



BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

290 Main Street
Millville, MA 01529

Monday, February 3, 2020

PRESENT:

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

The Chairwoman opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Chairman Blake explained to Chief Landry that he has two options regarding discussing the recent matter. Chief Landry has the right to have an Attorney present.

1. Go into Executive Session
2. Remain in Open Session to discuss the situation

Chief Landry indicated that he would like to discuss the situation in Executive Session.

Selectmen Dean Wing asked Selectmen Alward if he filed a disclosure. Selectman Alward communicated that he did not call ethics and signed a disclosure with the Town Clerk. The Town Administrator responded that he spoke with Town Counsel and advised that Selectmen Alward really did not need to do anything, but he could fill out a 23 B form. Selectmen Alward submitted the necessary paperwork to the town clerk.

On a motion made by Tom Houle and seconded by Jennifer Dean Wing, the Board voted by Roll Call vote per M.G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21 (a)(1) to discuss discipline or dismissal of , or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual.

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Dean Wing	Aye
Tom Houle	Aye
Andrew Alward	Aye
Kevin Surette	Aye
Erika Blake	Aye

The Board of Selectmen reconvened open session at 9 pm.

Selectmen Houle read a statement on behalf of the Selectmen:

“The Millville Board of Selectmen is disappointed in the recent incident involving Chief Landry. The Board considers this a personal matter. It also believes municipal employees, especially those in leadership are held to a high standard for their actions on the job and off the job. The Board of Selectmen in a 5 to 0 vote chose to take progressive disciplinary action at this time and will assert further disciplinary as warranted in the future should Chief Landry’s behavior not meet this high standard.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There were no announcements.

MINUTES:

January 21, 2020:

- The minutes from January 21, 2020 will be approved at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- There was no correspondence to present.

DEPARTMENTS:

Highway Snow and Ice Deficit:

The Board of Selectmen were informed that the \$80,000 snow and ice budget has been exceeded. The current spent so far is \$104,000.00. The town needed to replace the snowplow blade for \$7,000.00, which is included in what was spent. Approximately half of what was spent was on plowing contractors and personnel, the balance on road materials.

PUBLIC FORUM:

- There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

Toll Road Permit:

The Board of Selectmen are in receipt of a Toll Road Permit Application submitted by the Friends of the Millville Public Library. The requested date for this event is May 2, 2020 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. The required paperwork has been submitted. There is no rain date.

On a motion made by Tom Houle and seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the Toll Road Permit for the Friends of the Millville Public Library which is scheduled for May 2, 2020 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Toll Road Permit:

The Board of Selectmen are in receipt of a Toll Road Permit Application submitted by the Chestnut Hill Community Association. The requested date for this event is March 28, 2020 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The rain date is April 4, 2020 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The required paperwork has been submitted.

On a motion made by Jennifer Dean Wing and seconded by Tom Houle, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the Toll Road Permit for the Friends of the Millville Public Library which is scheduled for May 2, 2020 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Presidential Primary:

The Presidential Primary Election is scheduled for March 3, 2020 from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at St. Augustine Church. There are seven copies of the warrant which need to be signed by the Board of Selectmen.

On a motion made by Andrew Alward, and seconded by Kevin Surette, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to sign the Presidential Primary Warrant as presented.

Resignation:

The Board of Selectmen accept the resignation of Charles Landry as an On-Call Fire Fighter.

Annual Town Report:

All Departments and Boards are reminded that the 2019 Annual Reports are due by February 10, 2020. The Chairman informed the Board that the Board of Selectmen Annual Report is in draft form. This has been submitted to the Town Administrator to review.

OLD BUSINESS:**20 Depraitre Street Settlement Pending:**

The paperwork for the 20 Depraitre Street was presented to the Board of Selectmen for signature. This paperwork will need to be notarized. The money will be placed into escrow as voted at town meeting.

Census Reminder:

Town residents are reminded that the census needs to be submitted. There is a possible \$500.00 fine for those who do not submit the census form.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT:

- No reports from the Board of Selectmen

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:**School Agreement:**

The Town Administrator met with the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Schools and the Chairperson of the School Committee. The draft of the regional agreement has been further refined and reflects consideration of comments provided by the Town Administrator. The draft is close to being finalized.

School Budget:

There was a joint school committee meeting with representatives of both towns. The current school budget draft, which will continue to be refined by school leadership, shows a level service increase of 5.8% for Millville. The Town Administrator has a meeting scheduled with the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Schools for tomorrow.

Facility Task Force:

The Town Administrator has created an ad hoc Facility Task Force. This group will look at the utilization of facilities (Old Town Hall) and other buildings throughout town to come up with a plan. Gerry Finn and Richard Crivello will be members on this ad hoc committee. The Town Administrator communicated that other members are welcome to attend the meetings.

Library:

The Town Administrator had a meeting with the library leadership. The budget was discussed. The library will be submitting a budget with full funding for certification. It was communicated that the Town of Millville is the only library of the 351 municipalities in Massachusetts which is decertified.

Millville Elementary Water:

The Town Administrator provided an update on the Millville Elementary Water situation. There was a report on all the analysis of all the testing results by the water system expert scientist connected to Millville through Congressman McGovern's office. The current system is working well and the water is within limits so is potable and drinkable. It was recommended by the expert that the timing of the samples taken be changed to sample during more appropriate usage times. This is good news for the school and town. The scientist recommended that there is no need to expend any capital funds to address any water concerns.

Energy Committee:

The Energy Committee is becoming more active and welcomes anyone who is willing to become a member. The Committee is working on the next round of grant applications.

ADC Septic:

The Town Administrator thanked Chris Lanou, owner of ADC Septic for coming out on short notice to fix the toilets which were not working.

NEXT MEETING:

- Tuesday February 18, 2020

On a motion made by Jennifer Dean Wing and seconded by Kevin Surette, the Board of Selectmen voted by Roll Call Vote to entered executive session per M.G. L.c30A, Section 30A, Section 21 (a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Teamsters union Local 170 (Fire Fighters) 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

The Board of Selectmen reentered open session at 9:30 pm from Executive Session to reconvene the open session to adjourn the meeting.

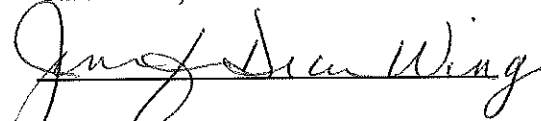
Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland

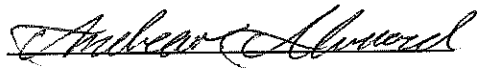
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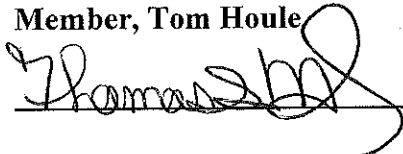
Chairman, Erica Blake



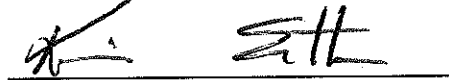
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