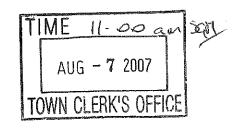
# TOWN OF MILLVILLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN Minutes of July 23, 2007



Board members in attendance: Chairperson Diane McCutcheon, Vice Chairman Paul Savage, Members Tom Petrowicz, Charlie Poulin and Karin Furno

Also in attendance: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin

Chairperson McCutcheon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Tri Properties had an open house at 46 Hope St. on Thursday, July 12, 2007. It was a success.
- Thank you to the Millville Fire Department for their assistance with the mill fire in Uxbridge.
- There will be a Public Safety Day sponsored by the Millville Fire Rescue and Police Associations on August 4, 2007.
- There continue to be openings on various boards and committees.

## Post Office Location;

Selectman Poulin stepped off the Board during this discussion.

Kathleen Walker spoke to the Board about the selection of the different sites, which may house the new post office. There were several representatives present to answer questions. There are specifically three sites that are being researched. The site review has been completed, but the site selection has not taken place. The building would be about 1,000 square feet. The follow are the three sites in consideration:

101 Central Street: The site at 101 Central St. was the top choice but the price needs to be negotiated. The property would be leased for twenty years. There would need to be sidewalks put in for the pedestrians.

83 Central Street: There is a problem with the price along with the high construction cost. The architect had some concerns with this site. There is also a concern with the site regarding safety at the corner.

<u>Buxton Street</u>: This property is the easiest to build and is the most reasonable but it is not pedestrian accessible for the walkers in the community. There is no problem with parking. There is a concern about moving the post office out of the downtown area. A sidewalk would need to be put in place.

The post office cannot pay more than the site appraisal. The committee would like feedback about the three sites to take into consideration upon site selection process. The concept approval has been given and an estimate of the project has been approved. The

final approval is needed. It is unlikely that this would be turned down. The carrier mail would go the Uxbridge. The parking and dock load and lift will be suficient and paramount.

Selectman Poulin returned to sit back on the Board.

## Resident Kristen Anderson 82 Central St.

Mrs. Anderson presented to the Board of Selectmen an innovative way of gathering neighbors to buy oil in bulk, thus lowering the price per gallon. In order to get the lower rates, 1,000 gallons or more would need to be ordered. The paying for the oil would be done on an individual basis with payment by cash, check, or other means.

Mrs. Anderson would like approval from the Board of Selectmen to place a piece of paper at the Town Hall for all interested in taking part in the program could leave their name and information.

The Board of Selectmen has no objection to a paper being placed at the Town Hall but they would like a disclaimer on it that it is not a Town-sponsored program. The Board suggested that a written narrative be provided to any residents.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- The Public Safety Committee will hold an event on August 4, 2007 from 12:00 6:00 pm.
- Letter received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts about ensuring the continuation of capital policies to achieve SMART growth. There is an application to be filled out. This should be forwarded to Planning Board.
- The Town received notice that the Blackstone Vocational Valley Technical quarterly bill in the amount of \$64,718.25 is due.
- There will be a CMRPC meeting on Wednesday August 1, at 4:30 pm.

#### **MINUTES:**

- On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded Paul Savage, the Board of Selectmen voted <u>unanimously</u> to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2007.
- On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded Paul Savage, the Board
  of Selectmen voted <u>unanimously</u> to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes
  of July 9, 2007.
- On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded Karin Furno, the Board
  of Selectmen voted <u>unanimously</u> to accept the Minutes of the Workshop
  Meeting on July 9, 2007.

## **GOOD & WELFARE:**

#### John Polny:

He wanted to further discuss the situation at Marc's Garage. He wanted to clarify that there is already something in the bylaw which states that it is a \$50.00 fine per day, per vehicle. The Board of Selectmen could attach to his license a ticket and have the police department do the enforcing. Selectman Petrowicz explained that the Board was more interested in the other issues along with the junk cars. Mr. Polny feels that businesses are picked on in Town and the Boards in Town make it difficult to have a business.

Mr. Polny is also upset that the vehicles at 372 Chestnut Hill Rd. have not been addressed. Mr. Polny brought pictures to show vehicles on the property. Mr. Polny wants a level playing field for all. Executive Secretary Coffin informed the Board that a letter was provided to 372 Chestnut Hill Rd. and the Police Chief recently indicated that there has been significant progress made on this property.

## Marc's Garage:

The Board of Health met with Marc Fernandes and there was no layout or plans of the Fernandes and Shurick property. The business owner was supplied a list of requirements of completion. There is a seven-day window for the Title V to be completed. It will be 30 days once the results are indicated about the Title V and if it fails, it must be fixed within the 30 days. This must be done by a Title V inspector. The Chairman of the Board of Health indicated that there is currently no leakage. It is recommended that no cars be parked there until this is resolved.

Mr. Augat stated that in the past, action would have been taken immediately.

## APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS:

## **Appointments:**

- On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded Paul Savage, the Board of Selectmen voted <u>unanimously</u> to appoint Therese Moore as an alternate member of the Council on Aging through June 30, 2008.
- On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted <u>unanimously</u> to appoint Jacob Schultzberg as a part-time dispatcher through June 30, 2008.

# **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:**

<u>Senior Center Policies and Procedures:</u> The Board of Selectmen reviewed the Policies and Procedures for the Senior Center. Selectman Savage would like a sentence added about "no pets" in the building per the Town policy. The Senior Center User Agreement should be included. Selectman Petrowicz mentioned that the policies should be numbered. The Board of Selectmen would like more time to look at this policy and

asked that the Council on Aging and Senior Center Director attend the Board's next Regular Meeting to discuss it further.

<u>Prospect Street Property</u>: There will be a meeting on August 6, 2007 at 5:30pm that will include a visit to the Town-owned property on Prospect Street that has been the cause of some concerns raised by Town residents.

<u>In Law Apartment Meeting</u>: The Planning Board will meet on August 27, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. to discuss the amendments to the in-law apartments.

<u>Cafeteria Plan</u>: The new Health Care Reform law requires the Town adopt a Section 125 Cafeteria Plan. There are two documents which need to be accepted. These documents were reviewed by Town Counsel -- Adoption Agreement and Section 125 Cafeteria Plan.

- On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted <u>unanimously</u> to approve the documents in regards to the Cafeteria Plan.
- On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded Paul Savage, the Board
  of Selectmen voted <u>unanimously</u> to give the Chairperson authorization to
  sign the documents as presented.

## Earth Removal Rules and Regulations:

- On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded Tom Petrowicz, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the Rules and Regulations as agreed and adopted on July 19, 2007 by the Earth Removal Board.
- The building inspector will be the Agent for the Earth Removal Board.

# **OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES:**

**Bridge:** The intersection work will commence in mid August.

**Landfill:** The detention basin is roughed in and the well will be installed late this week.

# **NEW BUSINESS:**

# Prepared by CMRPC:

 The Chairman provided the latest packet about plans and news articles which have been written concerning the railway between Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The National Corridor Commission has information which included integrated regional rail. There are lots of proposed systems from possibly Springfield to Worcester. This is available for any resident to view. Call the Town Hall if interested.

# **GOOD & WELFARE:** None

On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded Paul Savage, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland

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Chairperson

Paul Savage

Vice Chairman

Tom Petrowicz

Selectman

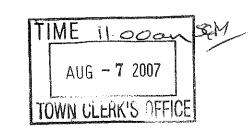
Charlie Poulin,

Selectman

Karin Furno,

Selectman

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Chairperson McCutcheon called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

The Board meets with Chief Landry for an informal and verbal 6-month review.

McCutcheon states she feels Landry has done a great job, especially with morale, community involvement, policies and procedures, complaints and investigations. She feels the officers are happy and it is good news that resumes and employment applications are plentiful.

McCutcheon asks the status of the school involvement. Chief Landry explains that he would like to bring a DARE program back to the elementary school and is confident he will be able to accomplish this. He further advises that 2-way radios were supplied to the elementary school and he has just applied for a grant that would provide for surveillance cameras at the school. He has a good relationship with the principal and staff.

Furno compliments Chief Landry on his down-to-earth personality and she appreciates that he has improved the working relationships between the Police and Fire Departments.

Poulin is glad that both the departments are able to communicate better.

Petrowicz feels the same. He is pleased that the Chief has demonstrated strong community involvement, such as with the senior center and the parade. He has heard nothing negative.

Savage asks the Chief what major things he has done. Chief Landry replies that he has worked on many accountability issues (such as payroll and timesheets), budgetary items, training, policies and procedures, car seat program, citizens' academy and staff adjustments. He has also applied for three grants. Some of the future goals are to improve the department's image, continue with the community policing, maintain personnel, improve the budget and be part of the contract negotiations. Chief Landry feels morale is excellent. Savage feels the community policing is very positive and encourages the Chief to work with the schools to start a DARE program.

In closing, the Chief explains he enjoys the Town and hopes to stay for many years. He makes it a point to patrol the Town 4-6 hours each day, driving down each street twice.

Chief Landry leaves.

The Board continues their meeting to briefly discuss the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

Resident Jennifer Dean-Wing questions the recent legal opinion from Town Counsel. The Board will continue with their review and update of the Policies and Procedures but will look into the matter further. If it is determined that changes require a Town vote, then it will be presented to the Town. In the meantime, the Board would like to continue the process.

Town Clerk Susan Gray-McNamara confirms that she believes the current Policies and Procedures are, in fact, by-law and not just policies because she recalls the meeting at which they were voted on by the Town. When questioned as to why the current Millville By-law Manual only has one portion of what she is referencing as by-law, McNamara explains that the portion of the Personnel By-law that is currently part of the Town's Bylaw Manual was only inserted there because previous Executive Secretary Suzanne Horne asked her to do so, but that Personnel By-laws aren't required to be in the Manual because they are not approved by the Attorney General's Office.

The Board provided the Executive Secretary with some of the questions and concerns they have in connection with the current draft. Some of those are: the requirement of working hours in writing, separation of employment exit interviews and internet policy.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helen M. Coffin

Diane McCutcheon, Chairperson

om Petrowicz, Selectman

Paul Savage, Vice Chairman

Charlie Poulin, Selectman