

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

February 1, 2000

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

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mr. Michael Buckley, on behalf of the Blackstone-Millville School Committee, and Mr. Aldo Cecchi provided an update on the Middle School Project. They are looking at a 33 acre parcel of land off Federal St. in Blackstone. Architectural and engineering proposals are being received. If the Regional School District does purchase the land, Millville will bear 25% of the cost. The proposed building will be about 120,000-125,000 square feet to house approximately 700 students and the land will probably cost about \$224,000.00. Blackstone will vote on 3/13/00 on whether to sell the property. Then Millville will have 45 days to vote at a Special Town Meeting on whether to ratify the debt or vote against it.

Gauthier mentioned to appoint Karen Albright, Laura Ethier, Laure Kloczkowski, John McNamara and Paulette Marcure to the Senior Center Building Comm.. Gikas seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Ms. Colleen Curls of 12 Summit St. stated that the clock that runs the Community News Board on cable went down after 2/1/00, but will be running again shortly. The cable committee will need to buy more tapes soon.

Mr. Michael Pare inquired about the proposed curfew, police contract and parking ban. He was told the curfew was a long process and would be difficult to impose. There was no comment on the police contract and Jeffs was asked to make sure the parking ban was posted on cable. Mr. Pare also inquired about the Personnel Board and about the cost of heating oil, etc. There has been only one applicant for the Personnel Board and the Selectmen must wait for approval from the Attorney General's Office before making any appointments. Gikas will look into oil prices, etc. and Jeffs is working on the automatic delivery issue.

Ms. Diane McCutcheon has not received a letter regarding her appointment to the Board of Assessors and was inquiring into her tenure and whether there was a problem with there having been 4 Assessors at one point. Jeffs will take care of the letter and find out about the tenure. Ms. McCutcheon was told there was no problem with the number of Assessors and all should be fine.

CORRESPONDENCE

1.) Letters received on the use of Tulumello property. Jeffs stated that he had attended a conference with Tide and Bond, a Brownfields environmental engineering concern. They investigate pieces of deteriorating property that a town has taken over and help determine the best geographical and topographical use for the property, as well as, help do a layout of the various buildings that could be accommodated. He is meeting with this group in the morning to sign a contract and then will proceed to acquire an EPS grant. This (Brownfields) will be free; their compensation being in the administration portion of the grant. He also received material in the mail from Community Environmental Affairs which may be able to tie in with the Brownfield's "thing".

2.) B.M.R. BEAT.

3.) Appropriation status FY2001/Final Accounting of County Assets & Liabilities.

4.) Statewide educational funding.

5.) Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District returns \$200,000.

6.) Community Opportunities Group memo.

- 7.) Planning Board minutes.
- 8.) Community Preservation Summit. Jeffs will be attending this.
- 9.) Community Development letter on ADA meeting. Jeffs will be attending this also.
- 10.) Bridge work. This job had been advertised for bid on 1/21/00.
- 11.) Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund letter. (See #1 above)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dean will follow up on the land on Depraire St. (title search, etc., issues).

Regarding the water and sewer project, Jeffs has not heard back from Uxbridge yet. Once he does, there will be a series of meetings set up. Uxbridge is going ahead on their end of it.

NEW BUSINESS

Budgets will be reviewed next Tuesday. Jeffs is meeting with the Finance Comm. tomorrow at 7 p.m.

Gikas motioned to appoint Daniel Manzoni as full-time patrolman for the remainder of the term vacated by Steve Crowe until 6/30/00, Gauthier seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The resignation of part-time Officer Michael McCutcheon was forwarded to Town Clerk.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Regarding the police contract, Mr. Jack Collins was appointed attorney and has asked to meet with Jeffs on Monday. Gikas will also attend this meeting. Other Exec. Secretary's Report items had already been addressed above.

Jeffs obtained a new time clock from the Police Dept. that they were not using. The cards were ordered and should arrive soon. Gikas will draft something on guidelines for its use and which employees will be using it.

A workshop has been scheduled for 2/2/00.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mr. Leonard Desjardins wanted Mr. McCutcheon's letter read aloud to find out the reasons why people were leaving town jobs. A copy will be given to him. Dean stated that exit interviews were more informative than any of the resignation letters.

Ms. Mary Lou Anderson, 16 West St., came before the Board before regarding Millville doing something for the Year 2000. No responses were received to the cable ad. She will write up a proposal and bring it before the Board at a future meeting.

The Board then signed treasury warrants, after which the meeting was adjourned.

Les Davis, Chairman

Jennifer A. Dean, Vice Chairperson

Kenneth Gikas, Secretary

Madeline Gauthier