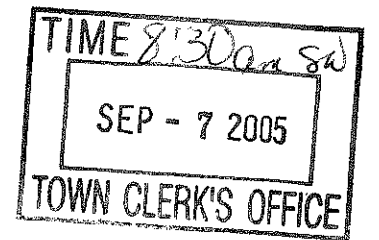


**TOWN OF MILLVILLE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
August 2nd, 2005**



The 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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Residents are reminded to be careful when driving; the children are on the streets.

The Parks and Recreation Committee are looking for two more members. If anyone is interested, please contact Sue Horne.

Mike Dicecco from Quaker St. won an award for \$1,000 for reporting a dangerous situation to his company National Grid. He will donate this money to the Parks and Recreation Committee. The Selectmen are appreciative for the generous donation.

There will be a meeting for the Uxbridge Housing Authority on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Selectmen Dicks would like the Planning Board notified about this meeting

**GOOD & WELFARE**

Susan McNamara, resident and private citizen, 224 Chestnut Hill Rd. addressed the BOS with her questions about the land located on Thayer St. She understands that part of this land is town property and that this went to land court although she is questioning how Mr. Coccoli acquired the remaining land. Mrs. McNamara had several questions for the board:

1. Who authorized the selling of this land?
2. Why weren't the residents of Millville informed about the selling of this land?
3. Who signed over the land to Mr. Coccoli?
4. Why were the deeds not presented?
5. Who proposed to settle this agreement?

Chairperson McCutcheon stated that in fact this was a land court decision and the town has been in litigation over this particular case for three years. The attorney representing the town researched the deed and the land court judge determined that the Town need to come to an agreement with Mr. Coccoli and the 32.5 acres was part of the agreement to Mr. Coccoli the \$19,500 is the fess associated with the settlement. The decision from land court must still be recorded at the register of deeds which to date Mr. Coccoli has not done.

John McNamara, resident, Chestnut Hill Rd. stated that he is in full agreement with Susan McNamara. He wanted to know why the Town Attorney did not put this land up for public auction, and then if no one was interested, the original heirs should have the first shot at acquiring the land. It was his belief that the town owned the land and he was always interested in acquiring the remaining to put it into open space. He was requesting that the Board of Selectmen issue a cease and desist order and stop the cutting of trees on the property until the lawyers can review this further. Mr. McNamara stated a quote "John Paul Jones stated that we've just begun to fight." he will not give up this fight.

Jennifer Wing Dean stated that there does seem to be a discrepancy with this situation.

Member Brian Dicks stated that Susan McNamara is misleading the residents. The town did not sell the property. This has been in court for three years and the town has spent thousands of dollars researching

this property. The land court judge made a decision that Mr. Coccoli has claim to the acreage. The title to this property was a mess, but the lawyers have researched the title and deeds. At one point, Mrs. McNamara claimed title to this land. The land court judge ordered the agreement not the Board of Selectmen.

Chairperson McCutcheon felt that it would be beneficial to that the town lawyers come in to provide the history and result of this case. Executive Secretary Sue Horne will arrange for this meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **PUBLIC FORUM/GOOD & WELFARE**

John Dean wanted to address the town streets. He suggested that the sign on Bow St. be eliminated and he and Sue will be contacting Mike Hartnett.

There is a concern that the Uxbridge Dirt Track at 146A may be moving to Millville. There are ATV's running at the power lines. The town will look into who owns the property.

Resident, Jennifer Dean informed the BOS that Vermont has a fee for development on new construction. This fee is paid by the homeowner. The money would go into a fund for the town. She doesn't know if this is something we could do.

### **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT**

Executive Secretary informed the BOS that a reserve fund transfer is needed for the Board of Health for the hazardous waste day. The total expended was \$28,000, \$8,000 more than budgeted. The DEP required the town to have this day.

The landfill is still on schedule.

Another water problem at the elementary school has occurred. The janitor at the elementary school was having a drop in water pressure about two weeks ago. Selectmen Petrowicz determined that the piping at the elementary school has deteriorated and was not properly installed. The town received an estimate of \$16,000-\$17,000 for replacing the piping. There is no bandaiding this problem. The Board feels that they need to go ahead with the project as presented although they will look at installing a new well before addressing the proposal. The town feels that they need an engineering firm to look at this problem. This is going to cost the town money anyway we look at this.

Executive Secretary will post an emergency meeting for Thursday evening at 6:00 PM to discuss water issues if necessary.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The Board of Selectmen interviewed two in-house candidates for the executive secretary position.

A letter will be sent to the chief of police and fire about scheduling a time for them to address the BOS about their departments.

There are a few new street signs around town. Selectmen Petrowicz will check with John Dean about the other new street signs that he was going to show the Board of Selectmen.

On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz, seconded by Ken Gikas, the board voted unanimously to appoint Diane McCutcheon and Paul Savage as the members who will evaluate the format of the performance assessment.

Vice-Chairman Savage reminded residents that only one unregistered motor vehicle is allowed on properties.

#### NEW BUSINESS

On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz, seconded by Brian Dicks, the Board voted unanimously to accept with regret the resignation from patrolman Greg Lewindowski.

On a motion made by Ken Gikas, seconded by Brian Dicks, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Lincoln Barber as the Veteran' Agent His request for Zoning Board of Appeals member has been forwarded to ZBA for recommendation.  
The appointment for Veteran's Agent is through April, 2006.

#### GOOD & WELFARE

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

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

The Board discussed coming up with a proposal offering the position to one of the two candidates.  
On a motion made by Tom Petrowicz, seconded by Brian Dicks, the Board voted to draft a proposal which will be offered to one of the candidates.  
Tom Petrowicz aye, Brian Dicks aye, Ken Gikas aye, Paul Savage nay, and Diane McCutcheon aye.  
Motion granted 4 to 1.

On a motion by Paul Savage, seconded by Brian Dicks the BOS voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting only to sign warrants.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:30 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*  
Ken Gikas