

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Minutes of December 2, 2008  
6:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Vice Chairman Tom Petrowicz (arrived late), Selectmen Charlie Poulin, Jackie Lima and John Laura

**Members Absent:** Chairman Paul Savage

**Others Present:** Executive Secretary Helen Coffin; Historical Commission Members Margaret Carroll, Janet Davis, Jean Poulin and Mary Gauvin

Selectman Lima calls the meeting to order at 6:05 pm at the Millville Town Hall.

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The Board meets with members of the Historical Commission and Chris King of Heritage Design Group to discuss the design plans in connection with the Business Retention Grant. Selectman Lima explains the meeting is a follow-up to the meeting held last month.

Margaret Carroll feels strongly that the Town does not need another landscape plan because there is already an existing plan that was accepted by the Town many years ago. She hopes the Board is prepared to discuss a streetscape plan focusing on the center of Town (Main & Lincoln). She also advises that the areas recently walked with Representative Callahan and members of the DCR were not addressed on these plans. Margaret reminds the Board that Joe Deliso of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce has asked that the Board of Selectmen and Historical Commission come to a mutual understanding/agreement before proceeding any further. Margaret would like to know if the Board is going to accept the current plans as designed.

Selectman Lima advises that the current Board has never been satisfied with the plans as designed and is not prepared to accept them at this point. Her understanding from the last meeting was that the Historical Commission would get its pertinent information to Heritage Design to incorporate into amended plans. The Board members agreed that the result of the last meeting was that a copy of the Commission's landscape plan would be copied and sent to Chris King. Lengthy discussion follows regarding the need for new plans.

Margaret does not feel any new plans are necessary since the Historical Commission has put together their own set of plans indicating the historical sites along the bridge and she does not feel it is necessary to turn these over to Heritage Design. Margaret presents the Commission's new streetscape plan to the Board. Selectman Lima feels that this information would be valuable to Heritage Design and that Chris is here, open-minded

and willing to work with us. Lengthy discussion follows regarding the value that could be brought by turning over the information to Heritage Design.

Chris King of Heritage design reiterates that Heritage Design is willing to make amendments to the draft/working plans at no additional charge to the Town. He feels that in order for his firm to proceed with any amendments, additional information from the Historical Commission needs to be provided. He feels that the parties should let bygones be bygones and rather than be adversarial, the parties should work together to produce a plan that the Town will be happy with. Chris further describes at length the advantages of incorporating this information into the new plans and explains various other elements that could be included on an amended plan. He is willing to sit down and meet with the Historical Commission to be sure the Commission's concerns are addressed. Margaret Carroll remains reluctant to provide copies to Heritage Design Group.

The Board feels strongly that copies should be provided to Heritage Design so that they can be incorporated into one new plan that can be used by the Town in the future, when the funds are available, to contract the work to be done. Additionally, part of the contract with Heritage Design calls for budget estimates – this will be valuable since the Commission's will be out of date. Chris King offers to have additional copies of the landscape plan for the Town at no additional cost. He will work with Margaret Carroll to obtain copies of the Commission's streetscape plan.

Selectman Lima appreciates the time and efforts of the Historical Commission and the attendance and cooperation of Chris King of Heritage Design Group. Thanks to all.

***Motion by Laura, second by Petrowicz, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion passes unanimous.***

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Coffin

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Thomas Petrowicz, Vice Chairman

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Charles Poulin

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Jackie Lima

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John Laura