

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
LONGFELLOW MUNICIPAL CENTER**

**JULY 17, 2000**

**The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.**

**Members present: Selectmen Leslie Davis, Chairman, Lincoln E. Barber III, C. Althea Czarn, Kenneth Gikas, Jennifer Dean.**

**Also present: Alden W. Jefts, Executive Secretary and Marianne Mulholland, Recorder.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Chairman Davis reports that the following communications have been received and the floor is open for any comments from the Board.**

- 1. A letter to Dispatch updating our emergency notification list.**
- 2. A letter from MMA - Re: Chapter 90 funds.**

**TOWN CLERK - RE: HERITAGE GRANT**

**Town Clerk, Laure Berthelette is seeking approval to submit a grant for updating town records here at the Town Hall. She will ask that an Archivist come in and assess our records. She would require voluntary workers to help with this. She is asking for \$5,000.00. We would reimburse \$250.00 of it. The money would be used to have an Archivist come in and develop a plan for us.**

**Mr. Barber asks who would oversee the money as it is dispersed and the Town Clerk states that it would be the Town Treasurer and Town Accountant.**

**Motion by Ms. Czarn, seconded by Ms. Dean and by unanimous 5/0 vote: It is so voted to allow the Town Clerk to proceed with the grant.**

## APPOINTMENTS

### 1. Conservation Commission

Chairman Malcolm McCutcheon is present and explains the makeup and duties that this Board performs.

There are two members whose terms are expiring and need to be re-appointed.

Motion by Ms. Czarn, seconded by Mr. Barber and by a 5/0 unanimous vote: It is so voted to re-appoint the following - Malcolm McCutcheon and Mark Reich with terms to expire 2003.

### 2. Zoning Board of Appeals

There is one member whose term is expiring.

Motion by Ms. Dean, seconded by Ms. Czarn and by 4/0 vote, with Mr. Barber abstaining, It is so voted: to re-appoint Thomas Mulvey with term to expire 2003.

### 3. Historical Commission

There are two members whose terms are expiring.

Motion by Ms. Dean, seconded by Mr. Barber and by 4/0 vote, with Mr. Davis abstaining, It is so voted: to re-appoint Marcia Davis and Val Stegemoen with terms to expire 6/30/2003.

At this time, Mr. Jefts states that regarding the Capital Program Committee - the only person whose term was expiring was Ronald Perron. He is re-appointed by the Board to a term expiring 2003. There is also a vacancy existing at present with an expiration date of 2002.

## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

### 1. Report on Architect Selection -

Galente Architectural Studios in Cambridge, Ma has been selected to do the work. Mr. Jefts will have copies tomorrow for the Board.

### 2. Bridge work- John Dean gives an update. Work is expected to begin tomorrow.

3. There will be a meeting on Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with the Blackstone-Millville School Committee regarding the funding projections for the new Middle School.

Chairman Davis states that there will be a number of public information segments that will be scheduled within the next month regarding this.

4. Recycling – There will be a reminder for everyone in Town Hall regarding the need for strict recycling.
5. Electrical Work – this is now just about finished. All of the fire alarm incidents have been corrected.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Keys - This program is back in operation now.
2. Dog Orphan's Land – In researching landfill capping with the Town Engineer, we found that if we move it from simple capping to a complex one, it will be much more expensive for the Town. We have started looking at other land. We are looking at two parcels of land which seem to have very limited use and are the same as the old landfill. The Town Assessor has looked at it and feels it could suit this purpose. If the Board feels this is a good location we need to vote to put an Article on the Warrant.

The Board directs Mr. Jefts to check with the Planning Board, the Board of Health, the abutters of the property, and also the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission for their input, and then report back to the Board.

**DISPATCH COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Jeffrey Spotts, Chairman of the Committee is present and gives an interim report. Thus far we have heard from members of the public safety community and experts in various fields of telecommunication and have also spoken with other municipalities throughout the state. He feels this should be wrapped up soon. This has the potential of saving about \$40,000. for the taxpayers of Millville. There will be some impact to the Town. There is evidence to support that this could succeed, but would hinge on the commitment of the communities. He will submit his formal summary in about 30 days.

Chairman Davis states that the next step is to await the report and then look at how to proceed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Award Paving Contract -** Mr. Jefts reports that he and Mr. Dean opened bids on July 12<sup>th</sup> regarding the Tower Road, Legg St. and Chestnut Hill Rd. road resurfacing project. They recommend Lorusso Corporation as the low bidder in the amount of \$79,955.00.

**Motion by Mr. Gikas, seconded by Ms. Czarn and by unanimous 5/0 vote:** It is so voted: To award bid to Lorusso Corporation in the amount of \$79,955.00.

**Bond Authorization -** Mr. Jefts asks that the Board vote to grant authorization To the Treasurer/Collector and Assistant Collector.

**Motion by Mr. Barber seconded by Mr. Gikas and by unanimous 5/0 vote:** It is so voted to allow bond authorization to the Treasurer/Collector and Assistant Collector.

**Warrant for Special Town Meeting -** Mr. Jefts elaborates on each Article to be on the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting on August 2, 2000.

**Article 1 - Unpaid bills -** the reserve fund ran out of money and there are a number of things that need to be paid. They will be enumerated by the Accountant. It is the general consensus of the Board to allow this Article to remain as is.

**Article 2 - Makeup of the Capital Program Committee -** Mr. Jefts explains that this is the revised membership of this Committee. It is the general consensus of the Board to allow this Article to remain as is.

**Article 3 - Residency Requirement -** This states that any applicant to a Town Board or Committee must be a resident of the Town to be eligible for appointment.

Mr. Gikas and Ms. Dean disagree with this Article. They feel that there are times when you need to go outside of the community in the interest of the Town.

It is the general consensus of the Board that this be tabled.

**Article 4 - Members of the Finance Committee -** This would amend the current by-law to read as follows: "No person serving as a member of the Finance Committee shall hold any other office or position in the Town having involvement with the management, control or expenditure of Town funds, with the exception of one member who shall be appointed by and from the Finance Committee to serve for one (1) year as a full voting member of the Capital Program Committee."

It is the general consensus of the Board to allow this Article to remain as is.

**Article 5 – Blackstone Garage – this would raise and appropriate money for additional rental space at the Blackstone Garage for the purpose of storing additional fire station equipment.**

**Mr. Jefts is directed to contact Charles Poulin regarding the Substation 2 Committee.**

**It is the general consensus of the Board to allow this Article to remain as is.**

**Article 6 – Negotiation for acquisition of land and buildings for use as the Millville Senior Center and/or other municipal purposes subject to the receipt of a Community Development Block Grant.**

**Mr. Jefts comments that this Article is one that would provide the Senior Center space that it needs at no cost to the Town.**

**Ms. Dean does not feel that this should be on this Warrant just yet – until all appropriate committees have met.**

**Vote on Article: Aye: Selectmen Davis, Czarn, Barber, Dean  
Abstain: Selectman Gikas.—Vote: 4 with one abstention.**

**Article 7 - Ambulance – this would authorize transfer of money from Ambulance Reserve Fund for purpose of purchasing or entering into a lease/purchase agreement for purchase of a fully equipped Ambulance.**

**Mr. Jefts states that the Capital Program Committee will meet on this and give their recommendation between now and the Special Meeting date.**

**Mr. Davis asks if this can be placed on another Town meeting.  
Mr. Gikas thinks it should stay on this Warrant.**

**It is the general consensus of the Board to allow this Article to remain as is.**

**Article 8 – Personnel By-Law - This regards the makeup of the Personnel Board.  
Mr. Jefts proposes the Board consist of five (5) Millville voters to serve terms of 3 years with the Board of Selectmen filling vacancies.**

**Mr. Gikas has a problem with limiting it to Millville residents.**

**Ms. Dean opposes the residency part.**

**They would rather see the following substitution: Board consist of five (5) members, not Town employees and not serving the Town in any other capacity.**

**It is the general consensus of the Board to allow this Article to proceed, as amended.**

Mr. Gikas suggests that Mr. Jefts check the General Laws to see what reference is made regarding towns with populations of less than 5,000 people.

At this time the Board takes a 5 minute recess (9:00 p.m.) to allow for changing of the videotape.

The Board reconvenes at 9:05 p.m.

Article 9 - Citizens Petition - this is "to see if the Town will vote to retain the present Emergency Dispatch Service within the Town of Millville.

It is the general consensus of the Board to allow this Article to proceed as is.

#### SIGN MINUTES

Minutes of July 10, 2000 - Ms. Dean states that the minutes need to be amended as follows: the last paragraph on page 1 - remove the following wording - The funding for the new senior center - and also on page 2 - second paragraph - The unanimous vote taken was to extend contract for lawn maintenance to 6/30/2001

Motion by Ms. Dean, seconded by Ms. Czarn and by a 5/0 unanimous vote: It is so voted, To accept the minutes, as amended.

Minutes of June 21, 2000 -

Motion by Ms. Dean, seconded by Mr. Barber and by a 5/0 unanimous vote: It is so voted: To accept the minutes.

#### GOOD & WELFARE

1. Selectman Barber comments on a recent newspaper article on the Town of Kingstown regarding sewer plan funding and a citizens petition to reconsider.
2. Elaine Pare - The Women's Club will be completing a Resident Information Booklet next week which will be hand delivered to residents.
3. Police Chief Ryan - On July 21<sup>st</sup>, the Playground Committee and the Police Department are hosting a one year playground anniversary. The time is 3:00 p.m.. There will be a Pepsi challenge booth. There will also be a Moonwalk. Refreshments will be served and Smokey the Bear will be visiting also.

He also informs the Board that he has applied for a Dispatcher Grant in the amount of \$75,000 - and that he has named Jim Ryan as Liaison for Dispatch.

4. Bill Taft, 16 Cork Circle - he has requested stop signs and speed signs and has not heard anymore about this. He wants to know what can be done about the speeding situation in this area.

Chairman Davis states that Cork Circle is still private property and the Board has no authority to put up signs there.

It is suggested that Mr. Taft would have to circulate a petition in his neighborhood and then approach the developer of the property.

5. Michael Pare - The Board of Health and members of the Recycling Committee will be attending a an informational program in Worcester on July 25. He questions again the amount of the raises that members of the Police Department received. Ms. Dean responds that these were adjustments due to step increases and hour of service. He also questions the reasoning for hiring two policemen when recently dealing with the issue involving the Police Chief. Mr. Jefts will research the cost for this. He comments on the Friday closing of Town Hall - he has called nearby town and discovered they are all open. Mr. Gikas reiterated his stand on this - that the Board would like to see how this works out for one year. He states that re: the Town Meeting/Citizens Petition - 280 signatures. This was a Selectmen's decision and did not need a Town Meeting. Chairman Davis states that we rely on Town Counsel to advise us. Mr. Jefts states that the Board of Selectmen have authority to enter in an agreement with another community but when funding is involved it must go to Town Meeting. Mr. Pare asks Mr. Barber if he agrees with Jeff Spotts and the Dispatch study report as it was presented and Mr. Barber responds "yes".

At this time Chairman Davis asks if the Board would allow Mr. Nuzolillo who is the Business Agent for the Police Local 170 to speak.

The Board so agrees but after further discussion by Mr. Nuzolillo, Chairman Davis tells him to put his concerns in writing to the Town Counsel.

6. Diane McCutcheon- The Board of Assessors is looking for a new member to fill a vacant position which presently exists. She and Lisa will be attending U Mass the week of August 6<sup>th</sup> to take courses for certification.
7. Mark Renaud - He informs citizens to call his office regarding hurricane season. He also states that the last phase for backup radio was completed last week. He also has completed a 26 hour course in Framingham on Emergency Management and major evacuation plans in schools.

8. Jim Ryan - he wants to know who takes over when Mr. Spotts delivers his final report regarding the Dispatch Study. Is it the Board's intention to do all the detail work?

Mr. Davis - we will have to address it at that point. Perhaps another committee may be needed.

9. Wayne Maranda - He makes reference to his two letters to the Editor in the newspaper and the Chairman's responses to them.

10. Fire Chief Mullaly - We have spent \$1200. For coldwater rescue training. Woonsocket and North Smithfield will be training our people in swiftwater rescue and recovery.

At this time the Board votes to close the Warrant for August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Motion by Mr. Gikas, seconded by Dean and by unanimous 5/0 vote: It is voted to close Warrant for August 2<sup>nd</sup> Town Meeting, as amended.

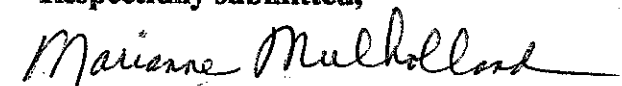
The Board at this time commends Police Chief Ryan on the grant that was mentioned earlier.

Mr. Jefts will prepare a letter of commendation.

The Board now signs Warrants.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted: To adjourn at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marianne Mulholland, acting as Recorder

Approved:

  
Leslie Davis, Chairman

  
Jennifer Dean

  
Lincoln E. Barber III

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Kenneth Gikas

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C. Althea Czarn