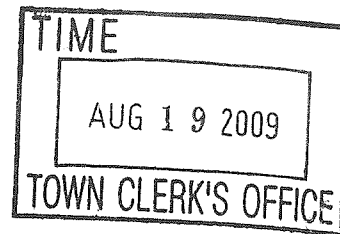


**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Minutes of Meeting

**August 3, 2009
7:00 p.m.**



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

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin

Chairperson Lima opens the Meeting at 7:15 p.m. at the Millville Town Hall.

Announcements None

Heritage Design – Chris King. An updated streetscape design plan is presented to the Board in connection with the Business Retention Grant. Copies are distributed to each Board member and copies are provided for the Town's files. Chris King explains that prior comments from both the Board of Selectmen and Historical Commission were considered and incorporated into this 8-page version of the design. Chris further explains in detail various aspects of the plan including the interpretive sites, plantings and lighting. Chairperson Lima would like the Board to further review the plan and table acceptance/approval until the next Board Meeting. Margaret Carroll of the Historical Commission advises that the Commission voted to approve the plan at its meeting in May. Once the Selectmen approve the plan, Chris King will provide the price estimates. These price estimates will be obtained from the construction blue book and local vendors. A copy of the plan should be given to the Planning Board for its review and comment.

Hope Street Property. In response to Margaret Carroll's correspondence dated July 16, 2009 the Board provides a brief update as to the status of the Hope Street property matter. Although the Board initially voted to pursue litigation against the resident, the parties came to a mutually acceptable agreement. A copy of the Agreement for Judgment may be obtained from the Executive Secretary. There are a few more changes the Board plans to make in the upcoming months to prevent motorized traffic on the passageway.

Miss Carroll believes strongly that portions of Town-owned land are still being utilized by the resident. The Board explains that the survey indicated otherwise and that the resident owns a small piece beyond the passage. Miss Carroll questions the planters preventing access to the passageway. Chairperson Lima explains that the planters were placed to prevent motorized traffic but do not hinder pedestrian traffic. The Board agreed that the passage should be for pedestrian traffic only.

John Dean has concerns regarding the passageway. He feels motorized traffic should be allowed as it always had in the past. The Board explains the safety concerns with such an arrangement and previously agreed that the passage is better suited for pedestrian traffic only. Mr. Dean feels that residents are confused as to whether they can access the passageway. Chairperson Lima states that the passageway is open to the public. The Board will consider the placement of signs in the future, along with some other alterations.

Minutes/Warrants

Minutes of July 6, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Barrett, to approve the Minutes of the July 6, 2009 - 6:00 p.m. Meeting as written. Motion passes by unanimous vote. Laura abstains.

Minutes of July 20, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Laura, second by Petrowicz, to approve the Minutes of the July 20, 2009 - 7:00 p.m. Meeting as written. Motion passes by unanimous vote. Poulin and Barrett abstain.

Motion of July 29, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Petrowicz, second by Poulin, to approve the Minutes of July 29, 2009 - 7:00 p.m. Meeting as written. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

Public Forum

Highway Surveyor John Dean reports that the Chestnut Hill Road drainage project will be done this year; however, the resurfacing work on Chestnut Hill Road will be done in the spring. He is working with MassHighway on the funding issues.

Correspondence

The Blackstone-Millville Regional School Superintendent, Dr. Tyrie, accepted a new position in Framingham. The Assistant Superintendent, Kim Shaver-Hood, has been appointed the Interim Superintendent. Best wishes to both in their new positions.

The Unipay System on the Town's website was having some technical issues last week and earlier today. The issues have been resolved and the system is now up and running.

The Town Hall recently experienced some computer issues - please be patient if the staff does not respond to emails right away. The bugs are still being worked out.

Executive Secretary Report

The Executive Secretary advises that an ethics reform bill was recently signed to law requiring employees to complete a training program on the Conflict of Interest Law. The Town has scheduled an ethics seminar for town employees and officials for Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 7:00 at the Town Hall. All town officials are encouraged to attend.

The Executive Secretary advises that the post office will now deliver mail to the Town Hall. The Town Hall has always had a post office box and had to pick up the mail each day. Chief Landry has offered to install a secure mailbox for the delivery of the mail. The Executive Secretary would like to confirm that the Selectmen do not have an issue with this arrangement.

Motion by Barrett, second by Poulin, to authorize the Executive Secretary to cancel the post office box and take mail delivery. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

Liaison Updates

Board of Assessors. Selectman Laura, Board of Assessors liaison, gives a brief update on the status of the Assessors Office. The clerical assistant, Marcia, is doing a great job working on the building permits and the office is running smoothly. The Assessors are meeting tomorrow evening to discuss inspections and the various piles of paperwork. He has encouraged the Board to take advantage of the expertise of Betsy Cournoyer who recently joined the Board of Assessors. He has advised the Assessors that the job posting for the secretarial position must go through the Executive Secretary. Chairperson Lima feels that the Board should hold off on the repairs/installation of the bookshelves in the back of the office due to recent conversations had with the Cable Committee. She would also like an update as to when they will have the property record cards online since this was budgeted for FY10. The issue of the file cabinets should also be addressed.

Town Clerk. Chairperson Lima emailed the Town Clerk with questions regarding the By-law submission and status of the voting machine. She did not receive a response as yet. She had also addressed the new By-law books, or at the least, a revised online version, but has not received a response as yet. She will follow-up again this week.

Old Business

Northeast Water Solutions Proposal. A proposal was received for the installation of bleeders on the pipes at the MES. It is recommended that funding for this come from the MES Water line item rather than a reserve fund transfer. The Board has two questions they would like answered regarding the proposal: (1) where are the bleeder ends going to be located; and (2) what is the warranty/lifespan of the timers... are they going to be obsolete in the near future? Vice Chairman Petrowicz will call Bob Ferrari this week to obtain answers to these questions.

Motion by Laura, second by Poulin, to award the job to Northeast Water Solutions, providing acceptable answers to the above questions are obtained, and further to authorize the Executive Secretary to sign the proposal acceptance letter. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

Landfill. The Executive Secretary provides a brief update as to the Certificate of Completion requirements on the landfill. There are various post-closure items that must be addressed and the Board of Health plays an important role. It is unclear as to whether any of these requirements have been met as yet. Correspondence was received from DEP and the issues must be addressed as soon as possible. The Board of Health was informed

but did not provide any necessary information. The Board of Health will be invited to attend a meeting scheduled on August 19th at the conclusion of the H1N1 meeting.

New Business

Regionalization of Fire Department. Chairperson Lima would like to clarify that Mendon has offered to present the Town with a proposal for a regional fire venture. Much discussion took place over the past budget season which resulted in this proposal. The Board feels that regionalization is a sign of the times and it is owed to the taxpayers to review any proposals. The Board would appreciate the support and cooperation of Chief Mullaly is assisting Chief Horn with any information he requires. Selectman Poulin, as Fire liaison, will contact Chief Mullaly regarding same. It should be noted that no decisions have been made on this matter whatsoever – the Board is only entertaining proposals.

Final Public Forum

Regional Dispatch. Paul Ouellette would like to know the status of the regional dispatch. Chairperson Lima informs that the Board is in the process of negotiations with the Towns of Mendon and Hopedale on the funding. The participation amount was higher than anticipated. The Finance Committee will be consulted once the numbers are negotiated.

Executive Session

Motion by Laura, second by Petrowicz, to enter Executive Session under MGL 39, 23b(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, returning to open session only to adjourn. Roll Call Vote: Lima, aye; Petrowicz, aye, Poulin, aye; Laura, aye; Barrett, aye. Motion passes unanimously.

{Executive Session Meeting}

Motion by Laura, second by Barrett, to adjourn the open meeting at 11:00 p.m. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Coffin


Jackie Lima, Chairperson

Thomas Petrowicz, Vice Chairman


Charles Poulin, Secretary

John Laura


Roland Barrett