

Town of Milton
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Milton Theatre, 110 Union Street
April 2, 2007

Meeting Called to order at 7:12pm

PRESENT: Councilman Frey
Councilman Harris
Councilman Dvornick
Councilman Prettyman
Councilwoman Melson
Councilwoman Betts
Mayor Post

The applicant is Key Ventures, LLC requesting the annexation of 86.58 +/- acres of land located on Sam Lucas Road further identified by Sussex County Tax Map and Parcel # 2-35-21.00-44.00.

Debbie Pfeil: Tonight we will be reporting on the Milton Cave Neck Annexation. We have held our Annexation Committee meeting that was appointed by the Mayor and Council. The plan of services was submitted to the state. We have not received a written correspondence from them regarding the annexation for the plan of services at this time. It is due within 20 working days. There is a letter in the file from the fire company stating that they presently service this area and will have no problem serving them in the future. That was date March 2, 2007. Delaware Electric Coop as well, dated February 16, 2007, stating that they have adequate facilities and capacity to supply this parcel of land as requested. This is under Section 2 of your packet. Section 3 is going to be Sussex County. If you look at the map in your packet it is within the development growth area for Sussex County for the municipality. Section 4 is the Town of Milton is in your annexation growth area according to the comprehensive plan. So as far as State, County and Town, it is within the State strategies. We did meet the Annexation Committee report and we have finalized that and officially would like to submit that for the record. The Annexation Committee has requested this report be read in detail for tonight's meeting. (Report was read with hard copy on file) John Brady: It is my understanding that we have not gotten the final report from the livable Delaware people and Connie Holland is that correct? Debbie Pfeil: That is correct. I called at 3pm and we do not have a written report at all. So we are waiting on comments from the State at this time. John Brady: Members of Council, because we do not have that report at this time, I am making my legal recommendation to you that we leave the minutes of this public hearing open to get that letter and then you cannot vote on this annexation until the May Council Meeting. After that report has been received, the comments from tonight's public hearing have been typed and are available for review. Mayor Post: I want to thank you Debbie. The presentation was excellent and really well done.

Open Floor

Lynn Ecklund, 406 Union Street: If you are not going to be voting on the annexation request until you receive the report from the state, will there be an opportunity at next months meeting after the report has been received from the state? Mayor Post: This is the public hearing so probably not. But there has been a PLUS report and it will be available online prior to the next meeting for all to review. Lynn Ecklund: I would like to compliment the 3 members of the

Planning & Zoning Commission that Mayor Post appointed to study and review Key Ventures application for annexation. These citizens, Ginny Weeks, Louis Frey and Mike Filicko, undertook a task which they all knew had the potential to change the face of Milton. Unanimously, voted to recommend the annexation of the 86+ acre parcel with the caveat that the acreage be zoned R-1. They knew that the annexation of the Key Ventures property would create a gateway to the Town of Milton. Their unanimous vote for R-1 zoning demonstrates their conviction that they and the citizens of Milton want that gateway to reflect Milton as it is today and how it should grow. I support the annexation of the 86+ acres Key Venture property zoned R-1. Thank you.

Jim Welu, 30231 East Mill Run: I too support the annexation and reflect Lynn's comments about the committee and their recommendation for the R-1 zoning. I am quite concerned about that land from one standpoint. If you read the PLUS report carefully, you see there was a reason that Sam Lucas Drive used to be called Martin Swamp Road. It's a fairly wet site and I'm concerned with the density of that land, and how much will actually be developable in terms of actually holding units. I'm also concerned that some of the treed land is the most developable land since they are talking about removing some of the trees and I think the town concerned with the tree ordinance and with trees being taken down on developments in town that it certainly has to be looked at in terms of what density that land can hold as a gateway to the town. With rumors of Sam Lucas being known as a gambler in Sussex County, it might be a gamble for whoever's going to develop it. I strongly recommend following the P & Z subcommittee report on the annexation of R-1 zoning of the 66 acres. I don't know what this report is we're waiting for, but will we have a chance to have written comments on the report once it's published on the website or will the record be open for any additional comments after tonight's hearing up to a point of 7-10 days? John Brady: I will recommend the Town Council leave the record open for public comment until 4:30pm, Wednesday, May 2, 2007 and have this on the agenda for a vote on Monday, May 7, 2007 at the regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting for the month of May. So when that letter comes in it will be posted on the website, people can make written comment if they're not comfortable if they're not comfortable making public comment tonight but the minutes from the meeting tonight will be transcribed and also placed on the website sometime before May 2nd. Jim Welu: Could you also clarify what report the town is waiting for. John Brady: The town is waiting for the report from the Office of State Planning. Constance Holland, Director, usually has to submit a report after we do this and we've sent everything hoping that report would be in today but it wasn't here before tonight's public hearing. Jim Welu: Is this like a response to the developers' response to the PLUS report? John Brady: No, this is something different. In any annexations, that goes underneath State law, has to have an Office of State Planning coordination letter from them, before a Town Council or municipality or county can make a vote, and we are just being in compliance with State law.

John Collier, 301 Coulter Street: First I would like to echo Ms. Ecklunds' comments. I'm very much in agreement with what she had to say. Secondly, during the course of the report that was made, I heard advantages and disadvantages and some of the advantages I heard were transfer tax, building permit fees, but what I failed to hear was annexation fees. And then again, in another portion we heard of disadvantages and that was increased costs and things like that, and I was just wondering what happened to the annexation impact fees? Mayor Post: Mr. Collier, if you looked under Page 3, second bullet, Increases Revenues, "when this property is developed, the Town will collect various additional fees including building permit fees, a potential increase in business license fees, site and/or subdivision fees, impact fees, etc.". John Collier:

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Annexation Fees? Let me go one step further with this, but it's not really related to this, but I have seen, and I think it's public record, conditional sales agreement that this town entered into which they waived all the annexation fees on this parcel. Maybe it's not the right copy but I have a copy signed by you dated sometime in October. Mayor Post: We did not waive the impact fees. John Collier: The Annexation impact fees which was \$8000 per acre established by resolution of this Council. If I'm mistaken, I stand corrected. But that is what I was able to read and derive from this. Mayor Post: What I think is it is taking in lieu of the purchase of it is through the impact and annexation fees. John Collier: Okay. So then that's really the annexation agreement is this conditional sales contract and what we're hearing tonight is another formality that you are going through because if you don't need the condition of the sales contract then the deal is off. Mayor Post: That's the same way with the annexation agreement, because if anybody that I have recalled that has come in front of the Council, every annexation agreement that has been passed in all the years, stipulates...this is a business deal obviously, for the person wanting to annex into town. They know what they want as their zoning, which is their right as long as we don't create a new zoning for them, and as well, they know how many properties they would like to place on that. It has been done that way on every annexation agreement. John Collier: Up until recently, the only that's actually come in under the imposed \$8000/acre annexation fee once that resolution was passed by this Council is what you referred to as the Dr. White property. And all those prior there was an agreement that stated a percentage anywhere from 1.5-3%. Mayor Post: You are incorrect on that. The only one prior that states a percentage, because I requested at that time wanting an impact fee, and they settled for a percentage fee, was the Robino project which is only like 40-some units on Lavinia Street. They Cannery Village, as a matter of fact there were so many fees waived, that it's incredible. So as far as that, there was no impact fee, even when we adopted a large parcel development zoning was written by a developer, that implemented that zoning in the Town of Milton and was presented in front of Council and voted on, so it was created by one of the developers here in town as well. John Collier: I guess my final point if the annexation impact fee of \$8000/acre has been waived, the town has potentially thrown away a half million dollars of income. Mayor Post: No, what I think you see potentially is that if you read that contract correctly then annexation fee will be used for the purchasing of that parcel. So it's about \$600-some thousand that we're paying I believe in exchange for 20 acres, where originally it was presented to us they wanted \$3 million. I looked at numerous parcels around this town, and the prices were around \$100-\$125 thousand/acre. John Collier: So, basically what you're telling me is that the conditional sales contract is the annexation agreement, so to speak. Mayor Post: No, there will be an annexation agreement like there has been on every parcel. John Collier: I'm just concerned the town may be giving up some revenue that they not need to give up. Mayor Post: I assure you, I am one that has fought for every penny we could get for this town.

Stephanie Parker, 113 Broad Street: I too strongly support the P & Z recommendation to annex this property with an R-1 zoning. To annex this property with an R-3 that the applicant has requested at this time would be an irresponsible decision on your part. Several of you have publicly stated that you'd like to ensure quality development in our Town. You must consider all possibilities when evaluating this application and that includes any possible worst-case scenarios. Once a property is given a particular zoning classification, anything that the Town ordinance allows under that zoning classification could occur on that property and you have to consider that. Granting this property an R-3 zoning classification could affect the value of the property and it's entirely possible that the developer could then sell the property to someone else. It's also possible for this new developer to be one who did not have the same concern for the

quality development that Milton desires. The property is located at an entrance to our town and what occurs on this property will be what welcomes residents, businesses and visitors to our town for years to come. Over the past several years we've all heard, and I believe some of you have even voiced concerns, about the appearance of several entrances to Milton. Granting this property an R-3 zoning classification at this time leaves open a great possibility of some less than desirable construction suddenly becoming an entrance to our town. There are just too many unknown variables at this time for you to consider anything other than an R-1 zoning for this property to be in the best interest of Milton. As you are making this very important decision that will effect the future of our town, I hope that you will remember that this will be the legacy that each of you will leave to our Town. Thank you.

Mayor Post: I would like to comment for the people who may not be familiar with the location of this parcel. It is technically it is not the entrance of the Town of Milton. The development that is the entrance to the Town of Milton is Cannery Village, and that is an undeveloped area there but that belongs to Cannery Village that has already been approved. As a matter of fact, the connecting parcel to this would be Cannery Village. This parcel is just shy off of Cave Neck Road, about a ¼ mile or so and then it's on the left. But the development that touches and creates the entrance to the future of this town will be Cannery Village.

D.J. Hughes, 403 Main Sail Lane, Shipbuilders Village: I just want to say that I do support the annexation of this property if it's going to be developed and I want to back up the P & Z Commissions recommendations of R-1 zoning. Besides the annexation itself, I want to touch a little bit on what Mr. Collier was touching on. It seems to me that you can't really separate this annexation from the contract for the 20 acres that the sewer plant will be located on and I have some concerns with the contract signed by the town as far as maybe not having the best conditions for the town. For one, it guarantees the developer a minimum of 6 units/per acre and a minimum of 396 homes while waiving the annexation fees. It also basically promising more density than that of Carey communities, Cannery Village and Dr. Whites' property and the contract for the sale of the land, in my opinion, more or less circumvents the 3 member P & Z process because there are conditions in that contract that allow the developer to sue the town for liquidated damaged if the contingencies of the developer are not met. If the town were to approve this at R-1 zoning, the way I'm reading it, the town can be sued. So, more or less, I feel this is circumventing the whole P & Z process. The contract also mentions that a preliminary site plan will be accepted as basis to move forward yet no preliminary site plan was submitted to P & Z, and for the annexation fees it came out to about \$688,000, and I understand the town basically advertised they were making \$1.5 million on the sale of the land, so if you subtract that out basically it seems the town is getting a gain of \$700,000 instead of \$1.5 million. Also, the land contract mentions there may be a shared storm water pond on the towns' land that would accommodate some of the developers, and I was just wondering if the town was going to be working on some kind of maintenance agreement with the developer for that pond. There may also be some liability issues as far as having some of the private developers on town land. The contract agreement for sale also says the annexation, zoning and subdivision will be completed simultaneously and that both parties would agree to this as the final development plan, yet, to my knowledge, we have seen no site plan from the developer. One of the main thing that concerns me is in the contract for the sale of the land is that "the town shall", and shall is a legally binding term, "pass any Ordinances and Charter changes to meet the contingencies of the developer". Basically what that says to me is that any of the towns' code or zoning ordinances will not apply to this development because the contract that the town signed "shall pass changes to meet the

developers' contingencies". This basically allows the developer to do whatever they want to get the 6 units/acre. Also, as far as I mentioned with the liquidated damages and suit as a purchasers default, with the purchaser being the town for the 20 acres, the town defaults on any of these contingencies the developer has the right to sue the town for any damages, yet if the developer defaults on any of their end, there is only a \$1.00 protection for the town, that says "the town will be refunded it's initial deposit" which is only \$1.00. So it just seems like there is a lot of protection for the developer in the contract for the 20 acres but I don't see many for the town. As far as the annexation itself though, I do support it. I just have problems with the contract for the 20 acres. Mayor Post: I do want to tell you, DJ, first of all, did you see in the contract what the purchase price was for the land. DJ Hughes: \$10.00, I believe. Mayor Post: That's a big difference if purchasing this for \$1.00. So I don't quite understand where you're coming from with the fact of the profit of the \$1.5 million. DJ Hughes: It was in the sewer agreement; it looked like the town was gaining \$1.5 million from the sale of the 18 acres. Technically, I guess you are but you also gave up \$688,000 in annexation fees so you're really only gaining about \$800,000, unless I'm missing something. Mayor Post: We even gaining more than that because that \$8000/acre impact fee didn't even exist like up to a little over a year ago, into this town. DJ Hughes: It existed prior to this contract? Mayor Post: Yes, that's correct.

Pauline Stuklick: I live across the road from the property that is going to be annexed. I say going to be, because I have no question that it will be annexed. The town is making arrangements to build a sewer plant there and the town desperately needs a sewer plant. My problem is that I know nothing about what's going to be done on that property. I don't know where entrances are going to go into that property. I'm concerned about how many buildings are going to be put on it, how many trees are going to be cut down, and I'm very concerned about when someone starts to move dirt over there, there's a lot of wetlands on that property. There's a drainage ditch that comes through that property, across the road and borders my property. If we have a wet spell, my field is flooded. If the dirt is moved and the drainage is rearranged somehow, am I going to get more flooding? Who's going to police that? How many buildings are going to be put on that property? Where are entrances going to be? Cave Neck Road is a race track now. If entrances are put to that property from Cave Neck Road, it will be a disaster. I don't know whether anyone has seen the site plan yet for this property. Is there one available? Mayor Post: Not with the parcels on it. Not with anything drawn on it yet. Pauline Stuklick: But you don't have the site plan yet what the builder plans to do? Mayor Post: I believe the builder has requested 396 units. Pauline Stuklick: Is that single dwellings or multiple dwellings and are you going to vote on that tonight? Mayor Post: That depends upon how it is zoned. If it's R-1 then it would be singles, or if it's R-3, it depends. No, at the May meeting we will be voting on the zoning.

Marianne Jones, Berringer Avenue: I very much agree with the annexation of this property. I think it is a great parcel with lots of potential. I just think I heard you say that you were also going to make a decision on the zoning at the May meeting. My disappointment this evening is, I don't know how many land owners but, I thought perhaps Key Ventures were going to her tonight to present what this development was about and that that might help the Mayor and Council decide if that was the kind of parcel to bring into town for the annexation consideration. So, I don't know if I am the only one that was surprised that there was no applicant here to speak about the property.

John Brady: As I said previously, the public comment period will stay open until Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at 4:30 pm and that this will be on the agenda for the Council meeting on May 7, 2007. Written comments may be made to the Town of Milton (address given), and all the written comment may be viewed at the Town Hall daily from 8:30am to 4:30pm. This will conclude the Public Hearing of Key Ventures, LLC.

Mayor Post closed Public Hearing at 7:58pm

Town Council Meeting called to order at 8:00pm

Moment of Silence by Councilwomen Betts and pledge

Mayor Post presents a plaque to Councilman Dvornick thanking him for his outstanding contributions to the town and its citizens. Councilman Dvornick gives thanks.

Judge Davis performs the swearing in of Councilwoman Leah Betts and Town Councilman Mary Hudson

New Roll Call: Councilman Frey
Councilman Harris
Town Councilman Hudson
Councilman Prettyman
Councilwoman Melson
Councilwoman Betts
Mayor Post

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

Councilwoman Betts: Made an addition to explain the about the proclamation for the July 14th Richard Clifton Day. Mayor Post: Add approval of March 5 Council Meeting Minutes and Add to the amendment, fees for the professional services of general merchandise and the merging of those two that came out of the workshop for the merchants. John Brady: That is a substantial thing that there was not given public notice for. You can add a proclamation but if you are changing fees, you have to put it on the agenda and give proper notice according to the Attorney Generals most recent opinion and I can't let you amend the agenda to include that item because that would have been known prior to the start of tonight's meeting. You can put that on New Business for next month. Councilman Prettyman: Would like to have the Public Comment section moved to the beginning of the agenda so they have the opportunity to speak instead of the Mayor and Council to make their decision on something and then get up and speak about it. Mayor Post: Public comment was moved to end of agenda because of the Public Hearing but it will go back to the beginning at the next meeting. Councilwoman Betts made a motion to add the Proclamation of the July 14 Richard Clifton Day and the March minutes; Councilman Prettyman seconds it. All in favor say "Aye". None – Opposed. Motion carried.

Presentation and Approval of Minutes for:

December 21, 2006 minutes, February 5, 2007 minutes and March 5, 2007 Minutes

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Councilman Prettyman made a motion to accept minutes as written; Councilman Frey seconds it. All in favor say "Aye". Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Economic Development – Nothing to report

Parks & Recreation – Benches have been ordered for Mill Park. Water and Lighting are working on Mill Park. Removed equipment from the Memorial Park for safety reasons and working on new design.

Personnel/Pension – No report at this time. Suggested report should be given by Town Manager since he is in charge of personnel.

Sewer & Water – Committee had a meeting this month in reference to one bill discrepancy on Yew Street. The issue was the responsibility of the property owner vs. the Town. That is tabled at this point waiting for a response from the property owner.

Zoning True Vision – C. Betts: We haven't met and due to conflict of personal interest, we won't be meeting again till June.

200th Anniversary - Sales are going well. It will begin August 3, 4, & 5, with a kick-off at the Theatre, with a Balloon Glow and Night in Milton.

Milton Development Corporation – C. Betts: The Milton Corporation made \$7700.00 on the Sunshine Boys. And April 20, 21 & 22, 2007, Shakespeare's Birthday Bash Celebration. Films based on Shakespeare's works will be screened 1 each on Friday and Saturday at 7pm. And live readings of his most famous staged on Sunday at 2pm. Admission is free but donations are accepted.

Streets & Sidewalks – Councilwoman Betts gave report. The committee decided to send letters to all property owners with regards to the current ordinance on sidewalks. Going to obtain estimates and identify a contractor to complete all repairs as this will reduce cost by economic of scale. Also identify those that may need financial assistance. Invitation for Sealed Bids for the 2007 Streets Improvements Project will be received from qualified bidders at the Town Office until 3pm local time on May 3, 2007, at which time they will be opened and read publicly. The project is located on Spruce Street, Hemlock Street, Chandler Street, Betts Street and Waples Street in the Town of Milton in Sussex County. The request for quotation may be examined at the Town of Milton office and Cabe Associates. Councilman Prettyman: Last meeting I mentioned about the Mulberry Street problem and the Allen would get in touch with someone from DelDot would be here tonight. Requested that a letter be written to DelDot to be at the next meeting so that they can address the problem of Mulberry Street. Councilwoman Betts gave report on lighting.

Board of Adjustment – Councilman Dvornick: Did not meet in the month March. Thanked town for giving him the opportunity to serve them and to wish the current and future members of the Board of Adjustments best of luck.

Planning & Zoning – Linda Rogers: The report is submitted and presented to Council

Town Manager – George Dickerson gave Town Manager Report. Charter workshop meetings scheduled for this month: April 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, 2007 at the Library from 6pm-7:45pm; Tidewater update; contributions; and grant requests. “Mr. Brady, we just received these requests and is there anything we can do with the last issue.” Mr. Brady: “Under the most recent ruling of the Attorney General, a request for money that is received and known more than 6 hours prior to the Agenda has to be put on the Agenda. The Agenda cannot be amended at this time to consider it.” Councilman Frey: Questioned where \$120 went to from the Contributions Fund. George Dickerson: “I’ll have to research that.” Reported on budget issues. “Please let me know what adjustments you want made in regards to the presented document. All documents will be available online.” Town Councilman Hudson: Questioned figure of 1144 current users in regards to the 1500 needed for Tidewater. “Do we need 354 more to reach the 1500 or do they need 1500 new customers?” G. Dickerson: “The 1500 was an addition to the 1144.” Discussed a letter from Commerce Insurance. Reported on meeting with the Commissioner of Elections for the State of Delaware, Frank Callo, for understanding the new Municipal Election Law. John Brady: “I was advised tomorrow a revision to the election law is going to be introduced in Dover because there is no provision for non-resident voting in Rehoboth Beach, Dewey Beach, Bethany Beach and about four other towns, and they had a problem with that so a new Bill is going to be introduced that may update that packet so you may have to go back for additional training, sometime in July.” G. Dickerson: Reported on request from DelDot; letter of request to the Mayor and to Council in regards to the University of Delaware. This is the first phase of a three-phase project with regard to a grant for the Center for Historic Architecture and Design. That is requesting Council action on that matter. Mayor Post: “Added that we are re-entertaining it and it will come back up to council for a vote.” G. Dickerson: Reported on account balances and balance sheet; baseline assessment of all the streets in Town and sidewalks “I would like Council to review this report and if you find an error or what a violation is, please let me know.” Requests the PSC recommendation be read and further explained by the Mayor or John Brady. John Brady: “In short, The PSC’s hearing officer upheld the Town’s right to service the area adjacent to the Town as outlined in the Town’s growth area as approved in the PLUS report and is part of the application from September, 2004.” Reported on a letter or email from DelDot in regard to when Wagoman’s Shores was started on Lavinia Street. Discussed the Condition Use Permit voted on by Council last month. “The applicant must receive approvals and follow all guideline requirements for all applicable outside agencies. The question is can Council do anything with that this evening?” John Brady: “The Hours are listed on the agenda tonight and on the memorandum for the Conditional Use Permit, so if it was granted last month with No. 2, then by accidentally omitting No. 1, there is proper notice on the agenda that this would be before Town Council tonight for No. 1, the Hours of Operation, so Town Council can, under New Business, 15A, can review it for the Hours of Operation.”

WRITTEN REPORTS

Maintenance Report – C. Prettyman made motion to accept as written. C. Frey Second. All in Favor say “Aye”. Opposed – None. MC

Code Enforcer Report - C. Prettyman made motion to accept as written. C. Frey Second. All in Favor say “Aye”. Opposed – None. MC

Police Department Report - C. Melson made motion to accept as written. C. Prettyman Second. All in Favor say "Aye". Opposed – None. MC

OLD BUSINESS

Item A: Annexation, Key Ventures, LLC, for 2-35-21.00-44.00 It will be open for written comment for a period of time from May 2, 2007 at 4:30pm. John Brady: A motion should be made to put it on the agenda for May 7, 2007.

Councilman Prettyman made a motion to table this and put on May 7, 2007 Town Council Meeting, with comments to the Town Hall to be in by May 2, 2007, Town Councilman Hudson seconds it. All in Favor say "Aye". Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Item B: Boat Replica Land Agreement

John Brady: Working on a draft, waiting for some additional information. It should be back to Council for May 7. Mayor Post: Did Russ have a talk with DNREC on that? Do you have any information? Unknown Speaker: We needed clarification and we wanted to see what the terms of the agreement were going to be but we assumed we were going to assume that responsibility anyway, so Russ has started talking to them, but we can't do anything formal until the lease agreement is there. As an update, the Milton Historical Society Board voted at it's Special Directors' Meeting on Saturday to approve the separate 501-C3, so this will actually be with a separate 501-C3 that will be incorporated sometime in the next week or so and it will be the Broadkill Maritime Heritage Association.

Item C: Historic Preservation Ordinance Amendment

John Brady: This was introduced in November, went to P & Z and the Historic Preservation Commission of the Board of Adjustment. Comments came back from both. An Amendment was done and the amended Ordinance has been published and is ready for consideration. Copies are in the packets. There was an issue that it didn't get on the website with the amended information, so I believe there will be a motion to table this until May 7, so everyone can see it. Ms. Parker should be able to comment on this as she was the chair of the Ad Hoc Committee that helped work on this and she has testified the last couple months and last month she asked where it was. Ms. Parker: Is what was given to Council tonight the same as what I discussed with your secretary today? It does not contain any changes that reflect any recommendations from the Board of Adjustments or P & Z. This is what was presented to Council last fall. John Brady: You have the wrong version. This was supposed to be the one that reflected those changes, so I am going to ask Council to table it so I can get the right version here.

Councilwoman Betts made a motion to table this until the next Council Meeting on May 7, Councilman Prettyman seconds it. All in Favor say "Aye". Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Betts made a motion to add Amended Budget discussion to the May 7 Town Council Meeting. Councilman Prettyman seconds it. All I Favor say "Aye" Opposed – None. Motion carried.

John Brady: There was a request for funding, do you want to put them on the May agenda now while you are thinking of things to put on the May agenda? Fee Schedule needs to be posted on the website effective July 1, 2007. That will have to be a resolution to be considered and I will need the information to draft the resolution, but you can list it under New Business for the May meeting. Mayor Post: For those at the workshop, those fees were for Professional Services, and General Merchandise to combine them and reduce the Business License Fee to \$100.

Councilwoman Betts made a motion to add to May's Town Council Meeting Agenda, Councilman Prettyman seconds it. All in Favor say "Aye". Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Councilman Prettyman: Requested that the Charter Revision Committee meeting be changed as the SCAT meeting is the same night. Request denied as it's almost at the end and wants it available for the May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review Business hours for Day Care Center, 329 Mulberry Street.

Councilman Frey made a motion to accept hours of operations as follows: M-F, 6am – 7pm. Councilman Prettyman seconds it. All in Favor say "Aye". Opposed – None. Motion carried.

2. Committee Appointments

- Board of Adjustments - Need to add Sally Parkins and Margo Goodman
- Health & Environmental Committee - Need to add Joannie Martin-Brown
- Historic District and Expansion Ad Hoc Committee: Need to add Milton Carroll

Councilman Prettyman made a motion to accept the committee report as is, Councilwoman Betts seconds it. All in Favor say "Aye". Opposed – None. Motion carried.

3. Richard Clifton Proclamation July 14, 2007.

Councilwoman Betts: The National Wildlife Refuge has asked us to proclaim a proclamation for its native son to officially declare July 14th, 2007 as Richard C. Clifton Day. This will be the kick-off for the first Federal Duck stamp winner hometown event that will be hosted by the Primehook National Wildlife Refuge from 10am – 3pm, on Saturday, July 14, 2007. The Secretary of Interior will be here along with other dignitaries.

Councilman Prettyman made a motion to accept the Richard Clifton resolution, Councilman Harris seconds it. All in Favor say "Aye". Opposed – None. Motion carried.

John Brady: Requested Council not go into Executive Session at this time but to do Public participation as he will only need about 5 minutes.

OPEN FLOOR at 9:12pm with a 3-minute time limit

Jim Welu: Commented on C. Harris and his proposal that issues shouldn't be discussed in public in Milton but that we should take them off to the side to discuss them privately. Feels that the public should be aware of the issues regarding the town and shouldn't be penalized for expressing their opinions. C. Harris responded. Mayor Post also responded to Mr. Welu.

John Collier: Withdrew his request to speak at this time.

William Bell: Not present.

Katherine Greig, 326 Union Street: The Milton Garden club met downtown and did some plantings. We will be meeting Saturday, May 19th for the planting of the summer blooming plants. We will be having the drawing for the Spring Garden Clean-up on Thursday, April 12th. We have the raffle tickets here tonight with cost of \$5.00 ea or 5 for \$20.

Mayor Post: Informed Council and those present that there will be a fundraiser on April 18, 2007 for the John Milton Statue at Irish Eyes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Frey made a motion to move into Executive Session, Councilwoman Melson seconds it. All in Favor say “Aye”. Opposed – None. Motion carried. Entered session at 9:20 p.m. Councilwoman Betts made a motion to come out of Executive session at 9:38 p.m., Councilman Prettyman seconds it. All in Favor say “Aye”. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Melson made a motion to adjourn, Town Councilman Hudson seconds it. All in Favor say “Aye”. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Powers
Executive Secretary