

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2000

The Board of Selectman Workshop Meeting was opened at 7:05 p.m. The following members were present: Chairman Leslie Davis, Jennifer Dean, Vice Chairman Kenneth Gikas, Lincoln E. Barber III, and Executive Secretary Alden Jefts.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Leslie Davis recognized Evelyn McNamara who spoke about October 28th being "Make a Difference Day". Evelyn McNamara went to the podium and spoke on the importance of the participation in the penny drive for the 231 year old Meeting House on Chestnut Hill Street. She noted that it was the best-preserved 1769-meeting house in the state. She noted also that you could contact her or anyone in the association if you would like to volunteer.

Les Davis mentioned to the town through the videotape that any amount of money will help this preservation cause. Lincoln Barber also asked the townspeople to participate. He estimated the cost of the repairs of the building to be about \$125,000 dollars.

Alden Jefts asked the Chairman to discuss the Correspondence at this time.

Correspondence

The first item up for discussion was the Letter from Verizon stating that the IBEW has reached an agreement and is not on strike any longer. Alden Jefts noted that the second letter from Verizon was regarding the need for the use of 6 more digits when dialing local numbers. Lincoln Barber noted that Effective April 2, 2001 we will be required to dial more numbers to call locally and area codes would change again.

The second item was regarding the Department of Revenue Additional Lottery Receipts that was in the amount of \$38,154. Executive Secretary Al Jefts stated that this money went into the Town Account and will help decide what the tax rate for the town will be or appropriate funds for 2001.

Les Davis next read a Thank you letter to the Fire Chief regarding the CPR Course given by Mrs. Ferno. She was happy to have taken part in this class and thought Mrs. Ferno did a wonderful job. Les Davis asked Al Jefts to send a letter congratulating her on getting her CPR Certification. Les also noted that Mrs. Ferno would be holding another CPR/First Aid Course and if anyone was interested to call her at 883-8722.

Les Davis instructed Al Jefts to go into his Executive Secretary Report.

Executive Secretary Report

The first item Al Jefts brought up was whether we should keep the next Selectman's Meeting scheduled for September 18th or change it to September 25th. The Chairman decided to move the date and everyone agreed. Alden Jefts mentioned that at the Meeting on October 2nd, Marilyn and the Auditor would visit the meeting and give the Board the yearly Auditor's report. Chairman Les Davis noted that between now and September 17th they needed to sign the warrants. Alden Jefts will have them ready by next Monday.

Alden Jefts approached the Board about mailing out the information that they need to see before their Selectman's meeting. Lincoln Barber suggested that maybe someone could drop them off at each member's house and that there were only 5 stops to make. Jennifer Dean stated that he need not mail them, and that she would pick her packet up. Lincoln Barber stated the same, he also noted that he wasn't notified about the special workshop meeting. Maryann will call Selectman before all meetings in the future.

The next item discussed was the Millville Emergency Management Agency requested appointments and GERRY COVANNYER has stepped down as Deputy Director. Les Davis asked that this issue be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Alden Jefts then notified the Board of the Capital Program Committee Meeting on September 13th.

Lincoln Barber and Alden Jefts discuss whether the Entire Building needs to be ADA Compliant.

Alden Jefts noted also that the Hartford Steam Boiler needs its relief valve fixed in order to certify. Alden Jefts noted that the air ducts have also been fixed.

Old Business

Les Davis moves on to Old Business, the first item discussed is the Class II License requested by Mr. Levine. Mr. Levine has applied for a Class II License to fix small motors, lawnmowers, weed whackers, etc. Mr. Levine stated that he wants to be able to go to the auction to buy cars to fix. He stated that he would have no more than three cars at one time, and he would only do small repairs including oil changes, tune-ups, and small engine repair. Les Davis let Mr. Levine know that the Board along with other town Boards and offices are in the process of putting together some guidelines and rules that would include limiting a number of Class II Licenses in the Town of Millville. Les stated that he felt that there were enough "Car Lots" in Millville. We have 12 Car lots around town and there needs to be plans developed to insure proper inspection of for Health and Hazard Materials, for

proper electricity, for proper plumbing, for proper fire protection, and things of this nature. Lincoln Barber stated that he felt the same way and that 12 were enough and stated that we need to clean up the ones that are out there already and limiting the ones in the town. Jennifer Dean stated she had the same feeling. She also brought up the issue of if legally they could say no you couldn't have a class II license? Alden Jefts stated that it is the right of the Board to decide whether to grant a license or not. He also noted that the Fire Chief is also suppose to be included, whether or not he has been included so far he does not know, but the Board needs to put together some guidelines for issuing Class II Licenses. Les Davis stated that he wanted to get together with the Planning Board to come up with some guidelines. Legal questions discussed between the Board and Al Jefts. Ken Gikas Made a Motion Not to Approve the Class II License and Lincoln Barber seconded it. It was a unanimous vote not to approve.

Ted Galante of The Galante Architecture Studio gave a presentation about the Barrier Removals to make the Town Hall ADA approved. He discussed the specific design and location of access ramps and specific work going to be done to widen bathroom space, etc. There was a hand out given listing the costs and work going to be done. The grand total of the costs came to \$286,390.77.

The next item on Old Business was the Dog Orphans. The Planning Board was happy with the location on Central Street. There was a discussion about the appearance and benefits, etc. At the November Town Meeting they will discuss the approval for lease and how much to lease for year whether it be \$1.00 or \$591.00 to cover taxes for the year. Al Jefts was instructed to move forward with negotiations.

There was a report given on Frosty's Garage. Ken and Les went to the garage this evening and saw what needed to be done. Lincoln Barber brought up the fact that the doors need to be changed because engines 1+2 don't fit very well. There was discussion regarding work and supplies and how they will get the money to do it. Fire Chief Mullaly noted that the Fire Association could accept money for the renovations but the Town could not accept money. Lincoln stated that he might be able to get some of the work and supplies donated. He stated that the town could accept supplies but not money. Les stated that he would work on getting the concrete donated. This building will be used until the Sub-Station 2 is built.

The Millville Town Hall hours will remain the same. There was concern about the availability of access to the town hall when they are closed on Fridays, and Al Jefts reported on how much more Millville Town Hall is open compared to all the surrounding towns.

Lincoln asked Les Davis about the Dispatcher issue. The Board needs the reports and Les will follow up.

Lincoln brought up again the issue of not being notified about meetings that are not regularly held and was upset that he was not at the Board of Health meeting

regarding spraying. As a result of the discussion, Al Jefts will notify the Chairman of special meetings and the Chairman will call other Board Members.

New Business

Under New Business, the first item up on the agenda was that Jim Patten is resigning on October 31st as the Veterans Agent. Les requested that Al Jefts go ahead and advertise for someone to come in and take his place. Les discussed the job description of a Veterans Agent. At the town meeting they need to vote for an amount to pay this Veterans Agent. Al Jefts has advertised in the Milford Daily, the Call, and it is listed in the lobby of the Town Hall. Lincoln suggested contacting the local towns to see whom their Veterans Agent is.

November 13th will be the date of the Special Town Meeting.

The Lions Club has requested the Board to declare Old Tyme Day. Saturday, November 30th will be the date. Les requested Al to forward it to the appropriate people and let them know it is okay with us.

The last item on new business is the Appointment of 2 part-time Patrolmen, Seth Mierzejewski, and Daniel Defusco. Ken Gikas made a motion to appoint Daniel Defusco as a part-time Patrolman, and Lincoln seconded it. There was a unanimous vote. Les noted that his appointment is the same as others until June, 30th 2001. As for Seth Mierzejewski, Lincoln Barber suggested that the application be sent back to the Chief of Police to have Seth Mierzejewski fill out the application correctly.

Good & Welfare

Colleen mentioned to the Board that the Library hours are now Monday, Wednesday 6-8, Tuesday and Thursday 1:30 to 5:30 and Saturdays. She thanked the BOH for Spraying. She agreed with the Town Hall Hours. She asked about the amount that we are going to negotiate for the Dog Orphans Lease? Les Davis responded that Al Jefts was going to continue to negotiate.

Mr. Pare Supports the Board of Selectman not allowing the Class II License. He also thanked everyone who participated in the emergency Board of Health meeting regarding spraying. He invited the townspeople to come to the meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

The Fire Chief spoke about losing his 1971 fire truck's air brakes and that they were fixed and the truck was back in order on Sunday. He spoke about issuing licenses yearly. He noted that the fire station is free of any deficiencies after inspection.

Discussion with the Board on how they will issue Licenses and inspect current Class II businesses. Al Jelts will send letters to current class II license holders regarding inspections. There will be no renewal if not in compliance with all inspections.

A gentleman by the name of Mac got up and spoke to the Board of Selectman and voiced his opinion on the West Nile Virus issue. He felt that it was a disservice to act so quickly and not discuss the ramifications of spraying, and that the Board of Health did not listen to the people that were concerned at their meeting. He felt that the Board of Health abused their power and sprayed poisons around the town without giving proper notification to all the townspeople.

Another gentleman spoke about the spraying being okay and there would be no problems eating vegetables from gardens, and pregnant woman don't need to be concerned etc.

Hollie Andrews went to the podium and gave her opinion on the subject. She understood the concern regarding the West Nile Virus but wished that the Board of Health didn't spray for mosquitoes before the townspeople, including herself was properly notified.

Mike Pare got up and responded and assured that spraying was not done in the part of town that Ms. Andrews lived in. He also stated emphatically that the Board of Health had a tough decision to make and they did what they thought was best for the town.

Another Gentleman gave his appreciation to the Board of Health and thinks that if spraying was not done, there may have been human fatality.

Les Davis applauded the Board of Health for making the decision. He said he is not agreeing the decision made but wants to recognize that the decision had to be made and said thanks for doing their job.

Sign Minutes

Minutes for April 4th needed a correction. Lincoln Barber was present. Jennifer Dean made the motion to sign noting the correction Ken Gikas seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes for April 10 were signed Jennifer Dean made motion and Ken Gikas seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes for April 17 needed a correction. Lincoln Barber was present Jennifer Dean made the motion to sign noting the correction Ken Gikas seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes for August 21st were signed. Jennifer Dean made motion and Ken Gikas seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes for August 28th were signed. Jennifer Dean made motion and Ken Gikas seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The Board made motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Leslie Davis, 2nd by Jennifer Dean. Meeting was adjourned by 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie J. Andrews
Hollie J. Andrews, Recorder

Leslie Davis
Leslie Davis, Chairman

Kenneth Gikas
Kenneth Gikas, Vice Chairman

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Jennifer Dean
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Alden Jeffs, Executive Secretary