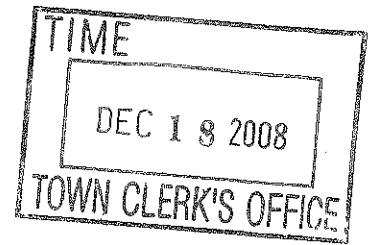


**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Minutes of November 5, 2008
7:00 p.m.**



Members Present: Vice Chairman Tom Petrowicz, Selectmen Jackie Lima and John Laura

Members Absent: Chairman Paul Savage, Selectman Charles Poulin

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin; Historical Commission Members: Margaret Carroll, Mary Gauvin, Janet Davis and Jose Lima; Joe Deliso, Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce; Chris King, Heritage Design Group

The meeting is called to order at 7:00 pm at the Millville Town Hall.

The Board meets with members of the Historical Commission to discuss the landscape plans designed by Heritage Design Group with respect to the Business Retention Grant received by the Town. Joe Deliso of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce, who is administering the grant for the Town, is asked to provide a status update and overview of the grant.

Mr. Deliso explains that the grant is the result of the efforts of Senator Moore and its purpose was to address the damages to local businesses caused by the bridge project. The Board of Selectmen held meetings to address the best possible use of the funds and provided the Chamber with a list of ideas. The grant is broken up into three phases as follows:

Phase 1 - to address streetscape design plans for the purpose of attracting people to the area – this would include lighting, clean-up and plantings along the bridge. Heritage Design Group was contracted by the Chamber to prepare design plans that would address the lighting and landscaping along the bridge. \$19,000 was budgeted for this; \$11,684 has already been paid; \$2,818 is pending payment; \$4,497 remains unused.

Phase 2 - to address signage – it was determined that welcome signs would be purchased and installed at critical entrances to the Town as well as signage in the center of Town directing individuals to both municipal and historical areas. Sunshine Sign was hired by the Town for a contract price of \$25,048. \$5,000 is currently being withheld until the last few signs are installed.

Phase 3 – to identify suitable areas along the river for rest stops.

Mr. Deliso advises that as administrator he is responsible to oversee that the funds are used the best way with the intent of the grant; whatever is best for the Town consistent with the intent of the grant. There should be some evidence that the use of these funds will create jobs or attract individuals to the area. The Chamber does currently have possession of the funds. They were supposed to be used by June 2008, however, he does not believe there is anything in the grant that states the funds need to be turned back if not used by that date.

It was estimated that the implementation of the streetscape lighting would be \$80,000, including a dozen wired streetlights. Joe is working with Senator Moore to obtain future funding. Joe hoped that these funds may be used in some way to facilitate interest in the Mug Pub building...it would be beneficial to see this business come back to life.

Selectman Petrowicz speaks at length on the clearing and cutting of the property between the Town Hall and Onnies and Nonnies. There are drainage concerns.

Margaret Carroll, representing the Historical Commission, doesn't feel the Historical Commission's plans have been taken into consideration. They have had a plan in place for ten years.

Mr. Deliso suggests appointing one contact person from the Town who could work on this matter. Selectman Lima is willing to work in that capacity. In the meantime, he is willing to work with the Historical Commission and to view their presentation.

Mr. Deliso leaves the meeting.

The Historical Commission presents its Historic Landscape Plan to the Board. Margaret Carroll explained the process by which it was obtained and how the intent was to capture the historical periods, both physical and visual linkage to the river. Various photographs of the Longfellow Municipal Center and Central Street are viewed and discussed. The Historical Commission is very disappointed with the new landscape plan. They recommend not touching Area B, as marked, on the new plan. Lengthy discussion follows concerning the possibilities of the historical areas. The Commission expressed its frustration that they met with Heritage Design last October and never heard anything back.

Resident Les Davis expressed his concerns on the matter. He was a Selectman when the Historical Landscape Plan was adopted by the Town.

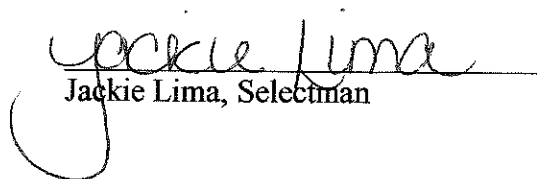
Chris King from Heritage Design Group explains the thought process behind the plans designed by Heritage. He understands and agrees with the comments made and feels they need to go back to the table and make changes in accordance with the historical landscape plan. He will be in contact with the Historical Commission directly.

Motion by Laura, second by Lima, to adjourn the Meeting at 9:35pm. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Coffin


Thomas Petrowicz, Vice Chairman


Jackie Lima, Selectman


John Laura, Selectman