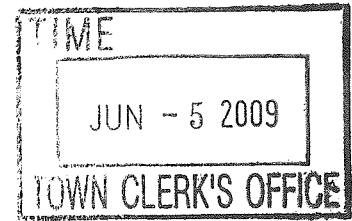


**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2009
6:00 p.m.**



Board of Selectmen Members Present: Chairperson Jackie Lima, Charlie Poulin, John Laura and Roland Barrett

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin

The meeting is called to order at 6:12 p.m. at the Millville Town Hall.

The Board of Selectmen meets in conjunction with the Finance Committee Public Hearing.

The Finance Committee reviews and addresses the financial articles on the Special Town Meeting Warrant providing its recommendations.

Chairman Menard advises that it will be the Committee's recommendation to postpone addressing the financial articles on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant until a later date; however, the Committee does have a proposed budget ready.

Chairman Menard reviews the FY10 proposed budget by announcing the total salaries and expenses for each department according to the budget handout made available. Discussion follows concerning questions and comments regarding the reduction in hours and elimination of medical insurance of two employees.

Chairperson Lima explains the Board's reasoning behind making these unfortunate cuts. She provides a brief update as to the financial situation and revenue expectations for the Town. Selectman Barrett explains that everything else that could have been cut in the budget was already cut. These reductions were made after many hours of deliberation.

Various questions and comments from the audience concerning the process of making the reductions were addressed by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee. Chairperson Lima read a list of all the administrative reductions made explaining that there were far more than just two employees and departments affected.

The Finance Committee strongly communicates its support of these cuts given the current fiscal crisis. Both the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee met together and agreed on the reductions and this final budget. All the meetings were open to the public.

Board of Health members feel they should have been informed of this decision much sooner.

Chairperson Lima reminds everyone that the Finance Committee had a late start this year and there just wasn't much time. It is the hope that other avenues of reduction will be investigated for next year by the Finance Committee.

At the conclusion of the review and reading of the entire budget, the Finance Committee then reviews and addresses the remaining Annual Town Meeting Warrant articles providing its recommendations.


The parties address questions concerning the insurance deductible on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. The Board will look into bidding the insurance policy at a later date.

Mr. Thuot and Mr. Singleton thank the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen for the many hours and hard work during these difficult times.


Upon closure of the Public Hearing by the Finance Committee, *Motion by Poulin, second by Laura, to adjourn the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 8:25 p.m. Motion passes by unanimous vote.*

Respectfully submitted,
Helen M. Coffin


Jackie Lima, Chairperson


Charles Poulin, Secretary


Roland Barrett


John Laura