



Town of Milton – Joint School Board & Selectboard Meeting
43 Bombardier Road, Milton VT 05468
In Person and/or via Zoom – Community Room
Monday, June 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Selectboard Members Present: Darren Adams, Chair; John FitzGerald, Clerk; Brenda Steady, Member; Chris Taylor, Member

Selectboard Members Absent: Michael Morgan, Vice Chair

Staff Members Present: Don Turner Jr., Town Manager; John Bartlett, Director of HR/Administration/Buildings & Grounds; Brittany Tradup, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager; Amber N. Baker, Finance Director; Michaela Foody, Public Safety Director; Steve Laroche, Police Chief; Cymone Haiju, Planning & Development Review Director (remote); Cathy LaClair, Milton on the Move Coordinator; Jenna Tucker Eugair, Recreation Director (remote)

School Board Members Present: Jeremy Metcalf, Chair; Kumulia Long, Vice-Chair; Jennifer Wilson, Clerk; (remote); Karen Stout, Member (remote)

School Board Members Absent: Rick Dooley, Member

School Staff Members Present: Amy Rex, Superintendent of Schools; Jennifer Saunders, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent (remote); Matt Grasso, Director of Operations;

Others Present: Amanda Stevens (remote); M Williams (remote); Lauren Rolandini (remote); annmerrill-griswold (remote); Diane Barrows (remote); Lynne M. (remote); Nicole DeLong; Sean Tatro; Kimberly Thompson (remote); Bruce F. (remote); Aly Humphrey (remote); Diane Barrows (remote); Crystal Gingras; Charlie Farrell; Jeffrey Morse; Mike Thompson; Richard Saunders; Kim Duchesneau; Rod Moore; Janet and Terry Richards; William Kaigle

I. Call to Order

D. Adams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Flag Salute

D. Adams led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Agenda Review

No changes

IV. Public Forum

None

V. School Safety / School Resource Officer

D. Adams began the discussion by stating that the Selectboard would like to pursue adding an additional School Resource Officer. There was discussion about how this would be funded. ARPA funds and ESSER funds were discussed. There was further discussion regarding possible action and solutions, which included input from attendees. D. Adams suggested that the boards find a way to increase police presence for this week and then have public safety director and police chief work with the school district and report back for the next school year.

VI. Milton on the Move Update

Cathy LaClair, Milton on the Move Coordinator

C. LaClair provided a brief overview of the Milton on the Move program and the three task forces. She discussed the Inclusion Festival, including the success of the inaugural event and plans for the festival next year, and she talked about how there are plans to launch a Belonging in Milton task force. She discussed her role in helping the chair and task forces to develop structure moving forward. The volunteer task forces are currently meeting once a month. One issue the groups are tackling is attrition, so the leaders are working to address that.

VII. Old Fire Department Building (Kienle Rd.)

D. Turner stated that this is a continuing discussion between the School and the Town. The School has a need for a maintenance/storage facility, but there is more to the Kienle Rd. property than the building. One consideration is subdividing the property, so that the School can have the building and the Town can do something else with the remainder of the property.

VIII. Update on Milton Innovation Center (MIC) and Facilities Master Planning

A. Rex stated that there is a proposal that will be going to the board regarding the design of the Milton Innovation Center.

A. Rex also stated that the School recently received the results of a facilities evaluation. The high school facilities are doing well. The areas of concern are with the oldest section of Milton Elementary School at Herrick Ave. The estimated repair cost would be 77% of the replacement cost. The School is forming a committee to determine the best course of action. The School Board is hoping that someone from the Selectboard would serve on the committee. The committee will be formed in or around August 2022.

IX. Adjournment

**Motion made by J. FitzGerald to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m., with a second by B. Steady.
Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned by D. Adams.**

A video recording of this meeting can be found at the following location:
<https://miltonvt.box.com/s/h7xhfyrfduhx4p60w4u5sibzh0uf3ocp>

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Tradup

APPROVED MINUTES:

 Date: 6/20/2022
John FitzGerald, Clerk

Filed with the Milton Town Clerk's Office on this 22nd day of June, 2022.

ATTEST: Kristi Bees, Milton Town Clerk

