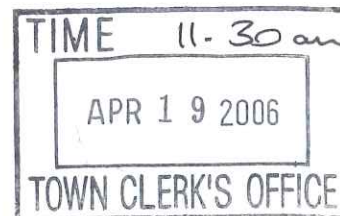


**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Tuesday, April 4, 2006**



The meeting duly posted with the Town Clerk, opened at 7:00 PM
Present were: Chairperson Diane McCutcheon, Vice Chairman Paul Savage, Brian Dicks, Ken Gikas and Tom Petrowicz.
Also present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin and Scribe Amy Sutherland

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Chairperson thanked those residents who ran in the elections.
- The Special Annual meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. and the Annual town meeting will start at 7:00 pm.
- There continues to be opening on the Boards.
- The Board of Selectmen would like to put together a Bylaw Committee to review and update the current bylaws.

BOARD BUSINESS:

- **Reorganization:**

On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz, and seconded by Paul Savage, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint Diane McCutcheon as the Chairperson for the Board of Selectmen.

On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz, and seconded by Brian Dicks the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint Paul Savage as the Vice Chairperson for the Board of Selectmen.

On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz, and seconded by Ken Gikas, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint Brian Dicks as the secretary for the Board of Selectmen.

GOOD & WELFARE:

- **Blackstone River Bikeway:**

Mark Jewel presented the overview of the project:

1. Created a task force
2. Created a website posted by the Chamber of Commerce
3. Completed the permitting form
4. There was a grand opening of the Bike way opening.
5. Ready to advertise the design segment (16 miles of bikeway)
6. MASS Highway will award the contract.
7. In the Future would like to designate a citizen advocate to the project.
8. The Central Street North portion of the design phase is 25% complete. This portion will be advertised in the summer.

Resident, Norman Thuot 25 Ironstone St. had several questions about the Police Chief situation and the finances.

- Wants to know how much money this is costing the town?
- Has the town been billed to date?
- Is the town being billed for Lt. Baxter's service?
- Does the town have any money set aside for an appeal process?
- Has anyone spoken with the town insurance agent?
- Do all the Boards in town use Kopelman & Paige?

The Chairperson addressed Mr. Thuot by informing him that:

- The Town is asking Kopelman & Paige to take the bills and itemize the hours.
- The cost incurred thus far for the investigation is \$3,400.00 which was approved by the Board of Selectmen
- The supervisory officer in charge is not billing the town.
- The Board of Selectmen have not spoken with the insurance agent.
- There has been no money put into an account for a possible appeal.
- The Boards need to seek approval from the Board of Selectmen when requesting legal services.

The Chairperson informed the all that there would be a hearing in regards to the investigation on Thursday, April 20, 2006. Chief Ryan has the right to make this an open or closed hearing. The town will have David Jenkins from Kopelman & Paige representing the town.

Mr. Thuot verbally requested a copy of all legal bills from any and all law firms that the town utilizes. The Chairperson informed Mr. Thuot that the law entitles the Executive Secretary to answer the request within ten day.

Resident Roland Barrett, 52 Fisher St., wanted to know how the road flooding on Fisher St. is being addressed. It was discussed that Mr. Gamache was going to visit the area and make recommendations. The executive secretary will contact Normand Gamache from Guerriere & Halnon.

Resident, Mrs. Barrett, 52 Fisher St., presented a letter to the Board of Selectmen complaining about a situation which took place with the Chairman of the Conservation Commission during a site visit. Selectmen Petrowicz responded that this will be addressed with Mr. McCutcheon and the Board will inform the Barrett's of the outcome.

West Street Water Problem:

- The water problem on West St will be addressed at the Conservation Commission meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2006.

Millville Elementary:

- Mr. Dean wanted to thank those who assisted with the clean up at the baseball fields.
- The ditch in the parking lot at the back of the building still needs to be addressed.

CORRESPONDENCE:.

- A Letter from Dr. John Roberts informed the town that another step was completed in helping to make a portion of Main St. part of the Historical District.
- The Town of Blackstone has invited us to their annual Memorial Day Parade.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT:

Trash Pick Up:

- The Board of Health wants residents informed that there is a change in the trash pick-up day effective next week April 10, 2006.

Handicap Ramp:

- The official handicap ramp bid will be advertised and published on cable. The specks may be picked up at the Town Hall. The sealed bids are due April 10, 2006.

Annual Report:

- The 2005 Annual Report is in and can be picked up at Town Hall. The quantities are limited.

Roof bid:

- On a motion made by Paul Savage, seconded by Brian Dicks, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to allow Chairperson McCutcheon authorization to sign the contract for roof bid with JJS.

Subordination Agreement:

- On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz, and seconded by Paul Savage, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to authorize Diane McCutcheon to sign the subordination agreement.

Warrants:

- The draft of the town meeting warrants is ready for review.
The Board of Selectmen will discuss these on Wednesday, April 12, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
The Executive Secretary would like the warrants signed at the next meeting April 18, 2006.

Performance Evaluations:

- The executive secretary will set up a time and date to conduct the performance evaluation for Chief Mullaly.

Appointment:

- On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz, and seconded by Paul Savage, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint Antonio Dinis as a part-time patrolman through June 30, 2006.

Animal Crate:

- The executive secretary contacted the police and discussed possibly purchasing a crate for stray animals. The police do not think that is a good idea for liability. The Board of Selectmen would like to investigate this further. Selectmen Gikas mentioned that the towns of Uxbridge, Douglas and Mendon are looking to regionalize their animal control position. Helen will contact those towns.

Assistant Clerk Hours:

- The Executive Secretary will put on cable the hours of both the Town Clerk and the Assistant Town Clerk for those residents which may be seeking licenses.

Landscaping:

- Selectmen Petrowicz spoke with Everett Campbell and it is allowable to use the custodian at the Elementary School for grass cutting. A user fee will be charged. The estimate for this service was \$197.00 per 5 hour cutting.

GOOD & WELFARE:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Police Rules & Regulations:

- The police rules and regulations were submitted presented at the last meeting. It was on the recommendation from Lt. Baxter that this document not be approved. The Board is not comfortable accepting this document; there are certain areas which need to be addressed. It will be sent back for future consideration.

On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz and seconded by Paul Savage the Board voted unanimously to not approve the police rules and regulations as submitted.

Issuance of Subpoenas:

- On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz, and seconded by Paul Savage, the Board voted to issue subpoenas to the following:

Sara Withee
Richard Thompson
Sgt. James Ryan
Robert Laren

Roll Call Vote: Paul Savage aye, Tom Petrowicz aye, Diane McCutcheon aye.

Vote Passes

Two Abstentions: Ken Gikas, and Brian Dicks

The Executive Secretary will research the number of children on the school buses.

On a motion made Tom Petrowicz, and seconded by Brian Dicks, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Litigation. The Board will return to open session to sign minutes and warrants.

Roll Call Vote: Tom Petrowicz aye, Brian Dicks aye, Ken Gikas aye, Paul Savage aye and Diane McCutcheon aye.

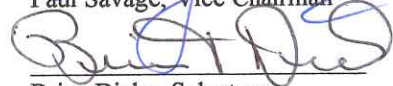
The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

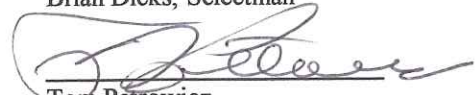
Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland


Diane McCutcheon, Chairperson


Paul Savage, Vice Chairman

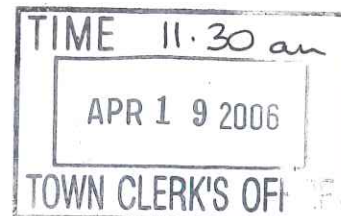

Brian Dicks, Selectman


Tom Petrowicz


Ken Gikas

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WORKSHOP
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

APRIL 4, 2006 @6:00



Present: D. McCutcheon, Chairperson; P. Savage, Vice Chairman; K. Gikas, Selectman

Also Present: H. Coffin, Executive Secretary, L. Barber, Veterans Agent

The workshop opened at 6:30 due to a delay gathering a quorum.

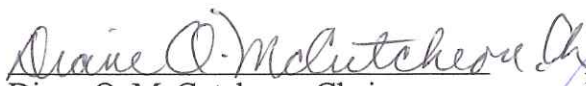
The workshop is held at the request of L. Barber. L. Barber educates the Board of the various aspects of the job of the Veterans Agent. He provides the Board with an overview of the benefits eligibility process. He advises the Board of the problems he foresees down the road with respect to the Veterans budget and state reimbursement situation. He expresses his concern regarding how the Town's money is being spent with respect to Veterans services and further explains that the Town needs to make some important decisions. Discussion follows among all parties concerning the current situation relating to Veterans affairs and benefits.

D. McCutcheon would like to update the other Board members of the situation and meet again with L. Barber within the next month or so as follow-up.

The workshop adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Coffin


Diane O. McCutcheon, Chairperson


Paul J. Savage, Vice Chairman


Kenneth J. Gikas, Selectman