

APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
March 29, 2024

PRESENT: Tim Finan, Chairman
Paul Dargie, Vice Chairman
Dave Freel, Member
Chris Labonte, Member
Tina Philbrick, Member

Lincoln Daley, Town Administrator
Susan Mallett, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER, BOARD OF SELECTMEN INTRODUCTIONS & PUBLIC SPEAKING INSTRUCTIONS:

Chairman Finan called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. STATE OF NH – OPIOID SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORMS

TA Daley explained the NH DOJ has negotiated with five companies related to their opioid conduct. Three of the companies are Walmart, CVS and Walgreens, the other two are opioid manufacturers, TEVA and Allergan. The settlements, in total, will bring approximately \$100 million dollars into New Hampshire to help fight the opioid crisis. Milford had been identified as a jurisdiction that is eligible to apply to the Opioid Abatement Commission for a share of these funds.

As in past settlements, Milford has been identified as one of the cities or towns with a population of at least 10,000 from which the defendants want participation agreements for all five of the settlements. The defendants want this to end their exposure and the Milford will not bring an opioid related lawsuit against them in the future. Some of the things this covers are access to treatment, travel to and from, housing, preventative programs such as in schools. First responders can submit for reimbursement when they procure Narcan or naloxone.

Selectman Freel asked if we sign, does that mean we can't have further litigation?

Staff and Town Counsel have reviewed the information and have no issues with the Select Board executing said agreements. This will allow Milford to have the opportunity to receive funding for local opioid abatement projects and programs to assist those in need. It is recommended that the Board of Selectmen vote to execute and allow Milford the opportunity to be eligible for the settlement funds.

Selectman Freel made a motion to execute the 5 agreements. Seconded by Selectman Labonte. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Labonte moved to adjourn at 2:45. Seconded by Selectwoman Philbrick. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

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