



**JOINT MEETING
MILTON SELECTBOARD AND
MILTON TOWN SCHOOL BOARD
Monday, June 29, 2020 at 6:00 PM**

MINUTES

Selectboard Members Present: John Palasik, Chair; Michael Morgan, Vice Chair; Chris Taylor, Clerk; Brenda Steady, Member; John FitzGerald, Member

Town Staff Members Present: Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager; Sheila Mooney, TM Executive Assistant; David Allerton, Director of Public Works; Jessica Morris, Director of Finance; John Bartlett, Director of Administration/Human Resources/Facilities

School Board Members Present: Rick Dooley, Chair; Michael Joseph, Vice Chair; Rae Couillard, Clerk; Jeremy Metcalf, School Trustee; Emily Hecker, School Trustee

School Staff Members Present: Amy Rex, Superintendent of Schools; Katie Glover, Business Manager; Lynne Manley, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Info Technology; Angela Longley, Administrative Assistant to District Operations & Curriculum

Others Present: Amanda Spector; Lauren Blume; Christal Fleishman; Michelle Monroe; Bridget Higdon

1. CALL TO ORDER

M. Joseph called the meeting to order for the School Board at 6:03 p.m.

M. Morgan called the meeting to order for the Selectboard at 6:03 p.m.

2. AGENDA REVIEW

None.

3. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Community comments from Amanda Spector and Christal Fleisham regarding an incident shown on social media regarding a Milton Police Department arrest.

Lauren Blume requested that the Town of Milton acknowledge that June is National Pride Month and that the Town of Milton proactively recognize National Pride Month next year.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

4.1. Joint Resolution

Don Turner, Jr., presented the following School Board/Selectboard Joint Resolution regarding racial equity.

Racial Equity

WHEREAS, the Town of Milton acknowledges the current events following the death of George Floyd regarding police brutality, systemic racism, and ongoing social injustices;

WHEREAS, a history of racial discrimination has caused a reality of prejudice and injustice, producing barriers for people of ethnic and racial minorities and other marginalized groups;

WHEREAS, as of the 2010 Census, the Town of Milton had a racial population of 96% white, non-Hispanic, 0.5% Black, 0.3% Indigenous American, Native Alaskan, Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander, 1.3% Asian, and 1.7% two or more races, with the expectation that the minority population has increased for the 2020 Census;

WHEREAS, the Town of Milton has executed an ongoing system for educating Town leaders, board members, police officers, and educators in anti-bias training as part of the ongoing effort to advance racial equity and create a more inclusive community for the people of color in Milton; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Milton has a moral and legal responsibility to provide all residents with education and public services free of targeted and exclusionary practices.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Milton Selectboard and Schoolboard reaffirm the commitment to anti-racist education for the Milton Town School District's students, faculty, staff, and administration, as well as the Town of Milton's Selectboard, Town leadership, and police officers, in an endeavor to address systemic racism and foster a community of racial equity and inclusion.

Motion made by M. Joseph to approve the Joint School Board/Selectboard Racial Equity Resolution as presented with a second by M. Morgan. Approved Unanimously.

4.2. Finance Transition

Amy Rex, Superintendent of Schools and Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager gave an update of the finance transition.

4.3. Milton Town School District Vote - Selectboard Recognition

Amy Rex, Superintendent of Schools recognized the Selectboard and Town staff for their hard work in organizing the recent Milton Town School District vote.

4.4. Update on Town Charter Work

C. Taylor gave an update on the Town Charter Committee.

The Selectboard agreed to discuss at an upcoming meeting adding Library representation on the Town Charter Committee.

4.5. Sidewalk Upgrades – Safe Routes to School

David Allerton, Director of Public Works gave an update of the sidewalk upgrade projects and presented the below Resolution for Selectboard approval.

**Cherry Street Sidewalk Project, Contract Amendment No. 1
With New England Central Railroad**

WHEREAS, the Town of Milton is advancing the Cherry Street Sidewalk Project, including the addition of a sidewalk from Turner Ave. to Railroad St., a crosswalk across Turner Ave., a crosswalk across Railroad St. to a new sidewalk apron, new pedestrian crossing signs, and the relocation of railroad crossing signals to accommodate the new sidewalk; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Milton entered into a contract with the New England Central Railroad on September 10, 2019, for engineering and construction services in the amount of \$58,642.00; and,

WHEREAS, the Town requires the removal of the abandoned NECR sidetrack within Cherry Street, located just east of the operational railroad tracks; and,

WHEREAS, the NECR Contract Amendment No. 1 will increase the total contract amount from \$58,642.00 to \$84,582.00, an increase of \$25,940.00, to remove the sidetrack; and,

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost of the project is:

Aldrich & Elliott (sidewalk design engineering)	\$	12,600.00
NECR (design and construction)	\$	84,582.00
Construction Estimate	\$	64,153.70
Resident Engineering Estimate	\$	12,000.00
TOTAL	\$	173,335.70

WHEREAS, the total available funds for the project is:

VTrans Pedestrian & Bicycle Grant Amounts	\$	80,800.00
Impact Fees	\$	39,919.00
Capital Reserve	\$	46,600.00
Prior Capital Fund	\$	20,200.00
TOTAL	\$	187,519.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Selectboard of the Town of Milton, that the Town Manager, or his designee, is authorized to execute

Amendment No. 1 with the New England Central Railroad for an increase of \$25,940.00, for a total contract amount of \$84,582.00.

Motion made by C. Taylor to accept the Cherry Street Sidewalk Project, Contract Amendment No. 1 with New England Central Railroad Resolution and that the Town Manager, or his designee is authorized to execute Amendment No. 1 with the New England Central Railroad for an increase of \$25,940.00, for a total contract amount of \$84,582.00 with a second by M. Morgan. M. Morgan, Yes; C. Taylor, Yes; B. Steady, Yes; John FitzGerald, Yes; J. Palasik, Yes. Approved Unanimously.

4.6. Traffic Enforcement Around Schools

Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager asked for and received feedback from the Selectboard and the School Board regarding traffic enforcement around the schools.

4.7. Milton Independent

The Selectboard and the School Board discussed continuing with the Milton Independent as the newspaper of record. Michelle Monroe of the Milton Independent explained that the Milton Independent will continue online and will not likely be going back to printed form.

5. APPROVAL OF SELECTBOARD – CONSENT AGENDA

5.1. Approval of Selectboard Minutes of June 15, 2020

5.2. Approval of Warrant #27

Motion made by B. Steady to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with a second by J. FitzGerald. M. Morgan, Yes; C. Taylor, Yes; B. Steady, Yes; John FitzGerald, Yes; J. Palasik, Yes. Approved Unanimously.

6. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion made by R. Dooley to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. with a second by R. Couillard. Approved Unanimously.

M. Joseph adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheila Mooney

APPROVED MINUTES



Chris Taylor, Clerk

Date: 7-6-2020

Filed with the Milton Town Clerk's Office on this 7 day of July, 2020.

ATTEST:  _____, Milton Town Clerk