



## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

290 Main Street  
Millville, MA 01529

Monday, August 5, 2019

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### **PRESENT:**

Chairman Erica Blake, Vice Chairman, Jennifer Wing Dean, and Member, Andrew Alward

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Town Administrator, Peter Caruso

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The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Representative Mike Sotor will be holding office hours on August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall from 6:00 PM -7:00 PM.
- Representative Mike Sotor will be having a Lobster Roll Luncheon on August 12<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center from 11:00 AM -1:00 PM. RSVP is required to attend.

### **MINUTES:**

#### **July 1, 2019:**

On a motion made by Jennifer Dean Wing and seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from July 1, 2019.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- There is no new correspondence.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

#### **Resident Denounceur, 73 Thayer Street:**

Ms. Denounceur wanted follow-up from the Board regarding her stone wall which she claims was damaged by the Town back in 2018. Vice Chairman Dean Wing will follow-up with Brian Mullaly and will provide an email about the possible resolution.

**Resident Gerald Finn, 47 Grove Street:**

Mr. Finn asked if the Town can post the weekly agenda on the Town Website. The Chairman agreed and will follow-up with the Town Clerk.

**DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES:**

- No news from the Departments or Committees to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Planning Board Appointment of new member:**

The Board is in receipt of an email from Sarah Hoecker dated July 30, 2019 regarding the interest from Justin Allen in becoming a member of the Planning Board. His term would run until the next election which would be April 5, 2020.

**On a motion made by Jennifer Dean Wing and seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Justin Allen to the Millville Planning Board through the next election being April 5, 2020.**

**Millville Elementary Boiler:**

The Assistant Superintendent was present at the to discuss options regarding the MSBA Accelerated Repair Program for the Millville Elementary Boiler. The Board is in receipt of a memo dated July 31, 2019 from the Millville Capital Program Committee which indicated that a vote was taken to ask for at least a 60 Day extension of the 90 Day period for local approval under the MSBA Accelerated Repair Program.

The Board of Selectmen discussed that it is up to the Towns people to decide on this matter. There was a comment that there may need to be more vetting to be done for the necessity of the MES boiler. The Town is planning for a Special Fall Town meeting and it would be beneficial to put this item on for that meeting, if this is a debt exclusion, it would need a ballot vote.

The deadline is September 24, 2019 without an extension. The Board of Selectmen agreed that there needs to be an extension and the date of that will need to be determined. All are in agreement that this needs to go to the town people for a vote.

**On a motion made by Jennifer Dean Wing and seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board voted unanimously to have the Blackstone Millville Superintendent request an extension to not exceed 90 days.**

**Green Communities Final Report:**

Trish Benoit and Joe Rapoza were present to explain that the Green Communities Final Report has been submitted. The total amount in savings to the town is \$148,684.00. The report will be put on the town website for residents to review. There is another round of grants which would be for \$400,000.00. If the Town were to apply for this grant, there would need to be more members on the Committee. The Committee thanked Chief Landry for his research and time spent assisting with the grant.

**Introduction of Potential Marijuana Retailer Russell Bogartz:**

Mr. Bogartz provided his business background to the Selectmen. He explained that he is also looking for a location for a marijuana retail space in the Town of Hopedale. He has visited parcels in Millville, but the issue appears to be parking. The Chairman explained that the Board would like him to provide a business plan along with the financials. They would also like him to explain how far along he is with the process. The Board of Selectmen thanked him for coming to speak with them.

**Building Commissioner:**

**Increase in Inspection Fee:**

Lincoln Barber the Building Commission provided the Board of Selectmen with a document which contained the current fees along with the proposed increase to fees for the wiring, gas and plumbing inspector fees.

**On a motion made by Jennifer Dean Wing and seconded by Erika Blake, the Board voted to accept the increase for the proposed rate for plumbing, gas and wiring inspections. Vote passes 2 to 1 (Member Alward voted nay)**

**Online Permitting:**

Lincoln Barber communicated that he hopes that when the Town is ready to do online permitting, the Board of Selectmen discuss this with the various departments since it needs to be integrated throughout the town hall as a whole and not specifically the Building Department. It would be beneficial to reach out to communities who are currently using this type of system.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:**

The Board of Selectmen were informed that the Zoning Board of Appeals needs another member. There are applications which have been submitted which need to be acted upon.

**Debris Dumping:**

Lincoln Barber explained that there has been dumping at the section of Grove Street which exits out to the Town of Mendon. It was suggested that we reach out to the Town of Mendon and possibly investigate having a gate or bollards installed to cut off the access point.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN FORUM:**

Selectmen Alward informed the Board that he attended the last BMR Regional Agreement Committee meeting held on July 20, 2019 which included the discussions about the regional agreement. The particulars of the language in the agreement about elected members is being reviewed. The meetings are held the third Thursdays of the month at the Hartnett Middle School. The BOS would like copies of any minutes which were taken from the meeting. Selectmen Alward will provide to the members so those can be placed on the town website.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

### **Capital Program Committee:**

The Board of Selectmen were informed that the first Capital Program Committee meeting took place on July 30, 2019. It was a productive meeting. The Chairman of the Committee is Jennifer Gill and the Vice Chairman Chris Drew. The Committee discussed their goals. The key capital challenges included the following: Central Street Construction, MES Boiler replacement, MES water source/treatment, Impact of BMR Agreement amendments, old town hall solution, old town hall repurposing, etc. The Committee appointed liaisons "experts" which will work on getting some of the research done on the various capital items. The liaisons will then report back to the Committee. The Committee plans to meet again in September.

### **Town of Millville Police Station HVAC:**

The Board was informed that the HVAC system at the Police Station is hardly functioning. The options for this need to be explored.

### **Senior Center – Generator:**

The Town Administrator informed the Board that there is no generator at the Senior Center. The Town has designated the Senior Center as a shelter in the case of an emergency but without a generator this is not possible. This is also a discussion which will need some form of resolution.

### **Status of Marijuana Retail Applications:**

The Board was informed that Garden Wonders is waiting for their provisional license to be approved. This should be approved within the next 4 weeks. The town will receive another payment for the host agreement once they receive a provisional license.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

- Monday, August 19, 2019.

### **Executive Session:**

**On a motion made by Jennifer Dean Wing and seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board of Selectmen voted by Roll Call vote to enter into executive session under MA General Law Section 30 A, 21 (a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Teamsters Union Local 170 and also to discuss pending litigation where discussion of these matters would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Town and to reconvene in open session to adjourn the meeting.**

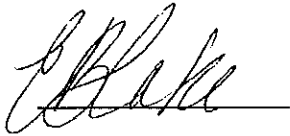
### **Roll Call Vote:**

Jennifer Wing Dean	aye
Erica Blake	aye
Andrew Alward	aye

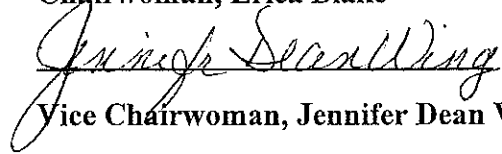
The regular meeting ended at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland  
Recording Secretary



Chairwoman, Erica Blake



Vice Chairwoman, Jennifer Dean Wing

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Member, Tom Houle



Member, Andrew Alward

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Member, Kevin Surette