

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Minutes of November 17, 2008
7:00 p.m.**

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

Board of Selectmen Members Absent: Thomas Petrowicz

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin

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

Boy Scout Commendations:

The pledge of allegiance was led by the Blackstone Boy Scout Troop 1. Matthew Lesperance and Ryan Fish were recognized for their work and service to the town. They completed their Eagle Scout projects. Margaret Carroll gave an overview of the work completed. Representative Callahan spoke and recognized the boys for their leadership and noted that the representatives at the State house signed a certificate recognizing their achievement. A letter from Senator Moore was read. Another letter was submitted to these boys on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. A letter was read by Mrs. Mercure on behalf of Diane McCutcheon, the past Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, recognizing the boys for their service. Mr. John McNamara also thanked the boys for their service. The Millville Senior Center building Committee presented an award to Matthew Lesperance for his project completion at the Senior Center. Margaret Carroll also presented an award from the Historical Commission commending Ryan Fish for his outstanding work on the restoration project of the Banigan City.

Ryan Fish gave the before and after comparison of the project. He wanted to thank all for their help on the project.

Announcements: None

Good and Welfare: None

Fire Truck Warrant Article:

Chief Mullaly was present at the meeting to discuss the article about the fire truck. The Board of Selectmen wanted clarity on the earmark number for the warrant article. There is enough money to pay for the truck outright from Capital Planning and ambulance receipts. The Chairman clarified that the money will not need to be earmarked.

- **On a motion made by Jackie Lima and seconded by John Laura, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to strike Article 10 from the Warrant.**

Footprint for Generator at Fire Station:

The Fire Chief explained that there would be a change to the footprint for the generator. This will be housed outside with a chain link fence around it.

Ambulance billing:

A copy of the billing was provided to the Board of Selectmen. The federal guidelines allow a 5% increase to the billable rates.

- **On a motion made by Jackie Lima and seconded by John Laura, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to allow the Chairman to sign the client rate form.**

Thank you to Mass Highway for fixing the ramp and staying true to their commitment.

Appointments and Resignations: None

Minutes/Warrants

November 3, 2008: (7:00 pm)

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

November 3, 2008: (6:00 pm)

- **On a motion made by Jackie Lima and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to sign the November 3, 2008 minutes.**

November 5, 2008 (7:00 pm):

- **These will be held until the next meeting.**

November 7, 2008 (10:00 am):

- **These will be held until the next meeting.**

November 12, 2008 (7:00 pm):

- **On a motion made by John Laura and seconded by Jackie Lima, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to sign the November 12, 2008 minutes. Selectman Savage abstained.**

Public Forum

Highway Department:

The Lincoln St. project is moving along smoothly and the catch basins are in. Mr. Dean will be attending a meeting on Chapter 90 money.

The Chamber of Commerce Grant:

The Board of Selectmen had a lengthy discussion with Margaret Carroll about the landscape design plan, which was created by Heritage Design Group. Mr. Deliso sent an email which noted that the Board of Selectmen and the Historical Commission should come to agreement and progress in regards to the plans. Selectman Lima explained that the copy of the book from the Historical Commission should be given to Heritage Design and have them come back with a revised and updated landscape design plan since the town has contracted with them for \$20,000. She believes that we should go back to the engineer and let them do the work. Selectman Laura explained that Heritage Design did not see the print from the Historical Commission. Selectman Laura recommended that the input from the board and commission should be given the Heritage Design. The Historical Commission wants to sit with the Board of Selectmen to discuss and agree on the plan. Selectman Savage explained the history of this grant. It was recommended that a list be created noting all aspects that the historical commission want included. The Executive Secretary will set up dates with the engineer, Historical Commission and the Board of Selectmen.

Town Hall Hours:

Margaret Carroll wanted to know why the town hall was closed at 2:00 pm during the week. The executive secretary explained that if someone is at the town hall alone, then the building will close at 2:00 pm. Selectman Lima wants a list of the employees and the scheduled hours. Selectman Savage wants this item to be resolved by the next meeting.

Election:

The town clerk wanted to thank all who helped with the elections. The participation was great having 83% of the voters came out.

Good and Welfare: None

Executive Secretary Report:

Fire Truck Bids:

The fire truck bid packet is completed.

Parking Ban:

- **On a motion made by Jackie Lima and seconded by John Laura, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to issue the parking ban from November 15, 2008 until April 1, 2008.**

Old Business

Signs around town:

Selectman Laura noted that the sticky tape on the sign plaque has fallen off. Selectman Laura will be contacting the manufacturer to discuss the other options. He would like to see all the signs mounted with the four screws.

DCR Request:

- **On a motion made by Jackie Lima and seconded by John Laura, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to sign the public certificate of announcement from the Department of Conservation and Recreation.**

MES Issue:

The Board of Selectmen would like to have the executive secretary contact the town attorney check into the amended lease for the Millville Elementary School.

181 Main St.:

The Historical Commission would like to hold a meeting to discuss 181 Main St. This meeting will be scheduled for December 15, 2008 at 6:00 pm.

New Business:

MES Water:

Selectmen Poulin and Laura did a site visit at MES. They looked at the tank and it looked good. The board would like Mr. Ferrari to explain the \$800.00 charge for labor to install the ph meter. The board also wants to know why Mr. Ferrari was not present this evening to answer the various questions. Mr. Paul Ouellette noted that maybe it is time for the selectmen to get another opinion about the water situation at the school.

Annual Report:

A memo was sent out about the Annual Town Report. The Board of Selectmen discussed if a workshop should be held to create a policy. The board felt that the submissions could be reviewed by the board prior to publication.

Legal Bills:

Selectman Laura was inquiring about the legal expenses to date. He wanted to know if the board could control this better. The executive secretary communicated that the town to date has spent \$9,000 which is very good.

Plumbing/Gas Fees:

The executive secretary provided to the board information about the fees which are charged from surrounding towns. This information will be given to the plumbing inspector in town for review.

Good & Welfare: None

The next Board of Selectmen meeting will be **Monday, December 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** to be held at the Longfellow Municipal Center.

ADJOURN:

- **On a motion made by Charlie Poulin and seconded by Jackie Lima, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Sutherland

Paul Savage
Chairperson

Tom Petrowicz
Vice Chairman

Charlie Poulin
Selectman

Jackie Lima
Selectman

John Laura
Selectman