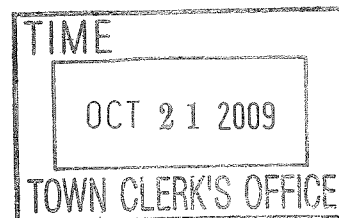


**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Minutes of October 5, 2009
6:00 p.m.**



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

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm at the Millville Town Hall.

The Board calls an "All Town Government Meeting" for the purpose of receiving updates from each of the Town departments, boards and committees. The Regular Meeting will commence at the conclusion of the presentations.

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

Police Department. Police Chief Landry advises that the department overall is doing well. He provides an update on calls for service and revenue. The Department has been working without Sgt. Sinko who is on military leave. The crime rate is overall the same with a small increase in larceny. The Department is preparing for the dispatch regionalization. He will be submitting a request to Capital Planning for a new cruiser next year. Grants are non-existent. The Citizens Police Academy will be held again this fall. Patrolman Evans may be leaving for a larger department...there are plenty of applicants to fill the vacancy - candidates will be required to be academy trained.

Fire Department. Fire Chief Mullaly updates the Board on requesting an ethics opinion. He explains a recent situation involving his Town-issued cell phone. He informs the dispatch office when he will not be in Town. He would like to know what the Board would like him to do about the fire truck. Discussion follows concerning the purchase of a used truck and conversion to foam. He will prepare an article for the Special Town Meeting Warrant and the Board will review it at that time. He advises that the pagers are obsolete. He will require new air tanks soon. He has heard nothing on the Fire Equipment Grant.

Emergency Management. Fire Chief Mullaly explains that the Town's NIMS requirements have been satisfied. He received a small grant to re-do our evacuation plan and will hire somebody to assist with this. He has nothing to do with H1N1 but has offered his assistance to the other Boards and Committees with respect to the planning involved.

Highway Department. No representation was present.

Tree Warden. No representation was present.

Animal Control. No representation was present.

FINANCE/OTHER

Treasurer/Collector. Treasurer Lisa Larue had a conflict but provided a summary which was read aloud by the Chairperson.

Town Accountant. No representation was present.

Finance Committee. Chairman Adam Menard provided copies of the FY09 expenditures...this will be posted on the Town's website. Free Cash is expected to be approximately \$300K. The Committee will meet to make a recommendation on how to allocate the funds. He has met with Fire Chief Mullaly regarding the purchase of a fire engine and he has looked into the purchase of a new police cruiser.

Capital Planning. Chairman Chuck Augat would like a monthly update of the Capital budget. The current spreadsheet for capital requests is outdated. Capital Planning will only meet if there are funds to allocate to capital items. The Committee will be doing away with funding general line items and rather will only fund specific projects. He hopes the Finance Committee is not attempting to usurp the Capital Committee on the purchase of capital items.

Systems Administrator. No representation was present.

Blackstone-Millville Regional School Committee. Chairman Buckley asks for a status update on the MES water tank issue which is provided by Vice Chair Petrowicz. Mr. Buckley advises that Kim Shaver-Hood was appointed as Interim Superintendent and the Committee will decide next year whether to post the position. The Committee is aware of the state's issues with tax revenue and possible 9C cuts so they have frozen all purchase orders. The Committee applied for 2 stimulus grants – one for the asbestos project and the other for the athletic fields. The asbestos remediation was done over the summer...this does not cause any harm to the students.

BOARDS/INSPECTORS

Board of Health. No representation was present.

Board of Assessors. An update is not available at this time.

Planning Board. Town Planner Joe Laydon advises that the Board is working on three sets of regulations. Revisions have been made to the Stormwater and Open Space By-laws. The Board has prepared a draft charge for the Village Center Planning Committee. They are reviewing the Sign By-law. The Town Planner is reviewing all existing and outstanding subdivisions. He would like to see a process identified for permit tracking where all municipal boards are included in permitting efforts. The Town should look into

setting up the Access program with the Grafton software. Planning Board member Richard Hurteau feels business certificates should either be run by the Planning Board first or a questionnaire should be completed by the applicant. The Town Clerk was present and indicated that she will utilize the questionnaire if one is prepared and provided to her. Joe Laydon will coordinate putting this together working with other boards and departments.

Zoning Board. No representation is present.

Building Inspector. No representation is present.

Electrical Inspector. No representation is present.

Gas/Plumbing Inspector. No representation is present.

COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Cable Access Committee. No representation present.

Historical Commission. No representation present.

Conservation Commission. No representation present.

CITIZEN SERVICES/COUNCILS

Town Clerk. Town Clerk Susan McNamara advises that there are two extra elections this year and she will need more funding for them. She explains the new laws in connection with ethics...each employee and Town volunteer will need to sign off on receiving a copy of the new laws and must take an on-line test. She would like to have shelves installed in the vault room. The Chairperson requests the By-laws be updated since they are two years old, to include the Personnel By-law which had been removed.

The Board takes a 10-minute recess.

Library/Library Trustees. Librarian Lisa Cheever provides an update on the programs and activities at the Library. The Library had an ADA inspection in connection with the application of grants. She also provides an update on the circulation.

Veterans Agent. No representation present.

Council on Aging/Senior Center. No representation present.

Cultural Council. No representation present.

Trustees of Soldiers Memorial Park. No representation present.

This concludes the All Town Government Meeting. Thank you to all those who attended and provided updates...this is held in an effort to keep the lines of communication open.

At 8:15 pm the Board begins the Regular Meeting by opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements

- The Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2009, at 7:00 pm at the Millville Elementary School.
- The Board was invited to attend a meeting in Uxbridge on November 18, 2009.
- The Annual Selectmen's Meeting will be held on October 17, 2009 at Tri-County.
- The Pumpkin Party is scheduled for Sunday, October 25, 2009 from 6-8pm.

Minutes/Warrants

September 17, 2009, 7:00pm

- On a motion made by Poulin and second by Laura, the Board of Selectmen voted **unanimously** to approve the Minutes from September 17, 2009, 7:00pm.

September 21, 2009, 6:15pm

- On a motion made by Poulin and second by Laura, the Board of Selectmen voted **unanimously** to approve the Minutes from September 21, 2009, 6:15pm.

September 21, 2009, 7:00pm

- On a motion made by Poulin and second by Laura, the Board of Selectmen voted **unanimously** to approve the Minutes from September 21, 2009, 7:00pm.

September 28, 2009, 6:00pm

- On a motion made by Poulin and second by Barrett, the Board of Selectmen voted **unanimously** to approve the Minutes from September 28, 2009, 6:00pm. Petrowicz and Laura abstain.

September 28, 2009, 7:15pm

- On a motion made by Poulin and second by Laura, the Board of Selectmen voted **unanimously** to approve the Minutes from September 28, 2009, 7:15pm. Petrowicz abstains.

September 30, 2009, 6:00pm

- On a motion made by Poulin and second by Laura, the Board of Selectmen voted **unanimously** to approve the Minutes from September 30, 2009, 6:00pm.

Public Forum

MES Water. Resident Norman Thuot questions the status of the costs incurred in connection with the MES water issues. An update and explanation is provided.

Library Signage. Colleen Curis questions the status of the signs for the Library. There was concern that Highway would not have the funding to purchase the signs.

- **On a motion made by Petrowicz and second by Barrett, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to support a \$200 supplement to the Highway street sign line item by including it on the STM Warrant.**

Hope Street Signage. Resident Norman Thuot questions the status of the signage on Hope Street. The Board has not voted on any signage for this area.

Correspondence

None.

Appointments/Resignations

Chairperson Lima advises that the Board received two resignations last week. Jennifer Dean-Wing and Dorothy DiLorenzo both resigned from the Board of Assessors and these were accepted by the Board at a Meeting held last week.

Selectman John Laura was appointed temporarily to the Board of Assessors until replacements are found. He will serve on the Board with Betsy Cournoyer.

Chairperson Lima further addresses a recent newspaper article in The Call, explaining that the circumstances surrounding the resignations were unfortunate; however, the Board of Selectmen was elected to oversee the departments and serve for the best interests of the Town. It is not its desire to micro-manage any department but they were not in agreement with the Board of Assessors on some issues.

Executive Secretary Report

Village Center Committee. The Planning Board would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the Village Center Committee. This will be scheduled for either January 11th or 25th at a Planning Board Meeting.

Selectmen Petrowicz and Laura recuse themselves from the Board.

44 Central Street. A response from Building Inspector Mike Giampietro was provided with respect to the concerns of Bethany Hogue regarding her attempt to purchase 44 Central Street. A meeting will be scheduled with both Mr. Giampietro and Ms. Hogue for October 21, 2009 at 6:00. Both individuals should bring in their back-up documentation.

Selectmen Petrowicz and Laura return to the Board.

Thayer Street. Follow-up to the complaint received from a resident concerning drainage and snowplow issues. The Highway Surveyor does not feel anything can be done. A letter should be sent to the resident.

Gerry Labonte. Mr. Labonte has requested follow-up with respect to his complaint/concern regarding the Fire Chief. He has been working with the Ethics Commission on this matter. Chairperson Lima feels Mr. Labonte should come to a Selectmen Meeting if chooses to read his letter aloud. She feels all his issues have been addressed. Selectman Poulin feels Mr. Labonte should just proceed with the Ethics Commission. Mr. Labonte is welcome to come down and meet with the Board.

Council on Aging Grant.

- **On a motion made by Petrowicz and second by Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to authorize the Chairperson to sign the Council on Aging grant contract.**

Main Street Complaint. A complaint was received from a resident on Main Street concerning her neighbor's campfire burning close to her home. Both the Fire Department and Board of Health have addressed this issue. There is nothing that the Board of Selectmen can do at this time. A letter should be sent to the resident advising that she be diligent in contacting Police and Fire with future concerns. It is also highly recommended she work this out with the neighbor.

Ethics Seminar. The Ethics Commission requires attendance of 30 individuals at the Seminar on October 21, 2009. The surrounding towns have been invited to attend. The Board would like the Town's boards/committees to RSVP so that we have a count.

Eagle Scout. Mathew Lesperance will be honored as an Eagle Scout. A congratulatory letter was prepared. Selectman Barrett will attend the ceremony to present the letter. Congratulations to Mathew as this is quite an accomplishment.

- **On a motion made by Petrowicz and second by Laura, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to sign the congratulatory letter for Mathew Lesperance.**

Cable Contract. Information was received from Charter regarding the Town's contract expiring in 2012. The Board wishes to set up an Advisory Committee to look into the Town's options. Notice will be placed on cable. The current Cable Committee will be notified. Selectman Barrett will sit on this Committee. No meeting should be scheduled at this time with Charter.

Inter-Municipal Agreement, Senior Transportation. The Agreement was approved by Town Counsel. The questions raised by the Board on the previous draft have been resolved. The Blackstone Selectmen have approved this version.

- **On a motion made by Laura and second by Petrowicz, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the Blackstone-Millville Inter-municipal Agreement for Senior Transportation services.**

Collective Bargaining. The Union asked to meet with the Town on Thursday, October 8, 2009. The Executive Secretary will contact Jim Fiori.

Mass Municipal Seminar. Information was provided to the Board concerning highlights of a recent municipal management seminar attended by the Executive Secretary.

Hope Street. Information was received that the resident may not be complying with the Agreement for Judgment. A recommendation was received from Town Counsel regarding the next steps. Due to the subject matter, the Board will entertain an Executive Session at the conclusion of the Regular Meeting.

Liaison Reports

Board of Assessors. Selectman Laura advises that there will be a meeting tomorrow evening.

Cable Committee. Selectman Barrett has two individuals interested in serving on the Cable Committee. The Executive Secretary will provide a job description.

Business Retention Grant. Chris King will provide the cost estimates on the approved streetscape plan. The Executive Secretary is working with Joe Deliso to expend the remaining funds. Approximately \$19,000 remains. Clean-up work will be done along the bridge.

Old Business

Lincoln/Esty. Information was received that Mr. Dean has completed the installation of the signage. He does not feel the signs should be lowered due to increased possibility of vandalism. The Police Chief has recommended removing 20 feet of shrubs from the corner due to the public safety hazard. The Executive Secretary will check with the Chief regarding the height of the speed limit signs.

Board of Health. The Chairperson informs that the Board of Health has not provided information or follow-up regarding the information requested by DEP. The Executive Secretary should send another Memo and ask if the Board of Health would like to schedule another meeting.

Fiscal 2010 Education Waiver. Information was received from Town Accountant Marilyn Mathieu explaining that the waiver does not affect the 2010 budget.

Chestnut Hill Road Drainage. There has been an Addendum issued to the bid packet so the bid opening has been rescheduled to October 14th.

Computers. Executive Secretary has asked for proposals from vendors to perform necessary work on the Town's computer system, including updating the website. This matter needs priority and we will need the support of the Finance Committee for financing.

New Business

None.

Public Forum

None.

Selectman Petrowicz wishes to thank everyone for the support shown with respect to the passing of his mother-in-law, Helen Zekanoski. Many attended the memorial services and it is greatly appreciated.

Next Meeting. The next Board of Selectmen Meeting will be held on October 19, 2009 at the Police Station and will not be aired live.

Executive Session

- On a motion made by Petrowicz and second by Barrett, to enter Executive Session under MGL c.39 section 23B(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation in connection with the matter on Hope Street, and to return to Open Session only to adjourn the Meeting. Roll Call Vote: Lima, aye; Petrowicz, aye; Poulin, aye; Laura, aye; Barrett, aye.

Adjourn

- On a motion made by Barrett and second by Laura, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Coffin

Jackie Lima, Chairperson

Thomas Petrowicz, Vice Chairman

Charles Poulin, Secretary

John Laura

Roland Barrett