

## THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING DECEMBER 4, 2000

The Tax Classification Hearing opened at 6:45 p.m. Susan McNamara, Assistant Assessor gave a presentation to the Board of Selectmen regarding the 2001 tax year. Ken Gikas made a motion to accept a single rate recommendation. Jennifer Dean seconded it. Lincoln Barber made a motion for the tax rate for 2001 to be \$17.61 per \$1000, Ken Gikas seconded it. The Tax Classification hearing was closed at 6:50 p.m.

The Board of Selectmen Meeting was opened at 6:55 p.m. The following members were present: Chairman Leslie Davis, Lincoln E. Barber III, Jennifer Dean, Ken Gikas, and Executive Secretary Alden Jefts.

### Correspondence

There will be a presentation given by the Blackstone/Millville Regional School Committee regarding the budget at the Learning Center at the High School on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 2001 at 8:30 a.m. until 2:25 p.m. Also on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2001 at 8:30 a.m. until 2:25 p.m.

There will be a Community Development Public Hearing on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Al Jefts will attend.

There will be a Community Development Block Grant Meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup> at DHCD in Boston. Al Jefts will attend.

There will be a Blackstone/Millville Regional School District Building Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the BMR High School.

The Municipal Wire is newsletter that the BOS will receive twice a year. Al will forward to the Cable Committee.

### Executive Secretary's Report

Regarding the Dog Orphans, Ron Morse is ready to go. Al will put together an agreement that will be good for both the Dog Orphans and the Town of Millville to be signed by the end of the year. Board would like to see the architect drawings. Mr. Bentsen had a lengthy discussion with the board regarding The Dog Orphans. The board advised Mr. Bentsen that this venture will benefit the town.

Al had discussion with Blackstone regarding U.S.D.A. sewer issue. He is waiting for a response. Al will forward copies of correspondence to the Water and Sewer Department.

Marilyn will have her Fiscal Comments done and passed in by December 11<sup>th</sup>. Al will send out budget sheets to all departments with Selectmen's policy of expenditures.

The Committee on the Capital Budget will begin meeting soon after 1/1/2001. Al will have a new matrix of requests to send to all departments.

The Dispatcher Certification Election results are in. They will develop a union and contact us for negotiations.

The custodial person will not be an hourly employee, but he will be an independent contractor with appropriate insurance and his contract will be task oriented.

Al asked the Board for permission for his employees to decorate the town hall with wreaths and holiday tree, etc. They board agreed that it was okay as long as it was acceptable with the Massachusetts set of guidelines.

Al gave the Board of Selectmen a suggested schedule of BOS meetings from January to June. It was so agreed to.

#### Old Business

There was a motion made by Lincoln Barber to sign a lease agreement with Frosty's from December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2000 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2001 when they see it and review it. Jennifer Dean seconded it and it was a unanimous vote.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding Class II Licenses between the Board of Selectmen and the audience. Mr. Richard Hurteau inspected the license holders property and out of all of them there were three whose licenses will be held until they comply with standards set by Mr. Hurteau regarding their properties. The Board was clear that they will revoke not may revoke licenses if the standards set weren't met. They will renew licenses and set new standards for holders at the next meeting of December 18, 2000. Al Will make copies of all licenses issued and make annotations on them of what he thinks should be adjusted or changed. Mr. Pare discussed this issue and wants the Board of Health to be included in this project. He does not want 238 Main Street to be allowed to Paint Cars anymore. It is a health hazard because they don't have the proper ventilation equipment. The Zoning Officer and Board of Selectman will visit sites and make recommendations on how many cars are appropriate.

The highest bid on the old ambulance is about \$6500. The Board of Selectman suggested that they advertise more, in publications, internet, local, statewide and national.

Mr. Bentsen spoke regarding the Cable Report. There will be a workshop meeting scheduled once the cable committee has compiled the surveys.

There was a discussion regarding Jeff Spots of the Dispatch Study Committee report on how the board should proceed. Al Jefts will contact Mendon and tell them where we stand. The board will have a workshop meeting Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. with the purpose of discussing how to solve the problem with the police station. Whether it would

be able to remain open or not. And whether or not a regional dispatch is desirable even though it could be feasible.

Mike Pare questioned the BOS on where he and the parks and recreation committee can put the free basketball court that has been offered to the town. He was told he needed to develop a plan for the land across Central Street. There was a very lengthy discussion about this issue. Al will pull out the master plan for the next meeting.

#### New Business

Vote to award ADA Contract will be discussed at the next meeting.

There was a motion made by Ken Gikas to lay-out Killiney Woods as a Town Way. Jennifer Dean seconded it and the vote was unanimous. It needs to be put on Article for the next special town meeting.

#### Good and Welfare

Marylou Anderson brought in the vote totals regarding the school override and it was 217 for and 183 not for. 53% for and 40% not for, passing by majority vote.

Ken Gikas left the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Jennifer Dean wants to advertise now for a new Executive Secretary and Al Jefts thinks they should wait until February to advertise. It was the decision of the Board to start advertising now, but position is not available until June. They will accept resumes until March of 2001.

Liquor License renewal will be discussed on 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Pare disputes the Millville/Mendon Merger and wants desperately for the BOS to find him a place to put the basketball court.

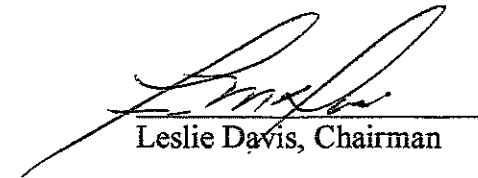
Chief Mullally spoke regarding Station II. He wants to go out and find a place for it. He also spoke about getting a thermal indicator camera.

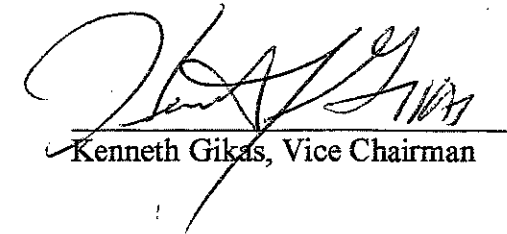
The Board made motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made Jennifer Dean, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lincoln Barber. Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Hollie J. Andrews, Recorder

  
Leslie Davis, Chairman

  
Kenneth Gikas, Vice Chairman

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Alden Jefts, Executive Secretary