

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Minutes of December 3, 2007
7:00 pm**

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

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin

Chairperson McCutcheon called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and asked for a motion to suspend the meeting until the conclusion of the Special Town Meeting.

On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to open the regular meeting and suspend it until the conclusion of the Special Town Meeting.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Special Town Meeting took place earlier in the evening as scheduled.
- The next Board of Selectmen Meeting will be held at the Senior Center on Monday, December 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
- Condolences go out to the Levine family on the recent death of their father.
- There are vacancies on various boards.

Public Hearing: Lincoln Street – pole location

The Chairman opened the continued public hearing for pole locations on Lincoln St. at 7:35 p.m. The engineers are currently looking to relocate the poles to the other side of the street. Another public hearing will need to be posted and advertised once new paperwork is received from National Grid.

On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to close the public hearing for the pole locations.

MINUTES:

On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded Karin Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes from November 19, 2007 held at 5:00 p.m.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Resident, Dick Mercure:

Mr. Mercure wanted to know if there was a follow-up in regards to the 21 Hope Street property. The Chairperson communicated that a letter has been sent to the homeowner and the Board of Selectmen will be setting up a follow-up meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPOINTMENTS:

On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded by Karin Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Theresa Gaunt from the Council on Aging position.

On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded by Karin Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint David DaSilva to the Millville Police Department as a dispatcher through June 30, 2008.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT:

Police Grant Contract:

On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded by Tom Petrowicz, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to allow the Chairperson to sign the contract for the 911 training grant.

FEMA Contract:

On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded by Paul Savage, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to allow the Chairperson to sign the contract for the Town's remaining share of funds from the 2005 flood.

Millville Elementary School Water System:

The Board of Selectmen will be meeting with Northeast Water Systems on January 7, 2008 to discuss the second phase of treatment.

OLD BUSINESS:

Naming of the Bridge:

The Chairperson reviewed the names/ideas that were included in the suggestion boxes. The Board of Selectmen discussed the suggestions.

On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded by Tom Petrowicz, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to support naming the bridge in honor of John F. Dean and the Executive Secretary will send a letter supporting this name to Senator Moore.

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD & WELFARE:

Chairperson McCutcheon wanted to address the Board of Selectmen and stepped down from her seat to address several comments made at the last Board of Selectmen meeting about her being at the Uxbridge Court House.

Diane McCutcheon was speaking as a resident and communicated to the Board of Selectmen and residents that she has spoken with the Ethics Commission many times about some of the decisions she has been faced with. She explained that when she became a selectman, she did not give up the right to be a resident of the Town of Millville. It was confirmed that she went to the court to observe the proceedings in regards to 366 Chestnut Hill Rd. It was communicated that it was acceptable for her and her husband to be present since this issue does involve her family since as abutters they are appealing the decision made by the Planning Board. There were no improprieties conducted by her at the courthouse. It was bothersome to Mrs. McCutcheon that pictures were taken of her and her husband since this was an invasion of privacy. Mrs. McCutcheon communicated that the Chairman of the Planning Board, Jim Hull, was speaking to her about the appearance of impropriety, when he has worked and had a personal relationship with the person involved in this case and this information was not disclosed, nor did he step down when voting on this Special Permit. Mrs. McCutcheon also noted that Selectman Poulin has also worked for the family involved in this case and he did not disclose this information. Mrs. McCutcheon urges the Board of Selectmen to hold other people to the same criteria that are being set for her. Mrs. McCutcheon also communicated that she has always left the room and stepped down when discussion about the Assistant Assessor’s suit against her has taken place. It was recommended that all members of the Board of Selectmen learn the Ethics laws.

On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland

Diane McCutcheon, Chairperson

Paul Savage, Selectman

Tom Petrowicz, Selectman

Charlie Poulin, Selectman

Karin Furno, Selectman

APPROVED AND SIGNED 12/17/08