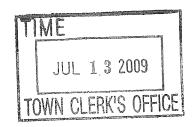
TOWN OF MILLVILLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of Meeting June 15, 2009 7:00 p.m.



Board Members Present: Chairman Jackie Lima, Vice Chairman Tom Petrowicz, Charlie Poulin, John Laura, and Roland Barrett

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin

Chairperson Lima opens the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Millville Town Hall.

Board of Assessors. Chairperson Lima explains that the Board of Assessors is on the Agenda but they will not be coming in this evening. They have accomplished the most important and critical task which was sending the tax file to the Treasurer for printing the tax bills. There are no further updates at this time with respect to running the Assessors Office but they will let the liaison know of their next meeting.

<u>Millville Elementary School – water update</u>. Deb Trumbull from Small Water Systems is present to provide an update. The second round of copper and lead testing will be done this Wednesday. The DEP requires two passing rounds within two consecutive 6-month periods. If these tests pass then we can decrease the testing to once per year for three years, then once every three years. The orthophosphates are being closely monitored to ensure all pipes are coated for corrosion control. The pH probe is installed and is showing favorable results. They have fine-tuned the flushing program.

The reason why the bag filters are not yet online is because they did not want to disrupt the collection of water samples for this round of testing. Deb will know the results of this testing within the new couple of weeks. Once the bag filters are turned on there will be a difference seen in the water right away with respect to iron and manganese.

Deb explains that there were new control heads ordered for the small motors but they are now obsolete. This is something she is looking into – Northeast Water Solutions is speaking with the manufacturer about a warranty of the equipment. The new bag filters should minimize the need for flushing – we will be on a much more normal flushing schedule. We are still awaiting a proposal from Northeast for installing bleeders at the ends of the lines in the building. We also need to remind Northeast to remove the coagulant chemicals from the building.

Chairperson Lima would like to follow-up with Northeast with a Memorandum so that we don't take a step backwards. Executive Secretary will prepare and send.

Library Signage. Chief Landry does not see an issue with the current plowing operations at the Library. He feels a decision should be made between the Highway Surveyor and the Library and then the Police Department will enforce the decision. John Dean does not have any concerns and he thinks more about the taxpayers who would have to pay towing fines. Library Trustee Colleen Curis feels it is important to install a sign for the safety of the patrons and liability to the Town. Many various options are discussed with respect to the language for signage. Chairperson Lima advises that the Board is trying to appease the Trustees as well as the public. It is decided that signs with the following language will be installed: Snow Ban Parking in Rear of Building Only -Violators will be Towed at Owner's Expense.

Motion by Poulin, second by Barrett, to have the signs installed with the language agreed upon. Motion passes by majority vote. (Petrowicz, nay)

Announcements

- The Finance Committee Public Hearing will be held this Wednesday at 6:00pm.
- The Annual Town Meeting will be continued next Monday, 6/22 at 7:00 at MES.
- Congratulations to all those high school seniors who graduated last week.

Minutes/Warrants

June 11, 2009

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Poulin, to approve the Minutes as written. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

June 3, 2009

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Laura, to approve the Minutes as written. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

June 8, 2009

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Poulin, to approve the Minutes as written. Motion passes by majority vote. (Laura abstains)

Public Forum

Highway Surveyor John Dean. He thinks a thank you letter should be sent to Wally Hack of DEP for his help with the landfill and congratulations on his upcoming retirement. Executive Secretary will prepare a letter. Mr. Dean also informs the Board that the gate to the entrance of the playground will be moved for safety reasons.

Police Chief Landry. He informs the Board that the cameras at the MES are installed and working well. This was achieved through a MIIA grant.

Resident Charles Singleton. He questions the status of unregistered motor vehicles at a local business. It is believed that the business has a license.

Appointments and Resignations

Resignation. A resignation letter is received from Janet Davis of the Historical Commission. Chairperson Lima reads the letter aloud.

Motion by Barrett, second by Poulin, to accept the resignation with regrets. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

<u>Fiscal Year 2010 Reappointments</u>. The list of FY10 reappointments is read aloud with one reappointment held by Petrowicz which is the Board of Assessors reappointment.

Motion by Barrett, second by Laura, to approve the reappointments as read with the exception of the Board of Assessors. Motion passes by unanimous vote. (Barrett and Poulin abstain on Parade Committee reappointments only.)

Petrowicz feels that the Board of Selectmen needs to move in a different direction and recommends that the Selectmen not reappoint Judy Sambor to the Board of Assessors. His recommendation is purely constructive and is nothing personal.

Barrett agrees and does not feel the Selectmen have received the cooperation he feels they deserve.

Poulin does not think this is the right time due to recent changes to the Assessors Office.

Laura indicates that he has worked with all three members as the liaison and there have been plenty of complications. He feels that many of the problems were due to things being held back. He feels Judy Sambor has reservations about the way the Board of Selectmen is running things. He agrees that it is for the better of the Town at this time to move in a different direction and the Board of Selectmen needs more cooperation.

Lima indicates she is leaning towards agreeing with Poulin. After the last meeting with the Assessors she feels they are moving in the right direction. They did recently communicate with the Executive Secretary and it seems they are opening up lines of communication.

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Barrett, to not reappoint Judy Sambor to the Board of Assessors. Motion passes by majority vote. (Lima, nay; Poulin, nay)

The Board wishes to thank Judy for her years of service to the Town.

<u>Correspondence</u>

The Board was notified by an award letter from the state that a new senior van has been granted to the Towns of Blackstone and Millville. The new van is expected in September 2009. It is expected that the Senior Center will be in touch with the Board on this issue in the future

Executive Secretary Report

<u>Charter Communications</u>. A letter indicating that the Town does not plan to take any action with respect to the bankruptcy filing must be sent to Charter.

Motion by Poulin, second by Laura, to send the letter as written to Charter. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

<u>MEMA Grant</u>. Fire Chief Mullaly has received a \$2500 grant for public safety. The paperwork is due tomorrow.

Motion by Poulin, second by Petrowicz, to authorize the Chairperson to sign the necessary grant paperwork. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

<u>Dispatch Regionalization</u>. Executive Secretary drafted a letter to Mendon with a copy to Hopedale, indicating the Board's intent to proceed with regionalization.

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Poulin, to authorize the Executive Secretary to sign and send the letter as written. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

A notification letter will also be sent to the Town of Uxbridge thanking them for their presentation.

The MES principal asked for a written letter from the Board authorizing the installation of the antennas on the school building.

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Laura, to authorize the Executive Secretary to send the letter to MES as requested. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

Frost Lease. The Frosts have signed the lease for Fire Station II for FY10. The price was not changed from FY2009.

Motion by Laura, second by Poulin, to authorize the Chairperson to sign the lease on behalf of the Board. Motion passes by majority vote. (Petrowicz abstains)

<u>Police Policies and Procedures</u>. Chief Landry sent three policies to the Board for review and comment (#'s 34, 35 & 36). With the exception of one minor error, the Board does not have any problems with the policies.

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Barrett, to approve the policies as written with the one noted correction. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

Audit Proposal. The auditors sent the proposal for the compilation audit for \$6500.

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Poulin, to authorize the Chairperson to sign the proposal on behalf of the Board. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

Braking the Cycle. Correspondence was received from this organization that they are sponsoring a bicycle charity event which will run through Millville on September 11, 2009. They are seeking permission from the Town. This was run by Chief Landry and he does not have any issues with it.

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Poulin, to authorize the Chairperson to sign the authorization form. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

Planning Board camera request. The Planning Board seeks permission to purchase a camera with the FY09 funds. Due to the current spending freeze, the Executive Secretary defers to the Board of Selectmen. Lima feels that since there is a current Spending Freeze and since the Town does already own a camera, this is not an essential item. It is agreed that in the spirit of the Spending Freeze this request cannot be granted.

Motion by Laura, second by Poulin, to deny the request for the camera. Motion passes by majority vote. (Barrett abstains)

It is further discussed and agreed that the Town-owned camera currently located in the Executive Secretary's office will be maintained in the Dispatch Office so that it can be more readily accessible to other Boards and Committees. This will be coordinated with Chief Landry.

Cable Access-roundtable. Chairperson Lima explains that the Cable Committee will be hosting a round table discussion at the Library this Thursday evening to discuss the FY10 budget. This will be played on cable over the weekend. She would like to know if the Board would like to send a member and if so, would the Board like her to go? The Board is fine with Lima attending and thanks her for her efforts in this regard.

Liaison Reports

Nothing to report.

Old Business

An email was received from the Cable Committee indicating that they received the Board's Memorandum and will address these matters at a future meeting and get back to the Board

New Business

Meeting DVDs. Selectman Barrett feels the Board of Selectmen should have more control over the DVDs of meetings. He attempted to view a recent meeting and was told he needed to do this through the Cable Committee and Library. In the end, the DVD provided was not the correct one. Barrett further feels that the Executive Secretary and Board of Selectmen by request should be able to view these DVDs. He does believe any Board member should be charged for this if it is Town business.

Lima advises why and how the current policy was put into place. The members agree that perhaps the policy should be reviewed for revisions. A copy of the current policy should be provided for the next BOS meeting. Lima feels the current procedure follows the Public Records Law.

Resident Norman Thuot feels the DVDs should be held in the office of the Executive Secretary as the Custodian of Public Records and perhaps a copy held at the Library.

DVDs should not only be marked on the jacket but also on the DVD itself to avoid any further confusion with discs.

It is agreed to table this matter and look into it further at a later date.

Executive Session.

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Poulin, to enter Executive Session under MGL c.39, section 23B, paragraph 3, only to return to open session to adjourn. Roll Call Vote: Lima, aye; Petrowicz, aye; Poulin, aye; Laura, aye; Barrett, aye. Motion passes.

Adjourn.

Motion by Poulin, second by Laura, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:35 P.M. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted, Helen M. Coffin

Jackie Lima, Chairperson

Charles Poulin, Secretary

Thomas Petrowicz, Vice Chairman

Jøhn Laura, Selectman

Roland Barrett, Selectman