

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Minutes of July 21, 2008
6:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Chairman Paul Savage, Vice Chairman Tom Petrowicz, Charles Poulin, Jackie Lima and John Laura

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin and Town Counsel Gary Brackett

The meeting is called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Millville Town Hall.

The purpose of the Meeting is to review the Town's ongoing legal matters and evaluate the services of Mr. Brackett and the law firm of Brackett & Lucas. Chairman Savages explains the reason behind this.

Mr. Brackett provides a brief overview of ongoing cases. He will provide a written report at a later date including the origination date of each matter. He will then follow up with regular updates in the future.

The Board prefers to move forward and asks that Mr. Brackett not address the McNamara litigation.

Chairman Savage feels Brackett & Lucas is doing a fantastic job, recommends the Board continue using the firm and evaluate the services again in another year. He also recommends Town Counsel provide information regarding cell towers, adult district and cable broadcast by-laws for the Town to address in the future. He confirms that Brackett & Lucas has already accomplished a review of local acceptances.

Selectman Petrowicz is happy with the flow and access of the attorneys at Brackett & Lucas. Selectman Poulin questions the possible restructuring of the Building permit fees in the future.

Mr. Brackett indicates that he and the other attorneys in the firm are always happy and willing to come out to meet with any department or board, especially in an effort to resolve issues before they get worse.

Selectman Lima asks Mr. Brackett to comment on the credibility of his firm with respect to his recent case that was dismissed by the court as a frivolous action. Mr. Brackett explains the case and legal situation, confirming that any actions on behalf of the Town are brought with a great deal of credibility.

Selectman Poulin questions if the Town could seek reimbursement of attorneys' fees and/or pursue penalties from residents with respect to instances such as building code violation matters that cause the Town to incur legal expenses. Mr. Brackett explains the procedures for these instances.

Motion by Poulin, second by Petrowicz, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion passes unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Helen M. Coffin

Paul Savage, Chairman

Tom Petrowicz, Vice Chairman

Charles Poulin, Selectman

Jackie Lima, Selectman

John Laura, Selectman

APPROVED AND SIGNED 8/4/08