

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Minutes of November 5, 2007

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

Others Present: Executive Secretary, Helen Coffin

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Thank you to the Boards and Departments for the successful All Board Meeting.
- Congratulations to the BMR Varsity Soccer team for making it to the semi-finals.
- The idea boxes for the naming of the bridge will be collected tomorrow.
- Selectman Poulin will be at the Town Hall on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Thank you to all who participated in the First Annual Pumpkin Party. There were 100 pumpkins donated by the Police Department and Fire Association.
- The Community Reading Day at Millville Elementary School was held on October 24, 2007.
- The Special Town Meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
- There are vacancies on various boards.

Public Hearing: Milk Street Pole Location

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing and read the public hearing notice that was duly posted in the Town Hall and local newspaper for pole locations on Milk Street. National Grid submitted a letter in support of the new pole locations. The new pole is needed to support pole line. A diagram was prepared. The wire is currently connected to a diseased tree, thus the need for the new pole.

- **On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded Tom Petrowicz, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to close the Public Hearing.**
- **On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded Karin Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the petition for the pole location on Milk Street.**

Afonso Estates Layout - Walter Noonan:

- Walter Noonan from Guerriere & Halnon stated that the issues at Afonso Estates have been resolved. The dirt pile on Lot 46 has been cleared. The catch basins have also been cleaned and concrete has been added on the curbing. The Chairman would like to wait to have the Planning Board write a letter to the Board of Selectmen that they are endorsing the acceptance. She wants to make sure that the issue with the sidewalks has been resolved. The Board of Selectmen wants to get a letter from Mr. Afonso indicating that he will plow the street on Paulette Way. The Highway Surveyor stated that he made a deal with Mr. Afonso that he cleaned the catch basins if he fixes another area in town. The engineer represented that all the paperwork has been accepted. The as-built plans have not been submitted. The Board of Selectmen would like the memo from the Planning Board by the next meeting.

Brad LaFontaine, Snowplowing Contractor:

- The Highway Surveyor indicated that the town is ready with the sand needed for snowplowing. The Highway Surveyor held a meeting with Brad LaFontaine to review the important areas in town such as specific walkways and sidewalks. For those residents that need salt, it is available.

MINUTES:

- **On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the regular meeting minutes from October 15, 2007.**
- **On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded Tom Petrowicz, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes from October 22, 2007 with the noted revisions.**
- **On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the Executive Session meeting minutes from October 5, 2007.**
- **On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded Tom Pewtrowicz, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to sign the warrants.**

GOOD & WELFARE: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- There was a letter from MIIA that provided recommendations for the Municipal Center, Library, and the Elementary School. This list has been supplied to Capital Planning.
- There will be a meeting on December 4, 2007 for the individuals involved with the Emergency Dispensing site.

- The Department of Conservation and Recreation are continuing to clean the debris in the Hope Street area.
- The Blackstone Conservation and Recreation is seeking grants for fishable waters. The contact is Peter Coffin.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT:

Access Road:

- On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded Karin Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to leave the access road on Estes Street open through the winter/snow season.

By-law Committee:

- The Board of Selectmen met with the Bylaw Committee at 6:00 pm. This was a productive meeting.

Parking Ban:

- On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded Paul Savage, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to have the parking ban in effect November 15, 2007 through April 1, 2007.

Council of Aging: Grant Contract:

- On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded Karin Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to allow the Chairperson to sign the grant contract for \$3,300.

Cultural Council – Grant Contract:

- On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded Karin Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to allow the Chairperson to sign the grant contract for \$ 4,000.

Liquor License/ One Day:

- On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded Karin Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to sign the one day liquor license for November 17, 2007 between 12:00 and 3:00 for the Chestnut Hill Community Center.

Parking on Central Street:

Chief Landry met with the Pastor and discussed alternatives and recommendations. The Pastor will discuss the information with the congregation to come up with a resolution. The Board of Selectmen did not want to cause an issue with the church. A concerned resident brought up this issue and it needed to be addressed since the parking causes a safety risk for pedestrians and safety vehicles.

Chief Landry would like all residents to make sure their mailbox and house numbers are visible from the street. This assists both the Fire and Police Departments in case of an emergency situation.

Resignations/Appointments

- On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded by Tom Petrowicz, the Board of Selectmen voted **unanimously** to accept the resignation of Mr. William Thibeault as dispatcher.
- On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded by Paul Savage, the Board of Selectmen voted **unanimously** to accept with regret the resignation of Jared Woeller as full-time officer.
- On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded by Karin Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted **unanimously** to appoint Steve Evans as a full-time police officer through June 30, 2008.
- On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded by Paul Savage, the Board of Selectmen voted **unanimously** to appoint Jared Woeller as part-time police officer through June 30, 2008.
- On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded by Karin Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted **unanimously** to appoint Steven Dehesanti as part-time police officer through June 30, 2008.
- On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted **unanimously** to accept the resignation from Tom Petrowicz as Temporary Tree Warden.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sunshine Sign Company:

- The Board of Selectmen met with the Sunshine Sign Company to look at the signs for the entrances to the Town. The Board will meet with the company again.

Health Issue - MRSA:

- The Board of Health, Board of Selectmen and Executive Secretary came together with the Town of Blackstone to address and clarify the recent health concern. All parties feel that communication needs to be improved with the schools, so that information can be disseminated to all in a timely manner.

Landfill Update:

A report was provided by Natural Resources addressing the landfill issues.

Bridge Update:

The Mass Highway representative stated that the binder coat paving will be done before winter, but the sidewalks will not be in place.

MASS Highway:

A letter will be written addressing the roads and that the binder must be put down. The executive secretary will follow-up with this.

Hope Street:

The Board of Selectmen would like to hold a meeting to discuss the letter that was recently supplied.

- Margaret Carroll feels that the fence is on the town property and this runs the length of the property. The gate is not on the town property. There will be a meeting on November 19, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. Selectman Savage suggests working with legal to find out our rights and then set up a meeting with the property owner to see how all parties can work together.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brick Building on Main St.:

- The cost of taking down this brick building is over \$20,000. The Historical Commission would like to contact Mass Historical. The Historical Commission will send a letter about the scope of work. There will be more “No Trespassing” signs placed on this building

Valley Disposal:

- The debris has been removed.

Water at the Fire Station:

- Selectman Savage suggests that the water be retested.

Board of Assessors:

- The Chairperson stepped down from the discussion. There was a mandatory meeting to be held on October 17, 2007 with legal counsel, the Chairman of the Board of Assessors and the liason Karin Furno. The liason is frustrated since the meeting never took place. A member of the Board of Assessors called the liason to inform her that the Chairman could not make the meeting. Selectman Savage still feels that there are issues that need to be resolved. Selectman Savage would like to set up another mandatory workshop meeting. The other members are in agreement and Town Counsel will be asked to attend.

Police Policies #22-25:

- The Board will review and has 30 days to respond back to Chief Landry with any comments.

Bridge- Gateway Access:

- Margaret Carroll wanted noted that the Historical Commission was initially told that it was possible to have the opening at the gateway access and the recent news that it is not part of the plan is very disappointing and dishonorable that now this has been eliminated.

GOOD & WELFARE: None

On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland

Diane McCutcheon
Chairperson

Paul Savage
Vice Chairman

Tom Petrowicz
Selectman

Charlie Poulin
Selectman

Karin Furno
Selectman

APPROVED AND SIGNED 11/19/07