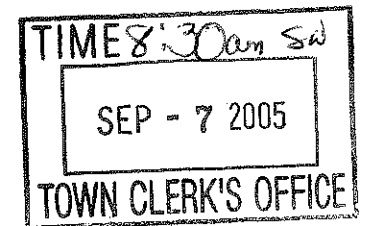


**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
August 16th, 2005**



The Working Session meeting duly posted with the Town Clerk, opened at 6:00 PM
Present were: Chairperson Diane McCutcheon, Vice Chairman Paul Savage, Brian Dicks, Tom Petrowicz and Ken Gikas
Also present were Executive Secretary Suzanne Horne, Accountant Marilyn Mathieu and Finance Board members.

Discussion: State of finances for the Town of Millville for FY06.

Marilyn stated that FY05 is in the process of being closed; it appears that there may be \$200,000 in Free Cash and a possible \$92,000 in Stabilization. For FY 05 the Town spent down all available revenues and used \$437,000 of non-recurring revenues to balance the budget.

Available dollars for next year includes Ambulance Reserves used to pay down the debt on the Fire Truck; Marilyn will go through the budget and provide to BOS and FinCom any source of revenue that she can.

Board of Selectmen may look at regionalizing which causes another set of issues.

BOS and FinCom need to look at 2 ½ override and impact on residents

BOS and FinCom also need to develop a plan as to what would happen if prop 2 ½ did not pass; suggested that departments, boards, committees develop budgets if they were asked to cut 15% (what would your department look like).

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen to continue meeting to discuss options and plans.

The Regular Selectmen's meeting duly posted with the Town Clerk, opened at 7:00 PM
Present were: Chairperson Diane McCutcheon, Vice Chairman Paul Savage, Brian Dicks, Tom Petrowicz and Ken Gikas

Also present were Executive Secretary Suzanne Horne, Scriber Amy Sutherland

The Board of Selectmen met with the Finance Committee before the meeting to discuss the budget.
The meeting will be televised on cable.

Chairperson McCutcheon informed residents that there is a newspaper called Journeys which published a great article about the Chestnut Hill Meeting House.

The town could still use volunteers, if anyone is interested, please call Sue Horne.

Chief Mullaly was invited to give an update on the fire station.

Chief Mullaly started his presentation by saying that there is a potential of a liability with anything that the fire department does, with this stated, he informed the Board of Selectmen that the one vehicle tanker failed the most recent inspection. The inside of the cab has rotted out. The vehicle is 30 years old and the town has used it for twenty years. This vehicle will be decommissioned at the end of the week. The Chief informed the Board that he has nothing to use to replace the tanker. The current engine is a water-carrying vehicle for water suppression.

The Chief will take off anything that is usable from the decommissioned vehicle. The tank is usable since it is stainless steel. Selectmen Petrowicz wants the chief to look at all the options, but a new vehicle is out of the question.

Chief Mullaly wants to give this vehicle to a junkyard.

The Board of Selectmen want to think about what to do with this vehicle until the next meeting.

The current vehicle repairs thus far are the gas and fuel tanks, which have recently started to leak. The leak is coming from a bracket.

The telephone system at the fire station has failed three times this year. This is a spirit system installed during the early 80's. There are three phones tied together. The memory that it has is a chip and during a power surge, the system does not work. The maintenance person felt that this is a hard system to get going. Chief Mullaly asked what a new system would cost? The cost for a new system is approximately \$4,000.

The Board of Selectmen would like to research this and help Chief Mullaly find a solution to this problem.

Chief Mullaly wanted to address the space issue at the fire station. The Chief stated that he has no space for his vehicles. The town should be looking into a bigger space in the near future.

The ambulance has recently received service for an oil leak, which was covered under warranty. The Chief feels that some money is going to be spent maintaining this vehicle.

The licensing, training, and purchasing equipment for the ambulance have all increased. The EMT's have been trained at another level and the Chief stated that this all costs money.

Chief Mullaly informed the BOS about a system used in Connecticut called ICE (In Case of Emergency). The Chief feels this has system has good merit and potential. The system has all your important health information programmed into your telephone.

This past year Chief Mullaly has received three out of four grants.

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| 1 st | \$2,000 | (firefighting gears 14) |
| 2 nd | \$1,600 | (Equipment, small tools) |
| 3 rd | \$15,000 | (fire Equipment)
(12 EMT jackets)
(Training projector with CD's) |
| 4 th | \$3,000 | SAFE GRANT, which goes to the school |

Chief Mullaly will ask the special town meeting for the \$1,700 to be put back into his budget.

The Chief reviewed the current positions:

1. 3 new staff members
2. 3 new EMT's (14 total)

Chief Mullaly feels that the Town of Millville fire department is not adequately staffed. The calls over the last year are the same, the fire calls are less, but the house calls are more. There were 270 burning permits issued last year totaling \$2,700.00. Selectmen Savage wants the Chief to think about a three-year plan on what the department needs would be.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Central Massachusetts Regional Planning will hold a meeting Wednesday, August 17th 4:30 PM

The Blackstone Vocational Technical School issued the quarterly statement for \$75,854.50 .

The Massachusetts Municipal Association is holding a photo contest showcasing Massachusetts's hidden jewels. If anyone is interested in this, contact Sue Horne, All entries are due October 14th, 2005.

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC FORUM/GOOD & WELFARE

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

There were two bids for Esty/Preston St projects: Bevilacqua Paving for \$58,896 and J. H. Lynch & Sons for \$88,455.

On a motion made by Brian Dicks, seconded by Ken Gikas, the Board voted unanimously to award the paving bid for \$58,896.00 to Bevilacqua Paving Company.

The RFQ/RFP for the Senior Center grant for administrative cost was out for bid and the only firm that responded was Community Opportunities Group.

On a motion made by Ken Gikas, seconded by Brian Dicks, voted unanimously to hire Community Opportunities Group for the project.

On a motion made by Brian Dicks, seconded by Ken Gikas, the Board voted unanimously to allow Diane McCutcheon to sign the paperwork for the DHCD grant for the Senior Center for \$800,000.

The trailer at the landfill has been removed and the power is out. The sand will be coming within the next few weeks. The liner will then be put in place followed by additional sand loam and seeding. This project will be completed in October.

The water trench has been filled in at Millville Elementary School. The tank is full and working and the testing will begin again. Deb Bray will notify Mr. Therrien and she has contact DEP to notify them of the delay.

Chairperson McCutcheon read an email from Mike Hartnett in regards to the bridge project. The pile drivers had to stop work while the "stacked Gabion baskets" and they will not return until the project that they are working on is completed; the bridge over the P&W still has design problems. The BOS would like Sue to send a memo to our local and state representatives informing them of the latest delay.

There was a complaint that the slide in the park area was damaged. The parks and recreation department will contact the maker of the slide to look into repairing it. The playground equipment will need to be inspected and evaluated.

On a motion by Brian Dicks, seconded by Ken Gikas, the Board voted unanimously to accept with regret the resignation from Laura DeMattia. Sue will look into filling this position.

OLD BUSINESS

The all Board meeting is scheduled for October 4th, 2005 at 6:00 PM. This meeting will be filmed. Each department will give an update to the BOS.

The animal control vehicle (Oldsmobile) will be going out to bid.

The ceiling will be going out to bid.

Chairperson McCutcheon and Selectmen Savage are still working on the performance reviews.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectmen Savage wants an update from the tree warden.

Selectmen Savage wants Sue to contact John Dean and asked what is being done with washout areas in the street from storms (Lincoln St.)

GOOD & WELFARE

On a motion by Paul Savage, seconded by Brian Dicks, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of litigation
Roll Call Vote: Paul Savage aye, Ken Gikas aye, Brian Dicks aye, and Diane McCutcheon aye.

The Board of Selectmen reentered open session at 9:15PM to sign minutes and warrants.
Meeting is adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Sutherland

Diane McCutcheon
Diane McCutcheon
Chairperson

Paul Savage
Paul Savage, Vice Chairman

Brian Dicks
Brian Dicks

Tom Petrowicz
Tom Petrowicz

Ken Gikas
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