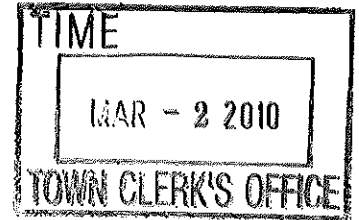


**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

MINUTES OF MEETING

February 11, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.



Board of Selectmen Present: Chairperson Jackie Lima, Vice Chairman Thomas Petrowicz, Secretary Charles Poulin, John Laura and Roland Barrett

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin; Town Accountant Marilyn Mathieu; Deb Trumbull, Small Water Systems; Bob Ferrari, Northeast Water Solutions; Members of Millville Finance and Capital Planning Committees

The meeting is called to order at 6:10 p.m. at the Millville Town Hall.

Deb Trumbull provides an update on the water situation at the Millville Elementary School. She provides an explanation of her January 13, 2010 Memorandum regarding the operation requirements including the backwashing. Discussion follows regarding certified water operators and the education requirements. The Town must decide how it wishes to go forward on this matter.

Mr. Augat of the Capital Planning Committee questions the funds expended on this situation.

Chairperson Lima explains that significant progress has been made and additional issues have arisen over the past few years. The Town is looking for Deb Trumbull to provide a projected budget for the remainder for FY10 and a projected budget for FY11.

Bob Ferrari speaks on reducing the backwashing...we should start with once every 2 days and then once every 3 days. He will provide an estimate on the installation of a dry well for the March 1st meeting.

Bob reviews his December 15, 2009 Memorandum to the Board outlining upgrade alternatives available regarding the water tank and the associated expenses. His recommendation is to leave the existing tank for fire protection and purchase a new one for potable water only.

Members of the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District and Blackstone Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee are now present. Senator Richard Moore is present.

Chairman Buckley calls the meeting of the School Committee to order and introductions are made.

Town Account Marilyn Mathieu provides an overview of the Town's financial status for FY10 - she feels we are holding steady and is hoping for no 9C cuts. She has prepared the FY11 revenue numbers. She feels strongly that we need to remain conservative.

Blackstone's Finance Committee indicates they are also being conservative and they have begun their departmental meetings.

Superintendent Kim Shaver Hood advises that the budget was frozen in October. The School Committee's Public Hearing on the budget will be March 18th.

Chairman Buckley explains that a level-funded budget will cut 6-8 positions and 4 extracurricular activities or sports; a 5% reduction will cut 13-14 positions and 9 extra curricular activities or sports; and a 10% reduction would cut 20 positions and 12 extra curricular activities or sports. He also advises that Delta Dental should decrease 2.5% but negotiations thus far with Blue Cross Blue Shield indicate an 11% increase. He explains the Committee's recent regional efforts and the need for an expanded pre-kindergarten program. The full-day Kindergarten program has been positive.

Mrs. Shaver-Hood advises that the District must look towards preparing for the Special Education 18-21 year old program. There will be a need to purchase a van for transportation...this would be less expensive than contracting with the bus company.

There is an anticipated significant reduction in the Circuit Breaker funding.

Chairman Buckley feels the towns may wish to consider changing the Regional Agreement to allow for the consolidation of Blackstone and Millville students in the elementary schools under certain circumstances - this could be a potential cost savings.

Senator Richard Moore addresses questions from the audience and provides additional information on upcoming local aid and educational funding efforts.

Chairman Buckley urges Millville to reconsider matching the Cable funds.

Chairperson Lima provides an update on the MES water situation. The Town needs a certified water operator to perform the backwashing and questions whether an existing employee would be willing to take this on. Due to new laws and recent legislation passed, Blackstone is not interested in this at this time. Millville needs clarification from Deb Trumbull on the new laws.

Members of the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District, Blackstone Board of Selectmen, Blackstone Finance Committee and Senator Moore leave the meeting.

Chairperson Lima advises she would like to take the Agenda items out of order.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

A letter is received from Betsy Cournoyer resigning from the Board of Assessors.

On a motion made by Petrowicz and second by Laura, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to accept the resignation, with regrets.

Correspondence is received from Tom Shaheen advising of his interest in an appointment to the Board of Assessors.

On a motion made by Laura and second by Petrowicz, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to appoint Tom Shaheen to the Board of Assessors through June 30, 2012.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special and Annual Town Meetings are Monday, May 10th. The Warrants are open and will be closed on March 15th.

Correspondence was received from Charter that letters were sent out in error. Please call Cable with any questions.

The Town was informed by DHCD that we did not receive funding on our recent grant application.

Representative Jennifer Callahan arrives.

Representative Callahan apologizes for missing the meeting earlier. She provides a brief update on the local and educational aid but she will follow-up with the School Committee. She also advises that the Blackstone/Millville van was delivered.

MINUTES

February 1, 2010

On a motion made by Petrowicz and seconded by Poulin, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to sign the Minutes of February 1, 2010.

WARRANTS

On a motion made by Petrowicz and second by Laura, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to approve and sign the payroll deductions warrant as read.

PUBLIC FORUM

Paul Ouellette asks the status of Mark's Garage. Chairperson Lima advises that the Class II License was granted at the last meeting and was cleared by the Board of Health.

The Fire Chief learned that Indiana sent a counter proposal for the Fire Truck but he never received it. Chairperson Lima asked that he call and ask them to fax or email it to him for the Board's review. The Board will meet on February 22nd to discuss the matter further.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Parade Permit. Correspondence was received from the Millville Firefighters' Association seeking a Parade Permit. The Board would like confirmation of the parade route by April 30th prior to approving the request. TABLED

Toll Day. Correspondence was received from the Knights of Columbus seeking to hold a Toll Day on April 17th.

On a motion made by Petrowicz and second by Poulin, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to approve the Toll Day for April 17, 2010 per the Town's Safety Regulations.

Highway Contract. The Board previously awarded the Chestnut Hill Road paving project to All States Asphalt, Inc. The Contracts need signature.

On a motion made by Petrowicz and second by Laura, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to authorize the Chairperson to sign the two original Contracts with All-States Asphalt, Inc.

LIAISON REPORTS/UPDATES

Town Clerk. Chairperson Lima will again ask the Town Clerk to provide an electronic copy of the By-laws to the Executive Secretary as well as a few hard copies.

Millville Elementary Water. Selectman Petrowicz feels the Town needs clarification from Small Water Systems on the new legislation regarding water operators. Until further notice, Small Water Systems should handle out backwashing needs. The Executive Secretary confirms that the budget should be overspent and that the overage will come from the Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee are in agreement. has gone over budget and this will need to be addressed with the many other issues on February 11th.

Fire / Police Departments. Selectman Poulin has nothing to report.

Board of Assessors. Selectman Laura advises that there is a situation with interference in the Assessors Office by a former member of the Board of Assessors. Discussion follows regarding the nature and seriousness of the situation.

On a motion made by Petrowicz and second by Barrett, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously that the Executive Secretary draft a letter to Jennifer Dean-Wing for approval by the Board on March 1st. (Laura abstains)

Cable Committee. Selectman Barrett advises that the Cable is moving along with the construction of the office space. Charter had to reschedule their meeting earlier this week but it is the Committee's hope to be up and running by the end of March.

OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES

Police Department Policies. The Board reviewed Policies 43-49.

On a motion made by Poulin and second by Laura, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to approve Policies 43-49.

NEW BUSINESS None.

FINAL PUBLIC FORUM

Chief Mullaly informs the Board that additional employees are in the process of receiving additional medical training.

Selectman Petrowicz feels Capital Planning should be notified that the parking lot at the School is getting bad.

Paulette Mercure asks the status of the Ryan litigation. Executive Secretary will provide update at next meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

February 11, 2010 at 8:30 p.m. February 16th Meeting is cancelled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Petrowicz and second by Poulin, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to enter Executive Session under MGL c.39 section 23B (3) to discuss ongoing litigation and will return to open session only to review the Assessors Office construction and then to adjourn the regular meeting. Roll Call Vote: Lima, aye; Petrowicz, aye; Poulin, aye; Laura, aye; Barrett, aye


The Board reviews the Assessors Office construction. It is agreed that the new door is not what was expected but it is agreed that it is too late to change it so the door will stay.

ADJOURN

On a motion made by Poulin and second by Barrett, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 11:07 pm.

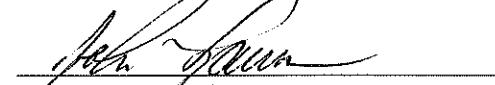
Respectfully Submitted,
Helen M. Coffin


Jackie Lima, Chairperson


Charles Poulin, Secretary


Roland Barrett, Selectman

Thomas Petrowicz, Vice Chairman


John Laura, Selectman