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**NEW MILFORD TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MOTIONS
October 23, 2023**

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NEW MILFORD, CT

Present: Mayor Peter Bass
MaryJane Lundgren
Hilary Ram
Alexandra Thomas
Paul Murphy
Doug Skelly
Tom Esposito
Chris Cosgrove
Katy Francis
Sal Rynkiewicz

Also Present: Joseph Mortelliti, Town Attorney
Jack Healy, Director of Public Works
Walter O'Connor, Board of Finance, Chair
Dr. Janet Parlato, Superintendent, Board of Education
Wendy Faulenbach, Chairwoman, Board of Education
Jason O'Connor, Director, Youth Agency
Stacy Kabasakalian, Intervention Program Manager, Youth Agency
Greg Osipow, Director of Finance
Tammy McInerney, Board of Education
Tom O'Brien, Board of Education
Diane Klaif, Board of Finance

Mayor Bass called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

5. Consent Agenda —

Recommended Motion: That the Town Council approve all items on the Consent Agenda

a) Prior Minutes — Approval of the Town Council Meeting minutes of October 10, 2023

b) Tax Collector — Discussion and possible action on approving tax refunds: Balance in refund account was \$59,950.56. The October 23, 2023 refunds are for \$10, 329.76 leaving a balance of \$49,630.80.

c) Donations-

1. New Milford Public Library requests permission to accept \$100 donation from the NM Refugee Resettlement Inc.

2. New Milford Park and Recreation request permission to accept and to be put in the New Milford Park and Recreation Gift Fund:

- Donation of \$100 from Big Y, 1 Kent Rd., New Milford
- Donation of \$100 from Union Savings, 169 Danbury Rd., New Milford
- Donation of \$75 from Housatonic Valley Insurance Agency, 6 Main St., New Milford
- Donation of \$150 from All America Waste, LLC., 182 Danbury Rd., New Milford
- Donation of \$100 from Candlewood Valley Pediatrics, PC., 120 Park Lane Rd., New Milford

The New Milford Park & Recreation Commission would like to thank donors for their generosity.

Ms. Francis moved to approve the consent agenda items 5. a., b., c., noting the contributions, seconded by Mr. Esposito.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Youth Agency —

b) The Youth Agency would like to request permission to accept a \$20,500.00 grant from the CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection. This grant is a collaboration with NMPS to provide educational and training opportunities to prevent and inform individuals about identifying, reporting, responding to, and avoiding abuse.

Ms. Francis moved to approve the acceptance of a \$20,500.00 grant from the CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection. This grant is a collaboration with NMPS to provide educational and training opportunities to prevent and inform individuals about identifying, reporting, responding to, and avoiding abuse, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. BOE-Capital Reserve Request

a) Discussion & possible action on the Board of Education request of the release of \$984,078 for 23-24 capital projects from the BOE Capital Reserve.

Technology-\$477,500

Band & Music-\$69,249

Athletics-\$54,481

Facilities-\$382,848

Ms. Francis moved to approve the request of the Board of Education to release \$984,078 for 2023-2024 capital projects from the BOE capital reserve, seconded by Ms. Ram.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Ram moved to suspend the rules to add discussion of East Street School to the agenda, seconded by Ms. Thomas.

Ms. Ram withdrew her motion. Ms. Thomas withdrew her second.

b) Discussion and possible action on the Board of Education Request of the release of \$28,534.34 for 50% of the Fire Claim for items not reimbursed for (see Attachment) as the items could not be validated.

Ms. Francis moved to approve the request of the Board of Education to release \$28,534.34 for 50% of the fire claim for items not reimbursed as the items could not be validated, seconded by Mr. Esposito.

The motion passed unanimously.

8. Town of New Milford-Capital Reserve Request

a) Discussion and possible action on the request of \$28,538.35 of the Fire Claim for BOE items that are not reimbursed as the items could not be validated. The funds would come from the Town's Capital Reserve.

Ms. Francis moved to approve the request to release \$28,538.35 of the fire claim for the BOE items not reimbursed as the items could not be validated. The funds would come from the Town's Capital Reserve, seconded by Mr. Murphy

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Ram moved to suspend the rules to add discussion of East Street School to the agenda, seconded by Ms. Thomas.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Francis moved to add discussion of East Street School, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

The motion failed 3-6.

Aye: Lundgren, Ram, Thomas

No: Rynkiewicz, Murphy, Esposito, Francis, Skelly, Cosgrove

The motion failed a second time 3-6.

Aye: Lundgren, Ram, Thomas

No: Rynkiewicz, Murphy, Esposito, Francis, Skelly, Cosgrove

11. Road Closures —

a) Bank Street Group is requesting the closure of Bank Street on Saturday December 1, 2023 from 3:00pm — 10:00pm for the Holiday Sip & Stroll. (Pending traffic Authority approval)

b) The Town of New Milford Celebrate 250 Committee is requesting the closure of the Southern Crossover for the Boston Tea Party Event on Saturday, December 16th from 1:00pm — 5:00pm with a rain date of Sunday December 17, 2023. (Pending traffic Authority approval)

c) William Buckbee is requesting the closure of Young's Field Road from 8:00am -12:00pm on November 25, 2023 for Run Santa Run. (Pending traffic Authority approval)

Ms. Francis moved to approve road closures per the agenda, seconded by Mr. Esposito and passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Mr. Rynkiewicz moved to adjourn the meeting at 10 pm, seconded by Mr. Esposito and passed unanimously.

Motions recorded by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stephen R. Bardo".

Recording Secretary