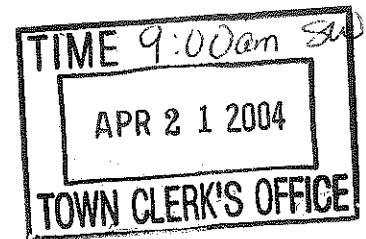


**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
April 6, 2004**



The meeting duly posted with the Town Clerk, opened at 6:00 PM

Present were: Chairman Diane McCutcheon, Vice Chairman Paul Savage, Brian Dicks, Tom Petrowicz, and new Selectman Ken Gikas. Also present were Executive Secretary Suzanne Horne

On a motion by Paul Savage seconded by Tom Petrowicz the board unanimously votes by role call vote to go into Executive Session for the purpose of collective bargaining and will return to open session at 7:00 pm. Roll Call Vote, Paul Savage aye, Tom Petrowicz aye, Brian Dicks aye, Ken Gikas aye and Diane McCutcheon aye.

Reorganization: On a motion by Paul Savage, seconded by Ken Gikas the board unanimously votes to name Diane McCutcheon as Chairman of the Board; on a motion by Tom Petrowicz seconded by Brian Dicks the board unanimously votes to name Paul Savage as Vice Chairman; on a motion by Tom Petrowicz, seconded by Brian Dicks the board unanimously voted to name Ken Gikas as secretary.

Announcements:

- 1) Congratulation to Ken Gikas, Dave Stanley and Joe Kelleher who won their races and also congratulations to everyone else that ran unopposed
- 2) Thank you for the 669 voters that came out to vote;
- 3) Thank you to all the poll workers that did a great job;
- 4) Millville had a fatal accident and we thank all the departments, Fire, Police and Emergency that cooperatively worked together. Our condolences to the family that lost their loved one and best wishes for a speedy recovery for the injured victim;
- 5) The near abduction last week in town; everyone handled it very professionally, thank you;
- 6) Town Clerk reminds everyone that dog licenses are due April 1, 2004, late licensing subject to late fees;
- 7) Town Clerk requests that all residents return their census forms as soon as possible;
- 8) Reminder to all residents, Annual Town Meeting is May 10, 2004 @ 7:00;
- 9) Thank you to Benjamin Symes for completing some work on the cable room.

7:15 Gerry Finn, BVT School Committee member present to discuss FY05 Budget:

Mr. Finn stated that BVT is an award winning school with 100% graduation and placement and they have done this by working with the thirteen towns in the district.

Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick was present to answer questions that were faxed to him before the meeting; 1) special ed not a state supported portion of the budget; 2) athletics are not state mandated; 3) student activities have not been eliminated or reduced; 4) amount of money in stabilization \$100-150K; 5) BVT is not applying any stabilization to budget; 6) if there is a chapter 70 shortfall BVT will not be coming back to the Town for more money; 7) only used fee BVT has initiated is parking fee, has asked school employees to push for fund raising; 8) BVT's budget was adopted by all 13 town school committee members; 9) no contingency plan to level fund budget; 10) minimum contribution FY04 was \$152, 576, FY05 is \$145,291; 11) Regional agreement to leave BVT system takes action at local level followed by approval of 12 other towns, reverse to join BVT; total cost per student \$12-13,000.

Fin Com Chairman Gerry Labonte questions justification for figures and \$1.3million request over state mandated amounts.

Board of Selectmen requested Dr. Fitzpatrick provide a list of cuts from FY04 budget to FY05 budget.

Dr. Fitzpatrick distributed copies of the budget subcommittee's posting for meeting; copies of letters to accountant; partial copies of regional school agreement; copies of "Highlights of BVT"; previous years

letter to FinCom; copies of correspondence to Sen/Rep's on transportation issues; copies of correspondence on changing the calculation of Chapter 70 aid.

Public Forum/Good & Welfare:

John Dean wants to thank everyone that voted and elected him.

Correspondence:

Letter from Chief Ryan stating that he has received radar speed trailer from the Town of Sutton for \$1.00; on a motion by Paul Savage, seconded by Brian Dicks the board votes unanimously to accept from the Town of Sutton one radar speed trailer. The Board requests a letter of thanks be sent to Sutton. The Chief has assured the Board of Selectmen that there were be no additional cost to the Town other than registering the trailer.

Executive Secretary Report:

Landscape/Ground Maintenance contract is advertised and five individuals/firms have picked up quote packets – quotes are due back April 20th.

Stormwater II – working with Abby Thomas from Earth Tech to write required report to EPA on status of Stormwater II. She will be providing the Town with sample bylaws to be reviewed and adopted; need to talk with John Dean on reporting for catch basin cleaning and street sweeping. She will be advising on other issues that need to be addressed this coming year.

Animal Control/pound issue: to date we have not had any luck locating another town that will house and hold our animals. The option of using the landfill for partnering with Dog Orphans is out; DEP has stated to the Town that at this time we need to clean the landfill up more and the Board of Health is addressing this issue.

Informational issue: the Town's custodian, Patti McGuirk has given her notice; a job description will be developed and the position will be advertised soon.

Fire truck: individual that bought the truck has decided that he wants his money back. As soon as he returns the title, the Town will return his money and the Fire Truck will be disposed of through the bid process.

Mass Office of Disabilities: The Town had a pre-election inspection from Mass Office of Disabilities, the front ramp failed inspection because of pitch, railings and proper signage. That office will be forwarding a letter through the Town Clerk's office; the Building Inspector has forwarded information from the Architectural Access Board with drawings for slope and rise, widths, landings, approved types of handrails, etc.

Old Business:

Warrant: review of all articles for inclusion on town meeting warrant; on a motion by Paul Savage, seconded by Brian Dicks to strike Article 12 from the warrant failed: 4 nay, Paul Savage, aye. On a motion by Brian Dicks seconded by Diane McCutcheon the board votes to strike Article 15 from the warrant: three aye, 2 against, Paul Savage and Ken Gikas. On a motion by Brian Dicks, seconded by Tom Petrowicz the board unanimously votes to close the warrant; on a motion by Brian Dicks, seconded by Tom Petrowicz the board unanimously votes to accept and sign the warrant as amended.

School budget: Reminder that the board of Selectmen is scheduled to meet with Blackstone Board April 7, 2004 at 5:00 PM to discuss BMR's budget.

New Business

Parking regulations: information provided to the board on parking regulations; Town Counsel has suggested that the parking regulations be adopted by the Board of Selectmen rather than a bylaw; changes can be made more readily without a town meeting vote.

Keys and badges: Board of Selectmen is requesting that all keys and Town issued badges be returned to the Town.

On a motion by Brian Dicks, seconded by Paul Savage the board unanimously votes to subordinate the town's lien on Chestnut Hill Road for Case # 00-45 as requested by Millville Community Development Office.

Diane McCutcheon to re- sign contract forms for COA; Preservation America paperwork and letter to DHCD requesting opinion and clarification on modular building for the proposed Senior Center.

Good & Welfare

Brian Dicks: Mothers Day Brunch; May 9th 7:00 -1:00, sponsored by the Millville Men's Club

Minutes: on a motion by Tom Petrowicz, seconded by Brian Dicks the board unanimously votes to sign minutes of March 29, 2004.

On a motion by Tom Petrowicz seconded by Paul Savage the board unanimously votes by role call vote to go into Executive Session for the purpose of pending litigation and will return to open session to sign warrants, minutes and paperwork. Roll Call Vote, Paul Savage aye, Tom Petrowicz aye, Brian Dicks aye, Ken Gikas aye and Diane McCutcheon aye.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:30


S.V. Horne


Diane McCutcheon
Chairperson


Paul Savage


Brian Dicks


Thomas Petrowicz


Ken Gikas