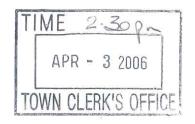
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF THE MEETING



WORKSHOP Longfellow Municipal Center Selectmen Meeting Room March 15, 2006

6:00

Members Present: D. McCutcheon, Chairperson; P. Savage, Vice Chairman; B. Dicks, Selectman; T. Petrowicz, Selectman; K. Gikas, Selectman (P. Savage excuses himself from the Meeting at approximately 6:15)

Others Present: H. Coffin, Executive Secretary; J. Mullaly, Fire Chief; L. Clement, Deputy Fire Chief; J. Posnanzki, Fire Captain; S. Furno, Fire Lieutenant; and several members of the Millville on-call Fire Department

The Meeting opens at 6:05 p.m.

D. McCutcheon informs the Board that, being its first time in quorum since March 7th, they formally need to appoint Lieutenant Sean Baxter of the Massachusetts State Police as Acting Chief of the Millville Police Department. The Board reviewed correspondence prepared the Executive Secretary.

Motion made by B. Dicks and seconded by T. Petrowicz to vote to appoint Lieutenant Sean Baxter of the Massachusetts State Police as Acting Chief of the Millville Police Department and for Chairperson McCutcheon to sign a letter stating same addressed to Major Martha Catalano of the Massachusetts State Police on behalf of the Board. The vote was unanimous.

D. McCutcheon addresses the members of the Fire Department present. She explains that the purpose of this Workshop is to discuss information regarding the Fire Department's request for increased full-time personnel. The Board needs to take into consideration the Town's Budget and the services provided to the Town.

Chief Mullaly presents a revised schedule based on 4 full-time personnel covering 7 days per week, 13 hours per day, 365 days per year, a 4-on, 4-off schedule. Brief discussion follows concerning this new schedule. Further discussion follows regarding the statistics of calls received during 2005.

Chief Mullaly explains the projected costs associated with adding 2 more full-time Firefighter/EMTs. He also provides a list of responsibilities of the firefighters when they are in the station.

- J. Posnanzki presents information regarding the staffing of other Towns similar in size to Millville. Discussion follows regarding whether paying the on-call staff an increased rate would persuade them to take on more shifts. Further discussion follows regarding the average on-call rates of surrounding towns.
- D. McCutcheon advises the Fire Department that they should have more than just this one plan in place to resolve the staffing issues of the Fire Department. She emphasizes they need to be prepared in front of the Finance Committee and the Town, if necessary, to present their case. They should be creative and come up with a few alternative plans. She repeats the importance of having several options available so the Department doesn't risk losing out on receiving any and all additional aid for the Department.
- J. Posnanzki would like to show a power point presentation at the Town Meeting. D. McCutcheon advises he would need to seek approval from the Town Moderator.

The Fire Department personnel and on-call staff leave the building.

The Board briefly reviews and discusses the information provided by the Fire Department. The Board is very concerned with the public safety issues, however, is also deeply troubled by the costs associated with the additional staffing. This matter will be discussed with the Town Accountant.

Motion is made by D. McCutcheon and seconded by B. Dicks to adjourn the Meeting at 8:10 p.m. The vote is unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Coffin

Diane O. McCutcheon, Chairperson

Paul Sayage, Vice Chairman

Tom Petrowicz, Selectman

Brian Dicks, Selectman

Kenneth Gikas, Selectman