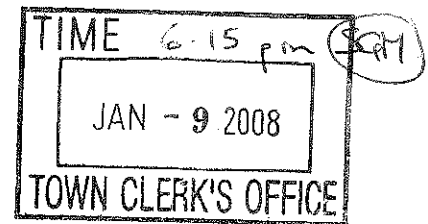


**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**



Minutes of December 17, 2007

Board Members Present: Chairperson Diane McCutcheon, Vice Chairman Paul Savage, Tom Petrowicz, Charlie Poulin and Karin Furno.

Others Present: Executive Secretary, Helen Coffin

Chairperson McCutcheon called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Thank you to all who have worked so hard with the recent storms. The Highway Department did a great job.
- Thank you to the Bartlett Family who donated a flag and flag pole to the police station. The dedication was done last week.
- Condolences go out to the Breton Family on the recent death of Gerry Breton. He was a member of the Millville Planning Board for many years.
- Please be careful with school vacation being next week.
- The Special Town Meeting took place as scheduled on Monday, December 3, 2007.
- There are vacancies on various boards.

Tax Rate Classification:

The Chairperson opened the Public Hearing for the Tax Rate Classification at 7:05 p.m.

Ms. McNamara, the Assistant Assessor, was the representative on behalf of the Board of Assessors. The proposed tax rate is \$10.60.

- **On a motion made by Paul Savage, and seconded by Tom Petrowicz, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the rate at \$10.60.**
- **On a motion made Karin Furno, and seconded by Paul Savage, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to close the hearing.**

Senior Center Director:

The Senior Center Director, Carol Smith, gave an overview of the events that have taken place since the Center opened. Some of these activities included: First Annual Christmas party, Weekly meals, Line Dancing, Aerobics, Movies twice a month, A sound system was recently installed, and the library bookshelf and buffet were built by a local resident.

Mrs. Smith would like to thank all the people in town that have offered their help. The Highway, Fire and Council on Aging have been fabulous to work with. The Senior Center is always looking for volunteers. Currently they are looking for an aerobic and computer instructor.

Fire Chief – Ambulance Rates:

Chief Mullaly communicated that the industry is changing quite a bit. He provided a memo to the Board of Selectmen. The Fire Chief recommended that the ambulance rates be increased by 50%. The Town will be losing the services of Milford Paramedics.

- On a motion made by Paul Savage, and seconded by Tom Petrowicz, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to authorize the 2008 rates with the increase and allow the Chairperson to sign the document.

MINUTES/WARRANTS:

- On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded by Karin Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes from November 19, 2007 held at 6:00 p.m.
Chairperson McCutcheon abstained from vote.
- On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded by Paul Savage, the Board of Selectmen voted by majority to accept the regular meeting minutes from November 19, 2007. Selectman Poulin voted nay.
- On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded by Paul Savage, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes from December 3, 2007.
- On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded by Paul Savage, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to sign the warrants.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Resident, Norman Thuot, 25 Ironstone St.

Mr. Thuot wanted to know if he could get a copy of the November 19, 2007 meeting. The Executive Secretary explained that he could get the tape once it is returned from another individual who has requested it.

Mr. Thuot feels that \$60,000 is a lot of money for Town Counsel for a small town such as Millville. He stated that the City of Woonsocket allocates \$50,000. Selectman Petrowicz wants to know if they handle all the affairs. Mr. Thuot is absolutely sure that this is the amount.

Mr. Dean, Highway Surveyor:

The Highway Surveyor wanted to thank Chairperson McCutcheon and Selectman Furno for thanking the snow contractors for their good work.

There is sand available at the town hall under the blue tarp.

The Highway Surveyor questioned a recent article concerning BATG. The DEP representative, Martin Suuberg, took over the monitoring of this project. The Executive Secretary will follow-up on this.

Janet Davis, 158 Main St.:

She wanted to inform the Board of Selectmen that a group of citizens participated in the planning of the heritage landscapes in town. Professionals took this information and developed a report on how to protect those areas. Many options were given. The report will be provided. She is asking the Board of Selectmen to think about appointing a Millville Riverfront Steering Committee so this committee can continue working on this very important project.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- There was a letter from a resident who attended the Millville Police Citizens Academy classes. The resident wanted to thank the Police Department for running a professional and educational training workshop.
- There will be a joint meeting with the School Committee held on December 20, 2007 at the Middle School.
- Attorney Brackett provided a memo about the open meeting laws and in particular the laws regarding the use of email.
- Former Selectman Gikas was in town to meet regarding the emergency dispensing site plan.
- An assessment for classifications of properties has been completed.
- The Electrical Inspectors report was provided: 3 permits \$150.00. Fees collected to date in \$ 4,330.00. There were 11 inspections completed for a total amount of \$435.00.
- A letter was written from Representative Callahan to inform the town that she is supportive of accessing the money for school needs. She is trying to get the money released. Representative Callahan hopes this will be signed. Executive Secretary informed all that this was signed.
- The MES and Senior Center will be given estimates for ground landscaping.
- The 2008 Meeting Dates were provided.

APPOINTMENTS:

- On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint Pauline Cazeault to the Council on Aging.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT:

2008 Meeting Schedule:

The Executive Secretary provided the Board of Selectmen with the meeting in 2008. She also reviewed the planned joint meetings with Blackstone.

Request for Legal: Board of Health:

The Board of Health had issues at 36 Central St. This property was recently condemned. The property owner did not pay the bill and the Board of Health would like to contact legal. The Board of Selectmen discussed having the Board of Health fill out the paperwork to go to Small Claims.

- On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded by Karin Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to have the Board of Health attempt to collect this money in small claims court.

Request for Legal: Planning Board:

The Planning Board wanted to seek legal advice about whether Zoning Board of Appeals can issue a Special Permit for Uses for Article Three. Selectman Savage feels that this should be turned back to the Planning Board since there was no communication with the Zoning Board of Appeals about this issue.

- On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded by Karin Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to deny the request for legal for the Planning Board.
Selectman Savage abstained from vote.

Selectmen Savage hopes that Richard Hurteau has disclosed his involvement in this.

Employee Life Insurance:

The Executive Secretary received proposals to increase the employee life insurance to \$5,000 per employee. The increase for the town is \$159.00 per year.

- On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded by Tom Petrowicz, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to increase the employee life insurance.
Selectmen Furno abstained from the vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vault:

There has been no new information from the Board of Health on this. The Executive Secretary will follow-up on this.

Dog Officer:

Selectman Poulin wanted to know if there is an update on the fine, which was waived in regards to the issue with the dog licensing. The Executive Secretary spoke with the Animal Control Officer and he provided a letter indicating that he never felt pressured by the Executive Secretary to waive the fine. Mr. Fagan waived the fine due to the communication issues internally that took place.

Selectman Savage agrees with Selectman Poulin and supports the fine. The penalties have been raised for that reason. Selectman Savage agrees though that there was a communication problem which happened with this particular case. Selectman Savage wants in writing how the process works. The Executive Secretary will follow-up with the Animal Control Officer.

Streetscape:

The Town is working with Mark Anderson from Heritage Design Group on the streetscape. The Chairperson showed the board samples of the signs. This project is 2/3 complete and is coming along nicely.

NEW BUSINESS:**2008 Licenses****Liquor:****Pot Belly Pub: (Approved)**

- On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded by Karin Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to renew the license for the Pot Belly Pub through December 31, 2008.

Century Discount Liquors: (Approved)

- On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded by Paul Savage, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to renew the license for Century Discount Liquors through December 31, 2008.

Polish American Citizen Club: (Approved)

- On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded by Paul Savage, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to renew the license for the Polish American Citizen Club. Selectman Petrowicz abstained.

Onnies and Nonnies: (Approved)

- On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded by Tom Petrowicz, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to renew the license for Onnies and Nonnies.

Millville Liquor Mart: (Denied)

- On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to deny the permit for Millville Liquor Mart.

Class II Licenses:

Millville Motors: (Approved)

- On a motion made by Charlie Poulin and seconded by Tom Petrowicz, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to issue the Class II License for Millville Motors through January 1, 2009.

Rudy's Service Station: (Approved)

- On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded by Paul Savage, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to issue the Class II License for Uxbridge Auto through January 1, 2009.
- This motion was amended by Karin Furno and seconded by Paul Savage, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to indicate the hours being from 7:00 am – 8:00 p.m Mon.-Saturday. No Sunday.

Uxbridge Auto: (Approved)

- On a motion made by Paul Savage and seconded by Tom Petrowicz, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to issue the Class II License for Uxbridge Auto through January 1, 2009.

Marc's Garage: (Denied)

The Board of Health did not sign off on the permitting sheet.

- On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded by Karin Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to deny issuing the Class II License for Marc's Garage.

Selectman Savage reminded all that five years ago the sign-off process was put in place. The intent was to give the boards a chance to look at the property. Any issues must be corrected before the form is signed off on.

ABCC – Renewal Signs:

- On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded by Karin Furno, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to sign the ABCC Renewal form.
- On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to sign the form, which indicates that the Millville population does not increase in the summer.

Structural Work on Town Hall:

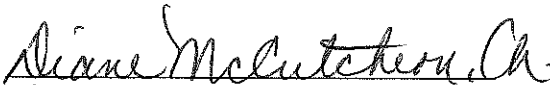
The structural will be taking place soon. The mason put insulation material in the hole. The rebar will be put in place next week. The brickwork will be completed in the spring.

GOOD & WELFARE: None

On a motion made by Karin Furno and seconded by Charlie Poulin, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland


Diane McCutcheon
Chairperson


Paul Savage
Vice Chairman


Tom Petrowicz, Selectman


Charlie Poulin, Selectman


Karin Furno, Selectman