated the suggestions from the last meeting.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: We can vote tonight? I move that we accept the new Park Request Form.

Seth Thompson: As well as the Park Use Policies?

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Yes and the Park Use Policies. Do I hear a second?

Councilman Coté: For purposes of discussion, second.

Mayor Jones: Discussion?

Councilman Coté: The first question is more for Mr. Thompson. On page 2, or the back page, Liability and Responsibility of Applicant. It says I, _____. Is that an acceptable legal form for an organization, or does it need to say refer to possibly an organization, rather than an individual requesting the use of the park?

Seth Thompson: It does say that they're signing on behalf of the named organization.

Councilman Coté: Okay and we know that they're organized, I guess? Somehow.

Seth Thompson: We could put an additional blank in for their position with the organization, do you know what I mean?

Councilman Coté: Yes. Something to identify them as representing the organization more clearly.

Seth Thompson: So, at the end of that line, that might be the easiest, on behalf of the above-named organization in which I serve as _____.

Mayor Jones: Serving in the position of...

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: It say serving in the position of what every person is right there, so that's already there.

Seth Thompson: We could add affirm my authorization... I think... It says that I am the authorized representative...

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: I'm the authorized representative of the above-named organization serving in the position of... It could be President or representative.

Mayor Jones: I think we're only going to make it more confusing.

Seth Thompson: It does look like we covered it though.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Yes, it's covered.

Mayor Jones: So we have a first and a second. Any other comments from the Council?

Councilman West: Yes, Mayor, I have a problem with 15 and 16. It says all portions of the park used by event participants must be left free of trash, including bagged trash and removal and then 16 gives you the cost. Well after the last big event in August, the town employee's spent eight hours each, cleaning that park up and those participant's ought to be made to reimburse the town for the town employees' time. That was the Bargains on the Broadkill. I know after the Fourth of July, there was no trash to be picked up; after the banjo festival and seafood festival, everybody policed themselves; but after the Bargains on the Broadkill, it's in the minutes, that the town employee's, three men spent eight hours each, so that's 24 hours of town time that was used to maintain that park, so there should be something written in there to offset that cost.

Seth Thompson: And Councilman I think it's in the Liability and Responsibility of the applicant paragraph, that we were talking about on the request form, where it says, I further acknowledge that the above-named organization shall be responsible for any damages, trash clean-up, police costs, maintenance repair fees, etc., if still required by the town. So when you're looking at the Park Policies, there's the issue of what deposit is required; but that deposit isn't a limitation, as far as what the town could charge them for the clean up, do you know what I mean? Let's say the town, again, takes eight hours to clean something up, that obviously is going to exceed the \$75, so you're going to use the \$75 deposit as the initial offset of the town expense, but then they're going to need to pay for the rest of what the town incurred.

Councilman West: But that should be under 16.d and that will spell it out 100%, because some people when they fill these out, they just fill out their name, the organization, the address and if they want the park for the day's requested and then they'll just sign the thing.

Mayor Jones: Well, this is a brand new form. It's a brand new method of locking in dates and keeping track of dates; so we really haven't gotten to use and impress upon folks the importance of cleaning up after themselves. I don't think you can go backwards and try to recoup anything at this point, but I certainly do encourage us to finally put a policy in place so that we can go forward and initiate that in case.

Seth Thompson: I would note that the request form does reference the Park Use Policies, if you look at that paragraph that we've been talking about. It says that permission to use the Park may be revoked at any time for violation of the Town of Milton Park Use Policies. So the thought is they come in, they fill out the Park Request Form, they also receive the Park Policies at that point in time. On the front, you're going

to see where the security deposit is quoted, based on the estimate of the number of attendees and then they also pay the Usage Fee.

Mayor Jones: Are you more comfortable with that Councilman West?

Councilman West: No. It should still be on there, to let them know that any extra clean up will be their responsibility to pay.

Seth Thompson: And Councilman I'm always for spelling things out. We could put a line at the end of paragraph 16 that says this deposit is not to be construed as any limitation as to the overall costs, something like that.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: That would cover it.

Councilman Coté: I like that.

Mayor Jones: Cost may exceed the deposit given, charge will be made.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: That would do what you want, I think, Councilman West.

Councilman West: Yes. Because it should not be the town's responsibility to have to police after all these people. I know after the Fourth of July and the Seafood/Banjo Festival, or Blue Grass Festival, not only did I go around, but so did people from the Chamber of Commerce and from every business and made sure that there was no trash left.

Mayor Jones: Mr. Thompson would you read what you plan to put in that addition to that group?

Seth Thompson: Sure. I went with "Costs and damages due from the applicant may exceed the aforementioned deposit."

Mayor Jones: So with that addition, is Council ready to vote?

Councilman Coté: I just have one clarification question. Park Use Policies, number 12, and maybe I missed it. On the Request Form, should there be an indication of whether police staff is required for the event, or not; on the Request Form even though, just as a matter of record. I assume that whoever the person(s) or organization(s) are, gets a copy back of their Request Form and if there are police required, it probably should be on there.

Seth Thompson: I think that makes sense. Would we put it right after the paragraph that talks about the security deposit, based on the estimate of attendees and then the usage fee?

Councilman Coté: Okay.

Mayor Jones: Yes.

Councilman Coté: That works.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: That will be good.

Seth Thompson: So basically, all their numbers are going to be in those three lines there. So it would be also a police fee of _____ is required by the town.

Mayor Jones: And are we setting that as the number of people that are there? What pulls the trigger on that? That's what I'm looking for. What are the terms of "if required by the Town"? How many? That hasn't been decided.

Seth Thompson: I know we based the usage fee on the number of participant's and seemingly the police fee could be done the same. I don't know if it's a situation where all events are equal in terms of their requirement for policing. I don't know that. Certainly the most objective method would be to just view the number of participant's; but again, I don't know if a Car Show requires more than a Flea Market, or however...

you guys tend to have the same events, year in and year out. If it seems to be that those events kind of all require the same type of policing, then you might as well base it on the number of attendees.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Now would we be requiring a group of 100+ to have police, or police do go around anyway when there are large events in the Park, correct; without having to be paid?

Mayor Jones: Not as short staffed as we are. This would assure the applicant that the Town is, through a special off-duty officer, would have on-site police instead of using the one who may be on for a routine patrol.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: So they're requesting additional security?

Seth Thompson: Really, the town is requesting of them and maybe if I could frame my thoughts in a different context. You might have a group of 20 people that just by virtue of whatever their message might be, might necessitate more of a police force. That's certainly possible; because everybody has their right to Free Speech vs. a kid's birthday party that has a lot of people there, but you don't expect the same type of issues that would require policing. Again, just using an objective, if you have X number, then you're going to have to pay this. That's easier to administer, obviously.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: So the Police Department gets the money, not the Town? How would that work?

Councilman Coté: They're part of the town. The Town gets the money.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Well I know they're part of the Town, but you know what I'm saying? The budget, or whatever...

Seth Thompson: Right. I'm envisioning where they fill out the application and they have to pay their usage fee, they pay their deposit and then they pay their police costs all at once, up front, so you don't have to chase the money.

Mayor Jones: And then the Town pays that officer.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Okay.

Mayor Jones: So with these additions and having to make a decision on when an officer is required, are you prepared to vote on this tonight, or do you want to see some of these changes?

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: I would like to see the changes.

Seth Thompson: We have a meeting in two weeks, so unless you have a lot of events in the next two weeks...

Mayor Jones: Alright, then this needs to be finalized on November the 17th's agenda, please. Are you looking for comments on how, again, that level of where the town requires; are you looking for it to be a number?

Seth Thompson: I would really expect the Police Department to be able to give us that type of information. I would hope, because that's who would have to do that job. I would hope they would give us input, because that's who's going to be involved.

Mayor Jones: Will accept input. Until then, do I have a motion to table this?

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: I move that we table this until the next meeting.

Councilman West: I'll second that.

Mayor Jones: All those in favor say aye. Opposed. Motion is carried.

14. New Business – Discussion and possible vote on the following items:

a. Appointment of Board of Elections

Mayor Jones: Mrs. Rogers has prepared here that in November she will begin to post election notices and schedule Board of Elections meetings. The 2015 Milton Municipal Election recommending the same members of the 2014 Board, they are Susan Mathey, Inspector, Lynn Ekelund, Alternate Inspector, Bob Howard, Judge, Barbara Wagner, Judge, John Oates, Judge, Kathleen Garde, Judge and Neil Sands, Alternate Judge. Do I hear a motion to approve?

Councilman West: I make a motion to approve.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Second.

Mayor Jones: All those in favor say aye. Opposed. Motion carried.

b. Appointments to Town Council

Mayor Jones: I've presented to you a sheet, we'll do these one at a time. I'm asking for Council's consideration and approval for the term November 17, 2014 until March 31, 2015 Mr. Ed Kost. We'll need a motion on each.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: I move that we accept Mr. Ed Kost for the term listed.

Councilman Coté: Second.

Mayor Jones: Any discussion? All those in favor say aye. Opposed. Motion is carried. For term of November 17, 2014 until March 31, 2015 Mr. James Sam Garde.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: I move that we accept Mr. James Sam Garde for the term listed.

Councilman Coté: Second.

Mayor Jones: Any discussion? All those in favor say aye. Opposed. Motion carried. I want to say, just before I introduce them, that, again, a call to public service is not always easy to answer, but it is worthwhile and these men were approached because they keep a very good running knowledge of what's going on in the town. I find them both to be very objective individuals and I believe that they understand that their new positions will be to serve the citizens in the Town of Milton. So I appreciate that. If Mr. Kost would stand up in the back of the room. Mr. Sam Garde, would you stand please. I want to welcome you both and I want to thank you again, for answering the call to serve. We'll be in touch. Council, thank you very much for that.

15. Executive Session:

a. Personnel matters in which the names and abilities of an individual employees are discussed

Mayor Jones: Do I hear a motion to go into Executive Session?

Councilman West: I make a motion to go into Executive Session.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Second.

Mayor Jones: All those in favor say aye. Opposed. Motion is carried.

Councilman West: I make a motion to come out of Executive Session.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Second.

Mayor Jones: All those in favor say aye. Opposed. Motion is carried.

16. Discussion and possible vote on Executive Session items

Mayor Jones: Motion to return into regular session.

Councilman West: I make a motion to return into regular session.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Second.

Mayor Jones: All those in favor say aye. Opposed. Motion is carried. Who would like to make a motion to adopt the first issue?

Councilman Coté: Motion to adopt the salary increase schedule, including the one change we made.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Second the motion.

Mayor Jones: Any other discussion? All those in favor say aye. Opposed. Motion is carried. And on the second item.

Councilman West: I make a motion to make the Public Works position, permanent.

Councilman Coté: Second. Well, should we refer to the...

Mayor Jones: Specifically, the Director and who it is.

Councilman Coté: Yeah, we need to specify.

Councilman West: Okay, I make a motion that we make Greg Wingo the Public Works Department position permanent.

Councilman Coté: Second.

Mayor Jones: Any other discussion? All those in favor say aye. Opposed. Motion is carried.

17. Adjournment

Mayor Jones: A motion to adjourn?

Councilman West: I make a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Coté: Second.

Mayor Jones: All those in favor say aye. Opposed. Motion is carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.