

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Minutes of April 23, 2008

Board of Selectmen Present: Chairman Paul Savage, Vice Chairman Tom Petrowicz, Jackie Wheeler and John Laura

The meeting is called to order at 6:00 pm in the Longfellow Municipal Center.

The Board meets to discuss water discharge issues in Town.

Dave Stanley of the Board of Health explains the existing issues at various properties in Town. Discussion follows concerning specific issues on Chestnut Hill Road, Lincoln Street and Hope Street.

Chairman Savage explains Stormwater Management, which is a federal mandate relating to water discharge. The Town must adhere to these governmental standards and unfortunately additional related expenses will come to the Town over time. The Town is now responsible for things that have never been an issue before...times and laws change.

Chairman Savage further explains that water discharge also causes public safety issues and damages to the Town's roads. It is not expected that anything will be resolved during this meeting, as it is known that most of these issues have existed for a very long time. However, this meeting should be considered a kickoff meeting between the various departments to find a solution to the problems.

Highway Surveyor John Dean does not feel there are any issues with the drainage on Hope Street.

Police Chief Landry feels the worst case of water discharge is on Lincoln Street. This causes great concern for public safety.

John Dean explains his future plans for drainage/road work on Chestnut Hill Road and Lincoln Street.

Various residents offer water drainage information concerning their own properties. Discussion follows regarding the difference between surface water and gray water. The Executive Secretary should contact Earth Tech for information concerning discharges into storm drains. Is pumping out a cellar into a storm drain acceptable? What are the differences between surface water and gray water?

Chairman Savage recommends that the Highway Surveyor work with the Board of Health to determine how we can best help both the residents and the Town with these issues.

It is suggested that the Highway Surveyor work with the Highway Liaison, Selectman Poulin, in order to provide monthly updates to the residents. The Board will make every effort to offer updates at the Regular Board of Selectmen Meetings. Residents are welcome to contact the Executive Secretary with questions.

Due to noted conflicts between departments, the Executive Secretary should distribute the Town's Conflict Resolution Policy to both the Highway Surveyor and Board of Health.

With no further comments or questions from any Town employees or residents, Chairman Savage closed the meeting pertaining to water discharge at 6:55 p.m.

The Executive Secretary informs the Board that our Animal Control Officer has been assisting the Town of Blackstone with their animal control. The Board agrees this should continue in an effort to maintain good relations with the Town of Blackstone.

The Executive Secretary reminds the Board of the Economic Development Meeting scheduled for April 30th from 7-9 at BVT. The Agenda is geared towards Selectmen.

Brief discussion among the members regarding a recent School Committee Meeting and various school budget matters, past and present.

It is agreed the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be May 5th at 7:00pm with an Earth Removal Board Meeting at 6:30pm.

At 7:30 the Board of Selectmen is joined by the Finance Committee.

Gerry Labonte advises that the financial situation doesn't appear to be as severe as initially expected. It looks as though we will make it with level funding salaries and cutting expenses by 4%. Brief discussion among the parties follows concerning a Proposition 2-1/2 override.

The parties agree that the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee should begin monthly update meetings as early as October/November.

Labonte questions whether the Board would like to support a salary increase to Town employees, excluding those involved with collective bargaining units.

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Wheeler, to include 2-1/2% salary increases to the Town employees. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

The parties agree to leave the Reserve Fund at \$25,000.

Special Town Meeting Warrant

The Board reviews the Articles on the Draft Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Wheeler, to leave both Articles and sign the Warrant as presented. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

The Board reviews the Articles on the Draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 13 – Chief Mullaly answers various questions and addresses concerns raised regarding the intermediate level ambulance. The final dollar amount being requested will be provided to the Finance Committee at Town Meeting. It is suggested these funds come from the Ambulance Receipts Fund. ***Motion by Petrowicz, second by Laura, to leave the Article. Motion passes by unanimous vote.***

Article 1 – ***Motion by Petrowicz, second by Wheeler, to leave the Article. Motion passes by unanimous vote.***

Article 2 – ***Motion by Petrowicz, second by Wheeler, to leave the Article. Motion passes by unanimous vote.***

Article 3 – ***Motion by Wheeler, second by Petrowicz, to leave the Article. Motion passes by unanimous vote.***

Article 4 – ***Motion by Wheeler, second by Laura, to strike the Article. After discussion, Wheeler retracts the Motion. Motion by Wheeler, second by Laura, to leave the Article at the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Motion passes by unanimous vote.***

Article 5 – ***Motion by Petrowicz, second by Wheeler, to leave the Article. Motion passes by unanimous vote.***

Article 6 – ***Motion by Petrowicz, second by Laura, to leave the Article. Motion passes by unanimous vote.***

Articles 7 & 8 – ***Motion by Wheeler, second by Laura, to leave the Article. Motion passes by unanimous vote.***

Article 9 – ***Motion by Wheeler, second by Laura, to leave the Article. Motion passes by unanimous vote.***

Article 10 – ***Motion by Petrowicz, second by Wheeler, to leave the Article. Motion passes by unanimous vote.***

Article 11 – *Motion by Wheeler, second by Laura, to leave the Article. Motion passes by unanimous vote.*

Article 12 – *Motion by Petrowicz, second by Wheeler, to leave the Article. Motion passes by unanimous vote.*

Article 14 - *Motion by Petrowicz, second by Wheeler, to leave the Article. Motion passes by unanimous vote.*

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Laura, to send correspondence to the Board of Assessors requesting release of surplus Overlay. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

The Finance Committee leaves the Meeting.

Article 15 – *Motion by Petrowicz, second by Wheeler, to leave the Article. Motion passes by unanimous vote.*

Article 16 – *Motion by Petrowicz, second by Wheeler, to leave the Article. Motion passes by unanimous vote.*

Article 17 – Brief discussion concerning the reason for the Article. *Motion by Petrowicz, second by Laura, to leave the Article with amendments as read by the Executive Secretary. Motion passes by unanimous vote.*

Article 18 – *Motion by Wheeler, second by Laura, to strike the Article. Motion passes by unanimous vote.*

Article 19 –23 - *Motion by Laura, second by Petrowicz, to strike the 5 Articles. Motion passes by unanimous vote.*

Article 24 – *Motion by Petrowicz, second by Wheeler, to leave the Article. Motion passes by unanimous vote*

Motion by Wheeler, second by Laura, to include who is sponsoring each Article on future Warrants. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

Article 25 – *Motion by Petrowicz, second by Laura, to leave the Article. Motion passes by unanimous vote.*

Article 26 – *Motion by Wheeler, second by Petrowicz, to leave the Article. Motion passes by unanimous vote.*

Article 27 – *Motion by Laura, second by Petrowicz, to leave the Article. Motion passes by unanimous vote.*

Article 28 – *Motion by Petrowicz, second by Laura, to leave the Article. Motion passes by unanimous vote.*

Article 29 – This is a Citizens’ Petition and must be included.

Article 30- Lengthy discussion concerning the reason for the Article. *Motion by Petrowicz, second by Laura, to leave the Article with the amendment as suggested by Wheeler. Motion passes by unanimous vote.*

Article 31 – *Motion by Wheeler, second by Laura, to leave the Article. Motion passes by unanimous vote.*

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Laura, to sign the Warrants. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Wheeler, to allow the Chairman to sign the Child Safety Seat Grant Application for the Police Chief. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

Motion by Wheeler, second by Laura, to adjourn the Meeting at 10:45PM. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Coffin

Paul J. Savage, Chairman

Thomas J. Petrowicz, Vice Chairman

Charles G. Poulin, Selectman

Jackie M. Wheeler, Selectman

John M. Laura, Selectman

APPROVED AND SIGNED 5/5/08