



## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

290 Main Street  
Millville, MA 01529

Monday, January 21, 2020

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### **PRESENT:**

Chairwoman, Erica Blake, Vice Chairman Jennifer Dean Wing, Member, Tom Houle, Andrew Alward and Kevin Surette.

The Chairwoman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

On a motion made by Jennifer Dean Wing and seconded by Tom Houle, the Board of Selectmen entered executive session per M.G. L.c30A, Section 30A, Section 21 (a)(3) to discuss strategy relative to pending or threatened litigation where discussion on these matters in open session would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the town. The Chairman declares that open session would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the town.

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Tom Houle	aye
Jennifer Dean Wing	aye
Andrew Alward	nay
Kevin Surette	aye
Erica Blake	aye

The Board of Selectmen reentered open session at 7:38 pm from Executive Session to reconvene the regular meeting.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- There were no announcements.

### **MINUTES:**

**January 6, 2020:**

**On a motion made by Tom Houle and seconded by Kevin Surette, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from January 6, 2020 with the revisions noted by Andrew Alward.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Email inquiry from reporter.

Chief Landry speaking in full disclosure addressed the Board of Selectmen by indicating that there was an incident in Uxbridge at his property when he was not on duty which affected his family and property. This is a civil matter. Chief Landry explained that he never identified himself as the Chief of Police in Millville when the situation occurred. Chief Landry did meet with the Police Chief in Uxbridge to explain the situation. Chief Landry explained that he was loud and his filter was off when a car he purchased with a \$30,000 value was damaged in its transport to his home. This is a civil matter between the two parties. The Town Administrator did speak with the reporter who after speaking with Mr. Caruso was not interested in the story.

### **DEPARTMENTS:**

#### **Treasurer – Reserve Fund Transfer Request:**

The Board of Selectmen are in receipt of a Reserve Fund Transfer Form dated January 9, 2020 in the amount of \$3,327.00. This is to be transferred to Worcester County Retirement Fringe Benefits Account. The Town Administrator communicated that he was in front of the Finance Committee who approved the reserve fund transfer.

#### **Election Information:**

The Board of Selectmen were informed of the following elections and dates:

#### **Presidential Primaries:**

The election warrant needs to be posted by February 25, 2020. The date of the election is March 3, 2020. The election times are 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

#### **Annual Town Election:**

The date of the annual town election is April 6, 2020. The time of election is 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Election will take place at St. Augustine Church, 15 Lincoln Street. The nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk office. The last day to obtain nomination papers is Thursday February 13, 2020.

#### **The positions to be on the ballot include:**

- Blackstone Millville Regional School Committee Millville Member
- Board of Health Member
- Board of Selectmen – 2 positions
- Constable
- Highway Department/Surveyor
- Library Board of Trustees – 2 positions
- Planning Board Member – 2 positions

- Tree Warden
- Veterans Memorial Park

## **PUBLIC FORUM:**

### **Senior Work Off Program:**

Ms. Cook a resident from Providence Street wanted to know if the town can reexplore the possibility of instituting the Senior Tax Work Off Program. The Town Administrator will contact the Town Administrator from the Town of Blackstone to see how the program works in Blackstone and see if this is something the Town of Millville can implement.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Resignation of Veterans Service Officer:**

The Board of Selectmen is in receipt of an email from Geoffrey Wing dated January 4, 2020 regarding his resignation from the Veterans Service Officer position.

**On a motion made by Kevin Surette and seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Geoffrey Wing from the position of Veterans Service Officer position.**

### **Appointment of Veterans Service Officer:**

Mr. Trottier is interested in fulfilling the extended term as the Veterans Service Office for a term ending June 30, 2020.

**On a motion made by Kevin Surette and seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board of Selectmen voted to appoint Todd Trottier to the position of Veterans Service Officer position for a term ending June 30, 2020. (Selectmen Dean-Wing abstained from vote)**

### **Snow Emergency Restrictions:**

The Board of Selectmen discussed implementing the snow emergency restrictions from November 1, 2019 to April 1, 2020.

**On a motion made by Jennifer Dean Wing and seconded by Tom Houle, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the snow emergency restrictions.**

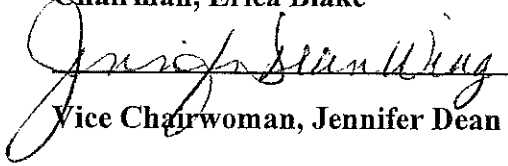
## **SELECTMEN'S REPORTS:**

### **RAAC Update:**

Selectman Alward and Chairman of the School Committee Jane Reggio provided the Board of Selectmen with an update on the RAAC agreement. The language is still being reviewed by Counsel. There was a question from the Town Administrator that it would be beneficial to include language in regard to enabling the Town and Blackstone for their buildings to have the option to utilize access capacity. All of the comments have been vetted but not all included in the agreement based on the discussion with all members at the meetings. The Board of Selectmen were informed that an updated draft will be provided February 6, 2020. There will be

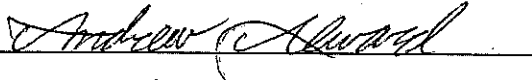


Chairman, Erica Blake

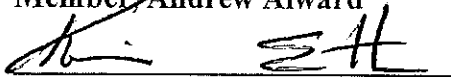


Vice Chairwoman, Jennifer Dean Wing

Member, Tom Houle



Member, Andrew Alward



Member, Kevin Surette

a meeting on January 22, 2020 with the School Committee Chairman, Dr. Defalco, and Town Administrator Caruso.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

- All items previously discussed.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Chairman Blake would like to offer condolences to the Pena family in the recent passing of their son Tony Pena who was a student at BVT. The Chairman would like a letter of condolence sent.

**On a motion made by Tom Houle and seconded by Jennifer Dean Wing, the Board of Selectmen voted by Roll Call Vote to enter into Executive Session per M.G.L.c.30A, Section 21 (a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Teamsters Union Local 170 (Firefighters) and to reconvene in open session to adjourn the meeting.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Tom Houle	aye
Jennifer Dean Wing	aye
Andrew Alward	aye
Kevin Surette	aye
Erica Blake	aye

**NEXT MEETING:**

- Monday, February 3, 2020.

The regular meeting ended at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland

Recording Secretary