

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Minutes of December 1, 2008

6:00 p.m.

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

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin, Board of Assessors Members Judy Sambor, Dorothy Dilorenzo and Jennifer Dean-Wing.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at the Millville Town Hall.

The Board of Selectmen wanted to meet with the Board of Assessors to discuss a letter, which was sent from the Board of Assessors. Chairman Savage wanted to know why the logs from the Board of Assessors have stopped. It is the opinion of Chairman Savage that the Board of Assessors has not been following the direction given by the Board of Selectmen and that this is insubordination.

The Board of Assessors expressed that they were told to provide a year worth of logs and that was done; and they believe that there is no insubordination. The Board of Assessors also feels that the reason the logs were provided was to answer the questions about outsourcing. Chairman Savage recommended that a motion be made to set up a disciplinary hearing to discuss the fact that the logs were not submitted. Selectman Lima feels that the language of the motion, which was made a year ago, needs to be looked into to clarify what was asked of the Board of Assessors. The executive secretary will research the past minutes.

Selectman Petrowicz wants accountability about what is being done during the time the visits are taking place outside of the town hall. The assessors feel that the property cards with the inspection date is sufficient. The Assessors wanted to know if town counsel sent the logs to ethics. The executive secretary stated that she has no knowledge of that.

Selectman Lima believes that having a report on where employees of the town are when off site is needed for liability reasons. She also communicated that it would be beneficial to have the chronological log. Selectman Lima also wanted to know if the town has a back-up system if the computer system fails and breaks. The assessors noted that everything is kept on the paper cards.

- **On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz, and seconded by Jackie Lima, the Board of Selectmen voted to have the Board of Assessors provide to the payroll department, along with the timesheet and voucher, documentation indicating hours worked and activities performed outside town hall to validate time off property doing site visits. The Board of Assessors will be**

accountable for this and it will be enforceable by the Board of Assessors and can be provided in any format they chose.

Roll Call Vote:

Jackie Lima, aye; Charlie Poulin, aye; John Laura, aye; Tom Petrowicz, aye; Paul Savage, nay Vote passes (4 to 1)

Legal Counsel Request:

The Board of Assessors communicated that there has been an ethics complaint and the Board of Assessors would like to get legal advice on this matter. They do not want to use Brackett and Lucas.

- **On a motion made by Jackie Lima and seconded by Tom Petrowicz, the board of selectmen voted unanimously to table this item until more information is provided.**

The Board of Assessors will contact an independent counsel to provide a cost estimate for services.

The Board takes a brief recess before commencing the 7:00 regular meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland

Paul Savage
Chairperson

Tom Petrowicz
Vice Chairman

Charlie Poulin
Selectman

Jackie Lima
Selectman

John Laura
Selectman