

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2008  
6:00 p.m.**

**JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**Board Members Present:** Chairperson Diane McCutcheon, Tom Petrowicz and Karin Furno. Vice Chairman Paul Savage arrived late.

**Board Members Absent:** Charles Poulin

**Finance Committee Members Present:** Chairman Gerry Labonte, Steve Tringali, Mary Ryan and Sheri Delisle.

**Finance Committee Members Absent:** Leo Trottier

**Others Present:** Executive Secretary Helen Coffin

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Chairperson McCutcheon calls the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

The Board meets with the Finance Committee to discuss the preliminary financial outlook of the Town for FY09. Labonte explains that the Finance Committee must bring a balanced budget to the Town Meeting, and by using last year's revenue projections there are some serious concerns.

Lengthy discussion among the parties takes place regarding the revenue projections and options available to the Town at this time. The Board understands this will be the worst year the Town has faced in a long time. Town Departments will have to hold the line with their budgets. More discussion follows regarding the cuts that may be necessary and whether the Board should consider a Proposition 2½ override at this time. The general agreement among the parties is that the Town should move forward with an override ballot question – this would allow the residents the opportunity to decide if they would like to maintain the level of services currently available or live with the departmental cuts that will be made. It is suggested the Departments be asked to cut 10% from their FY08 budgets and include a summary of how the cuts will affect their respective Departments. Labonte will prepare a Memorandum to be sent out to the Departments. The Board would like to get the word out to the public as soon as possible...awareness will be key.

Brief discussion follows regarding the status of the Emergency Management Department. McCutcheon explains the status of the Director and the NIMS classes that need to be completed in order for the Town to be eligible for federal grants. The Director has asked for additional funding to take the required classes. His stipend was increased last year by \$1,400.

***Motion by Savage, second by Furno, to not allow for any additional funding for courses for the Emergency Management Director. Motion passes by unanimous vote.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Helen M. Coffin

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Diane O. McCutcheon, Chairperson

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Paul Savage, Vice Chairman

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Tom Petrowicz, Selectman

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Karin Furno, Selectman

**APPROVED AND SIGNED 2/19/08**