

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
January 4, 2000

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm. with Jennifer A. Dean, Madeline Gauthier, and Kenneth Gikas attending.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mrs. Mary Lou Anderson of 16 West Street remarked that nothing had been done in Millville to mark the start of the new millennium. There was still time to do something during this year and she volunteered to serve on a committee. The Board decided to put it on cable that they are looking for volunteers.

Ms. Colleen Curis asked the Selectmen to make sure to speak into their microphones as townspeople can not hear them.

Mr. Pare of the Board of Health noted that Christmas tree pickup will take place on each Tuesday during the next three weeks.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1.) Memoranda from Kopelman & Paige regarding: designer selection law (recent developments); repairs and snow removal on private roads; warrant article and by-law on real estate; public ways (creation and discontinuance).
- 2.) Legal opinion from Kopelman & Paige concerning Chapter 32B. Board members could not find this in their packages which are prepared by the Executive Secretary.
- 3.) Blackstone-Millville Regional School District budget presentation schedule (1/22/99 and 2/5/00) Dean urged everyone to attend.
- 4.) Letter concerning IP offering of Charter Communications.
- 5.) MMA Annual Business Meeting notice.
- 6.) MHA nomination forms.
- 7.) Time sheets of the Fire Chief.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

There was a written final report from Exec. Secretary Winer on pending issues such as sewers, personnel, parking regulations, budget, capital budget, town report, animal control facility, computer system upgrade, CTC system, collective bargaining and small claim court issue. This will be forwarded to the new and interim executive secretary. Winer's last day is Thursday, 1/6/00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Regarding Mark's Garage on Chestnut Hill Road, the Highway Surveyor inspected drainage so the Board can sign the license. Shrubbery will be taken care of in the spring.

K. Gikas had tendered his resignation from the Board of Assessors and was thanked for his service.

Dean read aloud the new office hours of the Board of Assessors' Office. It is also on cable.

Clarification on the new fee schedule of the Building Inspector was not received. Dean will call him.

On behalf of Ms. Joanne Mulvey, Chairperson of the Community Advisory Board, Gauthier thanked the Comm. Advisory Board members. They had started work three years ago, had done surveys and inspections and now that the preliminary work is completed, they voted to have the town hire a team to

manage the CDBG grant. Community Opportunities Group was the best bid. Gikas motioned to hire the Community Opportunities Group to manage the CDBG grant. Gauthier seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The Board needs to take a look at the various uses for the land that was taken (Santos Tulumello). There is nothing new to report as regards the pumping station.

NEW BUSINESS

Two resumes have been received for the position of Assistant Town Clerk/Town Hall Secretary. The Board plans to meet with each of them at the start of its Workshop next week and then meet with the Finance Committee and Capital Planning Comm. regarding budgets.

The Board was to review and sign the contract with Computer Network Maintenance for the installation of an NT Server in the Longfellow Municipal Center, however, since none of the Board members has seen it, they will ask Winer about it and address it at the Workshop.

MINUTES

Gikas made a motion to sign the minutes of 10/19/99 and 11/16/99. The Board is also to sign the Executive Session minutes of 7/13/99, 8/17/99, 9/7/99 and 12/7/99, as well as, the Workshop Meeting minutes of 12/14/99.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mr. Pare remarked that the Police contracts have been taking a long time. He also remarked about Winer's absences from Town Hall. Dean stated that the matter was being looked into. He then inquired about interviewing a full-time Executive Secretary/Town Manager. Gauthier stated that the process of perhaps having a Town Manager is a long one and needs careful research, etc. Gikas stated that people in Town have volunteered to help in this process and that Mark's salary would not be exceeded in the use of an interim Exec. Secretary. Mr. Pare then stated that Wheelabrator fees did go up substantially and asked that townspeople recycle more. At the Board's request, he will report back to the Selectmen on the figures.

Mr. Leonard Desjardins was concerned that the hiring of a Town Manager was a major change and that the Board seemed to not be allowing sufficient time for this process. He also brought up the issue of health insurance. Gauthier made a motion that all appointed personnel and employees not presently considered full-time were to work no more than 19 hours per week. Gikas seconded and the vote was unanimous. He also felt that a minute-taker that would be present at the meetings was needed since he thought that permits and licenses signed at the meetings would not appear in the minutes. Advertising will be put out for a permanent minute-taker for the Selectmen.

A representative from MEMA gave a short report. They had been operating 24 hours a day last weekend to make sure all went well for the start of 2000.

Ms. Diane McCutcheon stated that she has not received a letter of confirmation on her appointment to the Board of Assessors or information on her tenure. The Town Clerk will be asked to provide this.

Mr. Jack wanted to see a copy of the Harvard Report. He was told it should be at the library.


Dean stated that the Highway Surveyor asked that the Board sign Project 90 reimbursements paperwork in order to receive the money. For Thayer and Vinyard Streets, it is \$104,810.59 and for the bridge, it is \$37,400.00.

The Board then signed minutes, reimbursements (all mentioned above) and treasury warrants and went into Executive Session to discuss a contract and employment as interim Executive Secretary with Mr. Aldon Jeffs, after which the meeting was adjourned.

Les Davis, Chairman



Kenneth Gikas, Secretary



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Jennifer A. Dean, Vice Chairperson

Madeline Gauthier