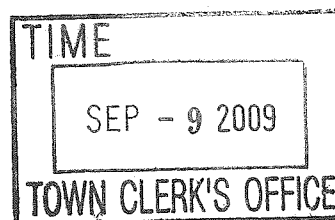


**TOWN OF MILLVILLE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**August 19, 2009  
6:00 p.m.**



**Board Members Present:** Chairperson Jackie Lima, Vice Chairman Tom Petrowicz, Secretary Charles Poulin and Selectman Roland Barrett

**Board Members Absent:** Selectman John Laura

**Others Present:** Executive Secretary Helen Coffin; Fire Chief John Mullaly; Deputy Fire Chief Lee Clement; Board of Health Members Dave Stanley and Dustin Ciccarelli; MEMA Member Paul Ouellette, and Ken Gikas, Emergency Preparedness Program Consultant from the Department of Public Health

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A quorum of Board members being present as of 6:20 pm, the Board meets at the request of the Fire Chief to discuss updates in connection with the swine flu.

Chief Mullaly advises that the federal government is very active in connection with this matter and that the Town should give serious thought and consideration as to how we will function with a possible 40% decrease in the work force. There are concerns that once schools re-open the swine flu will become a pandemic. Chief Mullaly indicates that the Board of Health is in charge of this situation for the Town. The Chairman of the Board of Health will work closely with Department of Public Health.

Mr. Gikas provides a handout of updated swine flu information from the Department of Public Health including how the flu vaccines will be administered. Lengthy discussion follows concerning how, when and where the vaccines will be given and who will give them. It may not be necessary to open up the emergency dispensing site but we will need clerical assistance. We need to look into liability issues and the status of release forms. Mr. Gikas advises how many doses are predicted to be available and the timeframe. It is important to get as much information out to the public including the senior citizens – this can also be done by cable and reverse 911.

*{Selectman Poulin arrives at 6:40pm}*

The Board of Health advises that the Town is contracted with the Milford Visiting Nurses but has also enlisted volunteers to assist. The Department of Public Health is working closely with the Department of Education with respect to the school-aged children. The Executive Secretary is Public Information Officer with the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen as back-up. There is another meeting scheduled on August

26<sup>th</sup> in Blackstone for town officials. The information seems to be constantly changing and there is another meeting scheduled for the Board of Health at the end of September. It is decided that the Town officials will meet again on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> to revisit the matter with the most updated information.

***The Board takes a 5-minute recess to reconvene with the Board of Health.***

The Board meets with the Board of Health to discuss the post-closure requirements in connection with the compliance of the closing of the landfill. Dave Stanley will contact the DEP to determine exactly what needs to be done by the Board of Health.

The Board of Health's temporary secretary will leave tomorrow. The Executive Secretary should post the position. Applications received for the Board of Assessors Clerk can be considered for this position as well.

The Board of Health consultant's bill still has not been paid. Dave Stanley would like to hold off on this. The consultant erroneously submitted the invoice on his work letterhead. It should not be assumed that this was for legal advice. Dave has some concerns regarding the Board of Selectmen's spending freeze and hiring policies...he feels they may be in conflict to Mass General Laws with respect to Boards of Health.

In response to a question asked, a brief update was provided by Chairperson Lima as to the status of the regional dispatch arrangement with Mendon and Hopedale.

The Police Department asked that the Chairperson sign off on a grant application which is due this Friday. The Executive Secretary suggests the Board vote to authorize the current Chairperson to sign all grant applications so that no deadlines are missed.

***Motion by Poulin, second by Barrett, to authorize Chairperson Lima to sign all grant applications. Motion passes by unanimous vote.***

***Motion by Poulin, second by Barrett, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion passes by unanimous vote.***


Respectfully Submitted,

Helen M. Coffin

  
Jackie Lima, Chairperson

  
Tom Petrowicz, Vice Chairman

  
Charles Poulin, Secretary

  
Roland Barrett, Selectman