

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Minutes of September 15, 2008

Board of Selectmen Members Present: Chairman Paul Savage, Vice Chairman Tom Petrowicz, Members: Charlie Poulin, Jackie Lima, and John Laura.

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Millville Town Hall.

Announcements:

- The Millville Police Department will be having a child car seat safety day on September 20, 2008.
- The Department of Environmental Protection is performing a test on the Blackstone River. There may be some red dye discoloration in the river.
- There will be an all board meeting scheduled for October 20, 2008.
- The Special Town meeting will be Monday, December 8, 2008.

Joe Deliso, Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce - Regional Mapping:

Mr. Deliso from the Chamber of Commerce spoke to the Board of Selectmen and encouraged the town to apply for the Chapter 43D grant. An update was given on the goals of CMRCP. Mr. Deliso is looking to create a regional infrastructure system along with regional mapping. This is close to completion. It is his goal to get eleven towns in place and mapped out properly and accurately. There will be workshop on October 29, 2008 to look at the regional maps. The location of the meeting and agenda will be provided to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Deliso would like to create a regional economic development steering committee. He would like a commitment from the Board of Selectmen that this is a good concept.

National Grid- Trunk Lines:

National Grid is looking to create an Interstate Reliability Project. This transmission project is needed to meet the peak demand. It is also needed to preserve reliability when major elements of the electric systems are out of service. This project will relieve bottlenecks. The demand for electricity has increased over the last 20 years. There were five regional reliability concerns discussed. The infrastructure is aging. More drivers are needed to support hospitals, schools, emergency response, water, sewer, and traffic lights. There are four transmission projects to solve the five problems. The project is looking to have a new transmission line. A five step criteria was used based on siting requirements in MA, RI, and CT. This guided the evaluation of corridors and routes. The last 12 months have included environmental surveys and studies, technical analysis, engineering design, and early public outreach.

The planning and engineering will be through 2009. The permitting will begin late 2008 and through 2010. The construction will begin 2010 through 2012. The facility will be in service 2013. Ron Gillooly is the representative for the community relation portion of the project. Mr. Gillooly provided an overview about the community relation plan. National Grid has had meeting with state and local officials in 2006. There were 100 residences identifies as “direct” abutters. There will be open house dates for any residents who would like to attend. The dates for that will be finalized over the next week. National Grid has budgeted gates and guardrails at every road crossing (subject to landowner approval).

Minutes/Warrants:

August 18, 2008: (meeting)

- On a motion made by Jackie Lima and seconded by Tom Petrowicz , the Board of Selectmen voted **unanimously** to sign the minutes from August 18, 2008.

August 18, 2008: (regular meeting)

- On a motion made by Jackie Lima and seconded by Tom Petrowicz, the Board of Selectmen voted **unanimously** to sign the August 18, 2008 minutes.

September 2, 2008: (personnel policy)

- On a motion made by Jackie Lima and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted **unanimously** to sign the September 2, 2008 minutes.

September 2, 2008 : (regular meeting)

- On a motion made by Jackie Lima and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted **unanimously** to sign the September 2, 2008 minutes.

September 3, 2008: (town clerk)

- On a motion made by Jackie Lima and seconded by Tom Petrowicz, the Board of Selectmen voted **unanimously** to sign the minutes from September 3, 2008.

Warrants:

- On a motion made by Jackie Lima and seconded by Tom Petrowicz, the Board of Selectmen voted **unanimously** to sign the warrants as presented.

Appointments:

Part-Time Police Patrolman:

- On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded by John Laura, the Board of Selectmen voted **unanimously** to appoint Ron Tetreau as a part-time patrolman through June 30, 2009.

Public Forum:

Highway Department:

Drainage Improvements:

The Highway Surveyor noted that the bids are out for drainage improvements, which need to be made on Lincoln St. and Harmony Drive. Two easements will be needed.

Bridge Gate:

- On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded by Jackie Lima, the Board of Selectmen voted **unanimously** to send a letter to Mass Highway about postponing the installation on the gate. A letter will also be sent to Senator Moore.

Correspondence:

- The police department received an \$11,000 grant.
- Thank you to Unibank for the \$1,100 donation to the library.

Executive Secretary Report:

United Nations Proclamation:

- On a motion made by Jackie Lima and seconded by John Laura, the Board of Selectmen voted by majority to declare the United Nations proclamation. Selectman Lima-aye, Selectman Poulin-aye, Selectman Laura-aye, Selectman Savage-aye, Selectman Petrowicz-nay.

Authorization to sign grant money:

- On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded by John Laura, the Board of Selectmen voted **unanimously** to authorize Chairman Savage to sign the paperwork for the grant.

MEMA Room:

There is a water and possible mold issue in the MEMA room. The executive secretary wants to know how to proceed. Selectman Laura suggested pulling up the rug and use a heavy speed buffer on the floor. Mr. Oullette suggested a sand textured paint be used on the floor. He also volunteered to take up a section on the carpet and

see what is under the rug. This will be tabled until more information is provided about the status of the floor.

Electricity at the Landfill:

The wiring at the landfill is not up to code. An estimate was provided in the amount of \$1,875.00.

- **On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to authorize Thibault to do the electrical work at the landfill.**

Lynch property:

- **On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to allow Guerriere and Halnon to do the land surveying at the Lynch property and authorize the reserve fund transfer.**

Sand Bid:

- **On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded by Jackie Lima, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to award the washed sand bid to Kimball Sand.**

Salt bid:

- **On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded by John Laura, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to award the salt bid to Granite State Materials.**

Trench Regulations:

The town needs to adopt trench regulation bylaws. A meeting will be set up for October 6, 2008. This will need to go to town meeting.

Liaison Report:

Town Clerk:

Selectman Lima spoke with a representative at the Attorney Generals office and the towns warrant articles from the May meeting have been received. Selectmen Lima received an email showing confirmation of this. The board would like Attorney Brackett to clarify the communication he was provided from the Attorney General's office about the warrant articles. It was noted that the submittal of these were three months late.

Old Business:

Town Hall Hours:

The Board of Health indicated that they do not want the office hours changed.

Selectman Lima will check with the town clerk about appointing the Board of Health secretary as an acting town clerk when Susan McNamara is not available. This will be tabled and the hours will not be changed at this time.

181 Main St.:

The executive secretary provided a summary on the 181 Main St. There needs to be an assessment for hazardous materials. A proposal was provided to do an analytical evaluation and assessment of the property.

- **On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint RI Analytical to do the evaluation and assessment in the amount of \$2,525.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign and required paperwork.**

Old Business:

Taping Meeting Protocol:

The Chairman indicated that if the Cable Access Committee does not create a meeting tape protocol by the next meeting, the Board of Selectmen would create a policy.

New Business:

Secret Ballot:

A memo was received from Town Counsel regarding the secret ballot issue. The Board of Selectmen recommended bringing in the Town Moderator to discuss the memo. This is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 6:30 pm.

Good & Welfare:

Resident, Chuck Singleton, 164 Main St:

Mr. Singleton wanted to thank the Board of Selectmen for continuing to follow-up on the secret ballot issue. Mr. Singleton reminded the board that this issue was discussed back on June 2, 2008 and he still has not received a response. He asked the board to research the bylaw and see if there is an avenue for a grievance. He wants a decision from the Board of Selectmen.

Next Regular Meeting:

The Board of Selectmen will meet again on **Monday, October 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Longfellow Municipal Center.

- **On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded by John Laura, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to go into executive session under Chapter 39 Subsection 23b to consider the discipline of, or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer, staff member or individual. The Board will return to open session to adjourn the meeting.**

Roll Call Vote:

Charlie Poulin aye
John Laura aye
Jackie Lima aye
Tom Petrowicz aye
Paul Savage aye

ADJOURN:

- **On a motion made by Charlie Poulin and seconded by Tom Petrowicz, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:15am.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Sutherland

Paul Savage
Chairperson

Tom Petrowicz
Vice Chairman

Charlie Poulin
Selectman

Jackie Lima
Selectman

John Laura
Selectman

APPROVED AND SIGNED 10/6/08