

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Minutes of Meeting w/Building Inspector
Monday, February 5, 2007**

Members Present: Chairperson Diane McCutcheon, Vice Chairman Paul Savage and Selectman Tom Petrowicz.

Also Present: Michael Giampietro, Building Inspector

Mike asked to meet with the Board to go over various issues.

Mike advises that he issued a Stop Work Order to Neal Turcotte of Brooklyn, NY via Certified Mail regarding 340 Chestnut Hill Road. Mike would like to consult with Town Counsel on the enforcement process in order to protect the Town's interests. The property is not subject to an Occupancy Permit. It is illegal to remove a Stop Work Order attached to a structure. **The Board would like the Executive Secretary to notify Chief Landry to have officers patrol the premises. If activity is noticed, the Building Inspector should be contacted.**

Motion by Savage and second by Petrowicz to authorize Mike Giampietro to contact Town Counsel regarding issues in connection with 340 Chestnut Hill Road. Passes Unanimous.

Mike recommends the Board consider restructuring the current town inspections offices and positions to a "Building Department." Mike explains that most towns have changed to this method. The Building Commissioner would hold supervisory authority over the electrical and plumbing inspectors. All inspectors would be under one umbrella. It would be a better structure and would enable a centralized filing system. He has concerns about the other inspectors keeping files at their homes. **The Board would like the Executive Secretary to obtain dates for a Workshop to be held with the inspectors to begin talking about the possibilities of a restructure.**

Mike feels there should be an increase to the Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer's salary. He has not had an increase since he started in 2002. The stipend has always been \$4,000. He feels with the increase in population and new homes and with the upcoming new subdivisions, the work will increase. He currently works Wednesday evenings 6-8 and about 30-35 Fridays each year doing paperwork and inspections. He advises of some of the salaries of this position in surrounding towns:

Hopedale: \$20,000/yr	Mendon: \$26,000/yr	Berkley: \$20,000/yr
West Brookfield: \$12,000 plus \$7,500 for Zoning (\$19,500)		
Hubbardston: \$22,500	Boxboro: \$27,000	Boxboro: 75% of fees

Mike indicates he has collected a total of \$151,000 in fees for the Town over the past 5 years (an average of \$30,202 per year)

Mike is respectfully looking for a \$3,000-\$4,000 increase adjustment to the line item for the short term, FY08. Ultimately, he would like see the line item increased to \$13,000-15,000 per year once a restructuring has taken place.

The Board agrees with the need for a centralized filing system and advised they will discuss the situation with the Finance Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Coffin

Diane O. McCutcheon, Chairperson

Paul J. Savage, Vice Chairman

Thomas J. Petrowicz, Selectman

APPROVED AND SIGNED 2/20/07