

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Minutes of Meeting w/Fire Chief  
Monday, March 5, 2007**

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

Also Present: John Mullaly, Fire Chief

The Board meets with the Fire Chief Mullaly to discuss his current and future budget requirements and staffing needs.

The parties review the budget as it pertains to vehicle maintenance and equipment. Discussion follows regarding the budget shortfall due to vehicle maintenance and fuel expenses. The Chief indicates that an additional \$8,000 will be required. The Board questions the maintenance of the vehicles -- the Chief explains that the full-timers maintain the older vehicles and take care of the smaller items in-house; however, the larger and newer vehicles are sent out for maintenance. The Chief mentions that the warranties/guarantees on the vehicles have now run out.

The Board reviews the monthly staffing updates provided by the Chief. The Chief's recommendation is to implement a third full-time position. Discussion follows regarding the current morale and working conditions at the Fire Department. The Chief expresses his concerns regarding certain employees and various instances. The Board emphasizes that the Chief needs to get a better handle on the employees and discontinue any dissention of rank. Selectmen Savage offers to assist the Chief and meet with the employees, if necessary. Brief discussion regarding the new full-timer just hired – the Board would like to meet him at the next regular Board meeting.

The Board would like to meet with the Chief again on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 to continue the discussion. In the meantime, the Chief will prepare a Warrant Article for the third full-time position.

Meeting adjourns at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Coffin

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Diane O. McCutcheon, Chairperson

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Paul J. Savage, Vice Chairman

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Thomas J. Petrowicz, Selectman

**APPROVED AND SIGNED 3/19/07**