

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of May 7, 2007**

Members Present: Chairperson Diane McCutcheon, Tom Petrowicz, Charlie Poulin and Karin Furno.

Others Present: Executive Secretary, Helen Coffin

Members Absent: Vice Chairman Paul Savage

Chairperson McCutcheon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Girl Scouts of Troop1073 began the meeting by leading all in the pledge of allegiance. The girls are conducting a can drive which will go to the food pantry in Blackstone. The Board of Selectmen donated some can goods.
- The Annual and Special Town Meeting will be held on **Monday, May 14, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.**
- The Conservation Commission, Board of Health and Cub Scouts will be holding a town clean up day for **Saturday, May 12, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.** at the Millville Elementary School.
- Chairperson McCutcheon will be present at the Town Hall on Wednesday, **May 9, 2007 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** to address any questions or concerns from town residents.
- Happy Mother's Day to all.
- There continues to be positions available on some boards and committees. If interested inquire at Town Hall business office.

GOOD & WELFARE: None

MES WATER:

- Northeast Water Solutions representative Robert Ferrari spoke to the Board of Selectmen about the water system at the elementary school. Northeast Water Solutions, Inc has continued to monitor the water quality in the water system. The most recent monitoring was conducted on six control stations on May 1, 2007. There was a table provided which showed the number of samples, and the average concentration of the copper and lead. The information provided that the copper concentration is decreasing from the June monitoring. Prior to the implementation of the water treatment system upgrade, the raw water supply demonstrated influent total iron concentrations of greater than 1.0 mg/l. The iron concentration remains slightly above the US EPA/MA DEP limit. The corrosion

inhibitor feed system is having a desired effect. The corrosion inhibitor chemical feed will be adjusted to the “maintenance level”. The performance of the filtration system must be improved to maximize capture of particulate iron, to gain compliance with the secondary drinking water limit. The system will be better utilized in the summer so that the system can be entirely flushed. Deb Bray wanted the town to know that the approach used was to cause no risk or liability to the town and the process is slow. The facility has many small pipes and requires an enormous amount of flushing. The chemistry-based approach must get a uniform coating on the current system. The representative indicated that the tests must get the interior coating of the pipe documented. The filters need to be replaced every three years.

Superintendent Campbell wanted to know if the coating on the pipes would protect and extend the life of the pipe. The representative indicated that this would extend the life.

Selectmen Petrowicz wants to know that this type of approach was successful in other projects. Mr. Ferrari indicated that he has had 100% success with this approach.

Deb Bray recommends that a sample for bacteria be done in an individual home quarterly. If residents want to do a test for free, run your water and if it is green, then you have corrosive water.

Board of Health member Dave Stanley wanted clarity about the location of where the water is being flushed and more specifically, are the chemicals harmful to the well water. Ms. Bray responded that the flushing does not harm any wells. The Board of Health would like to be copied on all paperwork.

What is the anticipated timeline?

It is anticipated that the next round of testing and results will be completed by June.

What is the future of the maintenance requirements for Mr. Therrien and the town?

The system will need to be checked to regulate the chemical levels. The mechanical system will run automatically. There will need to be annual maintenance, which could be handled by the contract water operator.

What are the responsibilities in notifying the DEP?

Northeast Water systems must make a complete submittal to DEP and the State will send notification back.

What are the effects of the flushing on the water pump?

The pump should operate all day long. The motor is burned out by starting and stopping. This should be run continuous. It will have no adverse effect on the pump. The deep well pump is designed for 20 years.

APPOINTMENTS:

- **On a motion made by Karin Furno, and seconded by Tom Petrowicz, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint Andy Obuchowski as a full-time sergeant to the Millville Police Department through June 30, 2007.**
- **On a motion made by Karin Furno, and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to promote Officer Jeffrey Dean to a full-time officer through June 30, 2007.**
- **On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz, and seconded by Karin Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Gerald Millette with regret.**

Superintendent Report:

- The bus contract was negotiated and next year four routes will be eliminated.
- The schools have currently passed the accreditation but are currently on a two-year review by the NEASC Accreditation.
- There will be no layoffs for the next year.
- The Construction Zone was explained and is considered an excellent program. Education Commissioner, David Driscoll came to visit all schools and he spoke highly of this program.
- There has been a 0% increase to the Blue Cross medical health plans.
- The numbers of elementary school students has decreased over previous years.
- Selectmen Furno wanted to know about the appointment of the ELS teacher. Mr. Campbell informed the Board of Selectmen that the State has required that we have a teacher to service those 12 students.

GOOD & WELFARE: None

Historical Commission:

- Margaret Carroll, who represents the Historical Commission, wanted to inform the Board of Selectmen that she is upset that the article sponsored by the Historical Commission that was submitted for the repair of the Udor Tower was stricken from the Warrant. The Chairperson explained that the board reviewed this and discussed it with the finance committee and it was the feeling that the town cannot currently afford to do this. The town would need to fund this before it gets to the town floor. It was Margaret's feeling that the Historical Commission did not have a chance

to present to the Fincom. Chairperson McCutcheon would like to meet with the Historical Commission to discuss this further. The Board would be happy to review where the Historical Commission may be going. The challenge is that the town must come up with matching funds for this project.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- There is a meeting at Blackstone Millville Regional School Committee on May 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Board of Selectmen was invited to Blackstone Memorial Day Parade.
- The Inspectors report was presented.
- Jean Poulin has sent out invitations to all Boards for the Memorial Day parade in Millville.

MINUTES:

- On a motion made by Karin Furno, and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the minutes from April 17, 2007.
- On a motion made by Karin Furno, and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the minutes from the April 24, 2007, which was a meeting with the Board of Health regarding emergency preparedness.
- The meeting minutes of April 25, 2007 with finance will be held until next meeting.
- On a motion made by Karin Furno, and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes of April 25, 2007 in regards to Stormwater.
- On a motion made by Charlie Poulin and seconded by Karin Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the minutes from May 2, 2007, which was a second meeting in regards to Stormwater.

GOOD & WELFARE: None

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Legal Request:

- On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz, and seconded by Karen Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman of the Planning Board to contact legal counsel.

- On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to allow the Board of Health to consult with legal counsel.

Paving Quote:

- On a motion made by Karin Furno, and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to award the paving contract to Bevilaqua for \$12,685.00.

2006 Audit Report:

- The Audit Report for 2006 will be presented at the June meeting.

MASS Highway Contract:

- On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz, and seconded by Karen Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to sign a 10-year contract agreement for the Chapter 70 monies.

There are four forms, which need to be signed by the Chairperson. The amount of the Town's FY08 apportionment is \$76,100.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bridge

- The Board of Selectmen wanted to inform the residents that the bridge is still on schedule and the abutments are ready to be poured. There have been no delays reported.

Business Retention

- The business retention grant meeting will be held on May 21st at 5:30 p.m. There is a \$75,000 grant and it will be administered through the BVCC.

Landfill Budget:

- It will cost \$18,000 to monitor the landfill.

Health Insurance:

- The Blue Cross and Blue Shield rates will not increase for the next year.

Personnel Issue:

- The Board of Selectmen discussed the Policy which states that when town employees are seeking election in town they must resign from their employment. It was explained that this has not been a policy which has been followed and it has not been enforced by the town. Selectmen Petrowicz feels that this would cripple the town if this were followed. He doesn't want to see anyone resign if they work for the town. Selectmen would like the discussion of this to be tabled until a full board is present.

Street Acceptance:

- **Afonso Estates:**
The Board of Selectmen voted to strike the acceptance of Afonso Estates since they did not get a recommendation from the highway surveyor. A letter from residents was also written stating some issues, which needed to be addressed.
- **Lorraine Estates:**
On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz, and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the letter of recommendation from the Planning Board that this street be accepted subject to compliance and a letter from Cullinan Engineering.
- **Landfill:**
Helen will follow-up with BATG.
- **Open Space:**
This will be tabled until May 21, 2007.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Selectmen Poulin will be the liaison for the Highway Department.
- There was a joint meeting with the Board of Assessors in regards to office procedures. The Chairperson stated that there are issues which need to be addressed internally and the board will look into that.
- The Stormwater contract will go to Earth Tech. This company will do the mapping and inspections. The town must know the locations of the outfalls and basins. The five-year plan will be up this year and another plan will be put in place for the next 5 years.
- Classification and Compensation Plan will be presented at the town meeting.

On a motion made by and seconded by the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland

Diane McCutcheon, Chairperson

Tom Petrowicz, Selectman

Charlie Poulin, Selectman

Karin Furno, Selectman

APPROVED AND SIGNED 6/4/07

