

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
OCTOBER 2, 2000**

The Board of Selectman Meeting was opened at 7:08 p.m. The following members were present: Vice Chairman Kenneth Gikas, Jennifer Dean, Lincoln E. Barber III, and Executive Secretary Alden Jefts.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Correspondence was read over by Ken Gikas. Al Jefts pointed out that there is a calling card for reporting accidents or workmans compensation etc.

The Town Accountant Marilyn introduced the auditor for the town. The Auditor Jim Eggart from Klelitzak and Eggart discussed the results of the audit. The audit was positive in all areas. The only problem that arose was the Town Clerk needs to keep better bookkeeping when accepting fees for different licenses etc.

Cathy Reed reported to the Board that Millville is on time with their paperwork, and she appreciated that.

Marilyn spoke after the Auditor and was thankful for all of the departments that participated. She reminded the Board that they need to continue to control their spending. There is a good balance in the the stabilization fund. There is an excess of \$400,000 free cash from department cash backs. We are doing well and I will follow up with the town clerk. By 2004 there will be a new standard of auditing. Marilyn would like to start implementing the change a little at a time over the next 4 years.

Jennifer Dean made a motion to retain a 3 year contract with Klelitzak and Eggert at \$8300 pr/yr. Lincoln Barber 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It was a unanimous vote.

Kevin Mailloux from Charter Communication spoke regarding the upcoming contract renewal. They are in the process of upgrading their head facility. Customer service will now be located all in one place in Worcester not Pepperell. By 2001 80% of the customers will be upgraded to digital service and Internet service.

The board discussed for the Cable negotiations they need to hold a public hearing and get the opinions of the towns people. There were questions regarding channel 22 and channel 17 not working properly. Kevin Mailloux said they are working on fixing the problem. Channel 22 is having problems because of where the main antenna is placed too low. The age for senior citizens benefit at age 62 instead of 65 needs to be discussed before they sign another contract. The board decided not to have Town Counsel present for the preliminary meeting with Charter Communications.

there should be a no right on red sign posted because of the construction blocking views.

The Board discussed a article in the Milford Daily News regarding 11 acres for the new park that was written about from statements made by Al Jefts. The end result was don't believe everything you read.

#### **New Business'**

Jennifer Dean brought up the fact that Al Jefts contract is up in the spring. She would like to advertise for the position in November and December and start interviewing for the position in January. Al Jefts thinks that is too soon and that they should start advertising in March of 2001. He also noted that they needed to add benefits and more salary to the position.

At this time there was a recess to change the video tape. It was at 8:55 and re-adjourned at 9:00

#### **Good and Welfare**

Police Chief Tim Ryan of Chestnut Street stated that he would like to see something done sooner regarding the Bridge. He also discussed the new policy manual that was being discussed with the Millville Police Department and they would like to have a member of the Board present on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at the meeting with all the officers. The Board will talk to Les Davis and see if he can attend and get back to the Chief no later than Thursday. He also talked about the Jimmy Fund and if anyone in town wanted to donate to his run from New York to Boston they are welcome until Friday.

There was a grant awarded to the Town of Millville Police Department to hire a Dispatcher. The salary is \$23,500. It is a one year renewable grant every year.

Mr. Pare' of the Board of Health discussed the thank you letter given to him by the Board of Selectman. He also gave a yearly report for the Board of Health. He noted all permits given out, all amounts of reviews, complaints, septic inspections, etc.

John Dean needed the Board to sign a form regarding the \$49,860.64 for funding.

Ann Atcheson reminded the Board and the townspeople about the T.V. and Computer recycling program in Whitinsville. She also noted that the new playground built in 1999 is wonderful but that the police station looks awful and would like to see something done about getting it painted. She also thanked the police and the emergency management team for all the help with the production put on at the church.

Al Jefts will get a couple of estimates regarding fixing the rotted wood.

Wayne Meranda complimented the Board for supporting the Police Chief and the Board of Health. He thinks along with the bridge being an eyesore it is also is an health hazard. He thinks that the funding for the Veteran's Agent shouldn't be \$2000/yr when the Board of Health only gets \$800./yr

The Board made motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Jennifer Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lincoln Barber III. Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie J. Andrews  
Hollie J. Andrews, Recorder

Leslie Davis, Chairman

Kenneth Gikas  
Kenneth Gikas, Vice Chairman

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Alden Jefts, Executive Secretary