

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Minutes of February 4, 2008

Board members in attendance: Chairperson Diane McCutcheon, Paul Savage, Charlie Poulin and Karin Furno.

Board members not in attendance: Tom Petrowicz

Others in attendance: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin

Chairperson McCutcheon called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Elections will take place on Tuesday February 5, 2008
- Nomination papers are available at the Town Hall.
- Finance Committee will be setting up meeting dates with all departments.
- There are openings on the various boards.

Police Chief Contract:

- **On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded Paul Savage, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to extend the contract as written for Chief Landry through 2010.**

Highway/Police – Stop Sign: (Old Chestnut at Fisher St.):

- The Highway Department would like to request that a stop sign be placed at the end of Fisher Street on Old Chestnut. Chief Landry supports the request.
- Resident Roland Barrett, 52 Fisher St. communicated his concerns about this issue.
- **On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to approve placing a three way stop sign at Old Chestnut Hill Rd. and Fisher St.**

Blackstone Parks and Recreation:

- The Chairman of the Blackstone Parks and Recreation Department came to let the Board know that the budget situation will be a struggle next year and they want to work with the Millville Parks and Recreation to come up with a solution to address the funding issues. The field maintenance is a big expense for Blackstone. The recreational day line item for Blackstone is \$12,000 and

the entire budget for this department is \$128,000. The Board of Selectmen would like a breakdown of the number of Millville students that take part in these events. Parks and Recreation member, John Dean noted that \$500.00 has been given over the past several years. The two boards will set up a meeting to address this issue. Resident Roland Barrett, 52 Fisher St. suggested that an extra fee be charged to children that live outside of town. He doesn't want to see any taxpayers that do not have any children having to pay more taxes to fund this.

Animal Control Issue:

Selectman Poulin stepped down from the discussion.

There were several complaints made by neighbors in regards to the dogs which are kept at 77 Fisher St. This resident does have a kennel license. The Board of Selectmen provided the resident with a copy of the MGL. The Animal Control Officer did go to the site and has been trying to deal with the situation since December.

Resident Mr. Shuras, 77 Fisher St.:

Mr. Shuras, the owner of the kennels communicated that there has never been any problems with his dogs and the neighbors. The dogs are fed at night and they do bark during that time for about 15 minutes. A neighbor on Maureen Way has been using a loud horn which is making the dogs bark more.

Resident Ben Grant, 32 Maureen Way :

Mr. Grant presented letters to the Board of Selectmen from other neighbors who also have issue with these dogs. This resident also supplied information about possible remedies such as barking collars, which are available and inexpensive at any pet store. In his opinion the dogs bark more than two hours a day.

It was suggested that a workshop be set up to address this with all parties to find a resolution.

Minutes/Warrants:

- **On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded by Karin Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes from January 22, 2008.**
- **On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded by Karen Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes from January 22, 2008. (5:30 pm)**
- **On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded by Charlie Poulin the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes from January 22, 2008. (6:00 pm)**

- On a motion made by Charlie Poulin and seconded by Karin Furno the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to sign the warrants.

Public Forum:

Grant Application Form:

- On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded by Charlie Poulin the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman to approve the grant application submitted by the Historical Commission with the approval date being February 4, 2008.

Bikeway Update:

- Margaret Carroll updated the Board of Selectmen by indicating that Section One of the bikeway will be done last. She will be sending a second letter of appeals asking that Millville be moved into Section two. Senator Moore is in agreement about having Millville being in Section two. The committee has asked for a meeting to discuss this.

Resident, Roland Barrett, 52 Fisher St.:

Selectmen Poulin stepped down from the discussion.

Mr. Barrett communicated that there has been a problem with his neighbor in regards to a compost fence that has currently fallen onto his electric fence. There are also questions about possible permits. Mr. Barrett wanted some guidance on who to speak with at the Town Hall about this?

The Chairman feels that this appears to be a civil matter but suggested going to the Building Inspector and also the Board of Health.

Lincoln St.:

- The as-built plans for the Lincoln St. project were provided.

Correspondence:

- A letter was sent to Ms. Wheeler about the resolution of the minutes.
- A letter was sent to Central Mass Regional Planning about the Chairman not being able to serve on the Board due to her not seeking reelection.

Cable Committee Issues:

- The committee met this evening and will have an update at the next meeting.

Executive Secretary Report:

Landfill ACO Extension:

- The town was given an extension to the ACO order until July 2008.

Sign the extension:

On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded by Karin Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman to sign the ACO extension from the DEP.

NIMS Training:

The town is in very good shape with having the employees NIMS trained.

Charter:

A memo was supplied indicating the breakdown of complaints within the 2007 year of service.

Release of Lien:

- **On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to sign the release the lien as presented.**

Recycle Campaign:

- The Board of Health presented the necessary paperwork for required signatures for the recycling campaign.

Town Meetings:

- **On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded by Karin Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to hold the Special Town Meeting on May 12, 2008 at 6:30 and the Annual Town Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

Open/Close the Warrants:

- **On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded by Karin Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to open the warrants effective immediately and close the warrants on March 17, 2008.**

Chapter 90 Reimbursement Form:

- **On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded by Karin Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman to sign the reimbursement form.**

MIA Grant:

- The executive secretary applied for a grant through MIA and it was awarded.

Veterans Agent Computer:

- The Veterans agent was inquiring about being able to use another computer besides his personal one. The Board of Selectmen suggests that an extra computer be housed at the Town Hall, which can be used by the Veterans Agent.

Annual Report Dedication:

- The Board of Selectmen will vote to dedicate the Annual Report at the first meeting of the month in March.

Spending Freeze:

- The executive secretary prepared paperwork for the Board of Selectmen about a possible spending freeze. The Board chose not to adopt it at this time.

BOH Defibrillator location:

- A letter came to the Board of Health about placement of a defibrillator. It was recommended to be placed in the hallway or kitchenette area.

Contract Negotiation:

- Negotiations will be starting with the union representatives. Selectman Petrowicz is the liaison for the selectmen.

School Committee Position:

- **On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to authorize that the paperwork for the School Committee position be forwarded to the Town Clerk.**

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Available Land:

- Lisa Larue will provide a list of the available land in town.

Bridge:

- The Chairman would like a letter written to appropriate entities noting that the town is not satisfied thus far with the bridge situation. It was suggested that the town ask for the conduits to be put in place by Mass Highway.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Memorial Day Parade Committee:

- The parade committee is seeking volunteers to assist in the planning of the Memorial Day Parade. If anyone is interested, call the executive secretary.

ADJOURN:

- On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland

Diane McCutcheon
Chairperson

Paul Savage
Selectman

Charlie Poulin
Selectman

Karin Furno
Selectman

APPROVED AND SIGNED 2/19/08