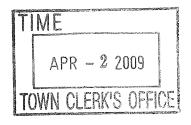
## TOWN OF MILLVILLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN





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

Board of Selectmen Members Absent: Vice Chairman Tom Petrowicz

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin

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

## Announcements: None

## **Senior Center Building Committee:**

John McNamara and Paulette Mercure were present as representatives of the Senior Center Building Committee. The Committee was officially requesting to be dissolved. Recognition went out to late Mr. Mercure for his tireless efforts along with others who gave to this building. A remembrance ceremony for Richard Mercure will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at the Senior Center. Mrs. Mercure wanted to thank the Millville residents for their support.

Mrs. McNamara created a Millville memories photo album for all residents to view.

• On a motion made by John Laura and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectman voted <u>unanimously</u> to dissolve the Millville Senior Center Building Committee.

# Minutes/Warrants:

## February 17, 2009: (7:00 pm):

• On a motion made by Jackie Lima and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted <u>unanimously</u> to sign the minutes from February 17, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

#### February 18, 2009: (6:00 pm):

On a motion made by Jackie Lima and seconded by John Laura, the Board of Selectmen voted <u>unanimously</u> to sign the minutes from February 18, 2009 at 6:00 pm with the noted revisions. (Selectman Savage abstained) Selectman Lima wanted the permitting authority section to be revised.

## February 18, 2009: (7:00 pm):

On a motion made by Jackie Lima and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted <u>unanimously</u> to sign the minutes from February 18, 2009 at 7:00 pm. with revisions. (Selectman Savage abstained)

## Warrants:

• On a motion made by John Laura and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted <u>unanimously</u> to sign the town warrants as read.

# **Public Forum:**

## John Dean, Highway Department:

• On a motion made by John Laura and seconded by Jackie Lima, the Board of Selectman voted <u>unanimously</u> to sign the Chapter 90 reimbursement forms.

Mr. Dean is concerned that some of the sidewalks on the bridge were never sealed. The Executive Secretary will follow-up on this.

## **Good and Welfare:**

# Paul Ouellette, 382 Chestnut Hill Rd:

He expressed his views on the spending freeze and expressed that all expenditures need to be justified. There is some confusion about what this spending freeze means.

#### Fire Chief Mullaly:

The Chief will put on an article on the warrant for the replacement of the vehicle. Chief Mullaly wants to get three quotes. Selectman Laura suggests getting bids to get this truck fixed instead. Get three sets of quotes to fix and three quotes for a new truck. Selectman Laura wants to see the punch list.

# **Appointments and Resignations:**

## **Dispatcher Blaine Shephard**

• On a motion made by Jackie Lima and seconded by John Laura, the Board of Selectmen voted <u>unanimously</u> to appoint Blaine Shepard to the part-time dispatch position through June 30, 2009.

# Correspondence:

• A letter from Blackstone came inquiring if the Board of Selectmen would like to walk in the Memorial Day Parade.

# **Executive Secretary Report:**

## **Spending Freeze Vouchers:**

The Executive Secretary wanted clarity about the flagging of the vouchers which may not be necessities. The Town Accountant will be holding any vouchers which are not necessities. Chief Mullaly indicated that he did submit the two vouchers in question and explained his reason for submitting them.

## **Custodian Position:**

The Executive Secretary wanted authorization to post the janitor position.

 On a motion made by John Laura, and seconded by Charlie Poulin the Board of Selectman voted <u>unanimously</u> to authorize the Executive Secretary to post the janitor position for the Town Hall and Police Department not to exceed 10 hours per week.

## **Board of Health:**

Thank you to the Board of Health for disposing of the old desks and computers.

#### **Scheduled Evaluations:**

The performance evaluations on Chief Landry, Chief Mullaly and Helen Coffin will take place on March 16th. The forms will need to be completed by March 11, 2009.

## **Annual Reports:**

The Executive Secretary would like the Board of Selectmen to review and comment on the annual report. The Executive Secretary is proposing to do the publishing inhouse and will be purchasing the binding machine. The deadline is March 23, 2009. A total of 150 will be printed by the end of April.

## Mounting of signs:

Selectman Lima will follow-up with the Historical Commission about the poles. The cost for each is \$390.00.

## **Cable Committee:**

There has been no update from the Cable Committee. The technician believes that the video issue may be weather related. The Executive Secretary was informed that the Cable Committee has the new cameras in their possession.

#### **Liaison Report:**

Selectman Laura will follow-up about the bill in the amount of \$767.00 which was charged to the Town for the library. Selectman Laura wants to see if the Town could get on a maintenance plan for all buildings.

#### **Dispatch Regionalization:**

There will be a meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2009 in Mendon. Chief Landry wants the Town to move slowly with this process to make sure that all options are explored.

Old Business: None

# **New Business:**

#### Request for Legal:

Selectman Lima explained that the Board of Assessors would like to request legal advice but do not want to use the town attorney. The Board of Assessors would like to file an appeal on an ethics decision but do not want to use the town attorney. They have received a quote from Attorney Lane in the amount of \$195.00 and hour.

Chairman Savage wants to know why the Board of Assessors did not submit this request to the Executive Secretary. Selectman Lima does believe that by using Attorney Brackett it creates a conflict of interest. The Executive Secretary will contact the insurance company.

## Mrs Mercure, 31 Afonso Wav:

Mrs. Mercure communicated that she did not feel that the Board of Selectmen can authorize an employee to use another town counsel.

The Executive Secretary did inform the Board that she will need a copy of all the paperwork including the decision about the ethics violation. She will also research if town employees are allowed to use different counsel.

• On a motion made by Jackie Lima, and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted to grant the request for legal. Vote passes.

Charlie Poulin aye Paul Savage nay Jackie Lima aye John Laura aye

If the Board of Selectmen receives any new information about this, the motion may be rescinded and acted on at the Thursday meeting.

## **Town Hall Work:**

Selectman Lima wanted to inform the Board that she became aware that an employee is taking home Town bills to stuff and seal. She wants all tax bills to stay in the Town Hall. Chairman Savage is in agreement with Selectman Lima. The Executive Secretary will follow-up with the Treasurer.

 On a motion made by Jackie Lima and seconded by John Laura, the Board of Selectmen voted <u>unanimously</u> that all Town tax bills are stuffed and sealed at the Town Hall and do not leave the building until they are reading to be mailed.

#### Resident, Adam Menard:

He wanted to let the Board know that by approving the request for legal for the Board of Assessors with no limit could potentially cost the town more money since the hourly rate for town counsel is \$135.00 compared with Attorney Lane who is \$195.00.

## Next Regular Meeting:

The next Board of Selectmen meeting will be **Monday**. **March 16**, **2009** at **7:00** p.m. to be held at the Longfellow Municipal Center.

## ADJOURN:

• On a motion made by Jackie Lima and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted <u>unanimously</u> to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland

Paul Savage Chairperson Tom Petrowicz Vice Chairman

Charlie Poulin Selectman

Jackie Lima Selectman

John Laura Selectman