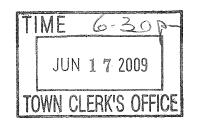




JUNE 1, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.



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

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin

Chairperson Lima calls the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Millville Town Hall.

Board of Assessors – Administrative matters

In the absence of Jennifer Dean-Wing representing the Board of Assessors, Chairperson Lima informs the other Board members of a telephone call she received last evening from Jennifer Dean-Wing. She was informed that Susan McNamara had resigned from her position as Assistant Assessor and that the Board of Assessors would be meeting this Wednesday evening to discuss how to proceed. Brief discussion follows regarding the timeframe the Assessors will be meeting as there is a previously scheduled Finance Committee meeting scheduled as well.

Resident Charles Singleton indicates that he spoke with Susan McNamara earlier this evening and she asked him to advise the Board of Selectmen that she has not resigned.

Selectman Petrowicz is very frustrated with the contradicting information and wants to know why the Board of Assessors liaison, John Laura, and the Executive Secretary were not consulted on this matter.

Selectman Laura explains that he has not been consulted with recently and that he was never informed of a recent Board of Assessors meeting. When he called to ask about the meeting he was informed that the Assessors did not want him there as they were planning their strategy for running the office. He would now like to know if the meeting was posted accordingly.

Chairperson Lima advises that she spoke with Judy Sambor at 5:30 this afternoon and was told that Susan McNamara's office keys to the Assessors office would be turned over to the Assessors within the next half hour and a resignation letter would be given to the Assessors at the meeting on Wednesday. Lima further confirms that she was definitely told that Mrs. McNamara resigned.

John Dean, Highway Surveyor - Chapter 90

John Dean provides information to the Board regarding the chip sealing process which he would like to have done on Chestnut Hill Road from Kempton to Lincoln. He would like to get this work done during the summer before the school buses start running again. He estimates the road repair at \$84K and the drainage project at \$60K.

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Laura, to sign the Chapter 90 Project Request Forms for both projects. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

The Executive Secretary thanks Mr. Dean and his helper for installing the air conditioners in the Town Hall.

Petrowicz would like to know if the Lynch property will have berms installed. John Dean confirms this will be done during the next hot patch job.

Joe Laydon, Town Planner - Sign By-law

Joe explains to the Board why the new town-owned signs will require a special permit by the Planning Board. He explains that the Town's by-law refer to a public way and not a right-of-way. He feels the zoning by-law need some additional amendments to address this matter. He feels that the signs are consistent with directional signs and these generally are not governed by the zoning by-laws. The Planning Board will be addressing other necessary changes to the sign by-laws as well as providing definitions. In the meantime, the Executive Secretary will work with the Town Planner to obtain a special permit for the signage. The Planning Board will only require one application encompassing all signs.

Joe also informs the Board that he has filed the Commonwealth Capital application and he is waiting to hear back. The Planning Board hopes to be eligible to apply for grants and take advantage of the open space grants. The Planning Board has invited the Conservation and Historical Commissions to join them in a walking tour to start the process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- National Grid will be doing routine maintenance work over the next several weeks on the transmission lines in Town.
- Reminder that reappointment letters are due back to the Executive Secretary by 6/8.
- The Town is participating in a free walking program which will kick-off next Monday at the Town Hall.

- Reminder that all Department Heads/Chairmen have been asked to attend the Finance Committee meeting for Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 6:00 pm to discuss further budget reductions.
- Thank you to the Parade Committee and for all those who helped and participated in the Parade.
- Congratulations to all high school seniors graduating this Friday. Good Luck to all!
- On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, thank you to Amy Sutherland for the many years of taking the meeting minutes. This position was eliminated due to budget constraints.

MINUTES

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Poulin, to approve the Minutes of May 18, 2009. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

Adam Menard of the Finance Committee arrived late and would like to know the situation with the Board of Assessors. Chairperson Lima repeats the information provided earlier. Mr. Menard feels the Chairman of the Board of Assessors should be present at the Finance Committee at 6:00 especially since that Board has had verbal concerns about the budget. Mr. Menard references a Town By-law which authorizes the Finance Committee to request information from all Boards.

Paul Ouellette of the Finance Committee advises that there have been other times that the Assessors were requested to attend a meeting and they did not show up. He further feels the keys to the Assessors office should be turned over to the building manager and nobody else.

Petrowicz concurs that the Assessors should be present for the Finance Committee meeting at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Barrett, to send the Board of Assessors a correspondence directing that they attend the Finance Committee meeting at 6:00pm and meet with the Board afterwards. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

Resident Charles Singleton feels that John Dean is extremely deserving of the bridgenaming honor as he was an advocate for the bridges for many years. Congratulations and thank you to Mr. Dean.

Resident Margaret Carroll would like to know the status of the Hope Street property. She inquires as to new landscaping that has been planted and she would like to review the survey with the Executive Secretary. She feels strongly about the boundary markers having been removed. Chairperson Lima explains that this is an ongoing litigation matter and the Board will discuss this in Executive Session as necessary.

Fire Chief Mullaly informs the Board that the Service Zone Plan needs to be updated due to the new Chairperson. He has been working on this for several years and it is just about ready for approval by the state. The Board must sign off on any updates. The Fire Chief will provide a new full copy of the document to the Executive Secretary.

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Laura, to authorize the Chairperson to sign the Service Zone Plan. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

Fire Chief Mullaly advises that the Town may need to purchase a new antenna if we regionalize dispatch with Mendon. The radio vendor has recommended another antenna installed on the Millville Elementary School. Drawings are provided to the Board. The repeater antenna will hit the Inman Tower Hill in Mendon and it is a lower frequency than currently used. The Chief feels the radio system has come a long way in connection with the dispatch regionalization and he feels the new radios will work. He would encourage the Board to jump on board with Mendon as soon as possible.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

<u>Landfill</u>. The Town has received the Certificate of Completion from DEP. The landfill will require consistent monitoring over the next 30 years including grass cutting and well monitoring. These will be done with the assistance of the Board of Health. The Selectmen will need to file reports every 2 years.

<u>Personnel Policy</u>. The revisions from Counsel aren't available as yet; however, Counsel feels the Board can still meet the effective date of July 1st as the recommendations are not substantial. It is recommended that a Public Hearing be scheduled to address the new policy. It is agreed that the Public Hearing will be held on Monday, July 15th at 6:00 p.m.

<u>Dispatch Agreement</u>. The final dispatch agreement has been completed and signed by the Union. Two originals now require the Board's signature... one copy for the Town and one for the Union.

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Laura, to sign the two original Dispatch Agreements. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

<u>Fisher Street Kennel</u>. The Board must schedule another meeting due to this evening's cancellation. Chairperson Lima would like a list of dates from all the parties and their attorneys for the next BOS meeting.

OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES

<u>Dispatch Regionalization</u>. Chief Landry provides an update. Since there were no bids received on the Feasibility Study he feels that the Town should go forward with Mendon and not procrastinate. Hopedale is due to be online within the next two weeks. The Chief feels a letter should be sent to 911 advising we will not be using the grant funds.

Lima recommends going forward since there is no reason to wait any longer.

Petrowicz feels that all of the hard questions have been asked and answered and he is ready to put pen to paper as he feels it would be prudent at this time.

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Poulin, to support the Mendon/Hopedale regional dispatch 100% and to move forward as quick as possible. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

Chief Landry would like to meet with legal to relay his thoughts on the Agreement. He also advises that a business owner in Mendon has donated a new police station to Mendon. This is expected to be done in 9 months.

The Executive Secretary will have a letter prepared for the Board's review on 6/15.

Adam Menard of the Finance Committee would like the updated budget numbers for the regionalization.

<u>Library Signs</u>. It is recommended this matter be postponed as Mr. Dean is not present. This matter will be continued to the 6/15 meeting.

<u>Cable Committee</u>. Lima explains that there is a sizeable budget for cable-related matters. There have been 2 new cameras purchased but they have not been installed yet. She would like to send a Memorandum to the Cable Committee with the following questions:

- What is the estimated installation of the 2 new cameras?
- When can we move forward with the PEG -3 channels?
- Can we coordinate playing the School Committee meetings?
- Can we implement a scroll at the bottom of the cable page?
- Can we play the high school graduation on the cable channel?

Cable Committee Member Margaret Carroll will look into the last three matters. She also advises that the PEG channels have not been implemented due to the necessary room space. The Executive Secretary questions whether the dispatch area will have enough room once the dispatch moves to Mendon? Chief Landry feels there may be space and the clerical individual may be able to assist with this.

Millville Elementary School. Mr. Petrowicz updates the Board on this matter. Superintendent Tyrie received approval from DEP over the telephone for the new filter system. Northeast Water is in the process of tweaking the system. Discussion follows regarding the new bag filters – these will need to be changed by the water operator.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board received a request from St. Augustine's to waive a \$50 fee for a 125th anniversary sign.

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Barrett, to waive the fee for St. Augustine's. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

Chairperson Lima explains a concern received by a resident regarding a stop sign at the intersection of Quaker/Providence Streets. It was determined this property was in Uxbridge. A response was sent to the resident.

Chairperson Lima would like her email and cell phone included on the website. Pictures of the Selectmen will be posted shortly. Barrett and Laura would like their home numbers included. Poulin and Petrowicz will give the matter some thought.

FINAL PUBLIC FORUM

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Poulin, to enter Executive Session under MGL c.39 s23B(2) only to return to open session to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote:

Lima, aye; Petrowicz, aye; Poulin, aye; Laura, aye; Barrett, aye. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Laura, second by Poulin, to adjourn the Meeting at 9:40pm. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helen M. Coffin

Jackie Lima, Chairperson

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Charles Poulin, Secretary

Thomas Petrowicz, Vice Chairman

John Laura, Selectman

Roland Barrett, Selectman