



BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**290 Main Street
Millville, MA 01529**

Monday, August 19, 2019

PRESENT:

Chairman Erica Blake, Members, Tom Houle, Andrew Alward, and Kevin Surrence

ALSO PRESENT:

Town Administrator, Peter Caruso

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There will be a Zoomobile at the Senior Center on August 21, 2019 from 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Those interested need to register for the event.
- Some of the Purple Heart signs have been installed.
- Wall that Heals will be held in the Town of Bellingham on August 22-25, 2019.

MEETING MINUTES:

- The minutes from the last meeting will be voted on at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- No new correspondence submitted.

DEPARTMENT/BOARDS:

Police Department:

Chief Landry was present to discuss the current conditions of the Police Station. A power point presentation was shown. This building was built in 1950 and is over 70 years old. Currently, the air conditioning is not working. He needed to send his secretary home when the working area reached a temperature of 85 degrees. The decision which needs to be determined is to replace or

repair. A quote was received for \$32,000 to replace. This is a large amount of money when the town needs to decide what will be happening long term with the Police Station and Town Hall. There are also issues with the concrete slab which has moisture coming through the bottom of the building which has mold. There is also a big concern about the air quality from the mold in specific areas and inside the duct work. There has not been an air quality test completed. The building also has cracks in the base and the wood around the trim is rotting. The Chief explained that his budget is not able to handle this expense. As the town decides how to handle this situation it was noted that the town hall and the police station are both tied into the same well. The Chief also explained that he looked at spit units. There was a cost estimate of \$17,000 for three units. These are not typically used as the primary heating source. Selectmen Surrence provided information about these separate units. It was suggested that he go to the police station to review the quotes.

Gerry Finn commented that the tiles in the police station which were replaced could be a problem in regard to asbestos. He also noted that the BVT students did a comparison of the split units versus the generator. This could be provided to help with any decision which is made.

Parks and Recreation Playground:

Chief Landry also informed the Board that the current playground at the Police Station is a liability to the town due to the following items:

- Playground chips are gone and need replacement.
- Concrete slabs for equipment are showing and need to be covered.
- Steel decay is falling off and decaying.

The Parks and Recreation Committee would need to approach the Finance Committee to figure out how where and if funds are available to fix this playground. The cost to do this would be estimated at \$3,000.00-\$5,000.00.

On a motion made by Kevin Surrence and seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to close the Millville Playground immediately lock and put a sign indicating this action.

The Chief will provide a punch list of items which need to be repaired for the playground and will install a closed sign on playground.

Emergency Management Plan:

Chief Landry informed the Board of Selectmen that he had updated the Emergency Management Plan which was last updated 15 years ago. This should be updated on a yearly basis.

PUBLIC FORUM:

- No residents were present for the public forum.

be a quorum of the Board present in the room. The Board would need to take any vote by roll call. All meeting materials need to be provided to the remote participant.

On a motion made by Kevin Surrence and seconded by Tom Houle, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Remote Participation Policy Section 29 .10 Section 7 as referenced in memo.

Warrant Articles:

The Board discussed setting a date to the Special Town Meeting. In regards, to a ballot date, this will be determined at the next meeting. It was discussed that hopefully the town would have the certified Free Cash number by the time of the Special Town Meeting.

On a motion made by Tom Houle and seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board voted unanimously to hold a Special Town Meeting on October 28, 2019. (The Town Administrator will check on reserving Millville Elementary School)

OLD BUSINESS:

Open Boards/Committees:

The Board was informed that the list of open vacancies for Board and Committees are online.

Appointments:

Emergency Management:

On a motion made by Tom Houle, and seconded by Kevin Surrence, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint Paul Ouellette to Emergency Management until June 30, 2020.

Earth Removal Committee:

On a motion made by Tom Houle and seconded by Kevin Surrence, the Board voted unanimously to approving Dustin Ciccarelli to the Earth Removal Committee.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORT:

- Nothing was reported.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Update Green Committee Review:

The Town Administrator informed the Board that he checked with Town Counsel and two members who served on the Green Committee were able to be considered a quorum.

BMR School Agreement Committee:

The Town is in receipt of one set of minutes from the meeting and those will be posted online.

Agenda Posting Online:

The Town Administrator advises the Board of Selectmen to invite the Town Clerk into the meeting to discuss this item.

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Recent Activity:

- The Town Administrator had a meeting with the Interim Town Administrator in Uxbridge. It was a productive meeting and there was a conversation about water availability.
- Representative Soter had a successful lunch meeting at the Senior Center.

NEXT MEETING:

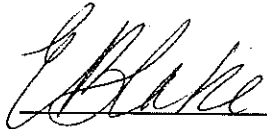
- Tuesday, September 3, 2019

ADJOURN:

On a motion made by Andrew Alward and seconded by Tom Houle, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting 8:10 pm.

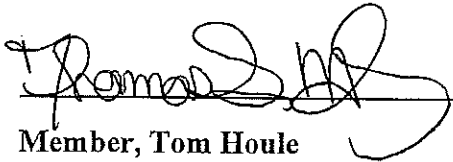
Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary

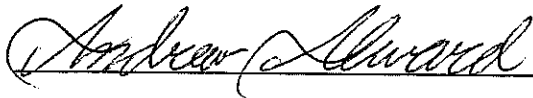


Chairwoman, Erica Blake

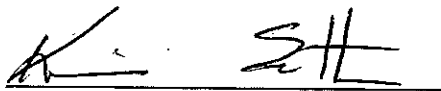
Vice Chairwoman, Jennifer Dean Wing



Member, Tom Houle



Member, Andrew Alward



Member, Kevin Surette