

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WORKSHOP MEETING**

**Monday, January 29, 2001
Selectmen Meeting Room
Longfellow Municipal Center**

Meeting opened at 7:05p.m. by Les Davis, Chairman Board of Selectmen Lincoln Barber III, Ken Gikas and Jennifer Dean and Executive Secretary Alden W. Jeffs present.

Meeting with the Board were Cable Advisory Committee members: Jack Ryan, Colleen Kuris, Jim Bentsen, Jim Ryan, Margaret Carroll and Mary Lou Anderson.

Also attending was Board's Counsel Atty. William Hewig of Kopelman & Paige a specialist in Telecommunications Contract Franchise Negotiations.

Chairman Davis asked Atty. Hewig to lead us through the process and make any recommendations for us to employ.

Atty. Hewig spelled out the process and refined it to three (3) major parts.

1. Develop a Wish List

- a. To consist of money and equipment – maybe a station for editing, etc.
- b. Senior Discounts etc. call Administrative Concessions

No Programs or Rates may be on wish list by Federal Regulation

- 2. Submit to Charter and state they have thirty (30) days in which to respond
With a draft renewal license.**

Comments: License maybe for period of 3 years to 10 years.
Might ask to join with another Town in a Studio

Yes, we can negotiate with other Cable Companies, but we must negotiate with Charter in good faith. The reality is that no other cable company is going to come into Millville and have to re-cable the whole Town for 800+ subscribers.

R.C.N. companies who have ties with phone companies would be the only ones and they start with the big cities and Towns for the first several years.

3. Negotiate with Charter

Bring in tie-in with Blackstone School – get equipment to do it there- we will deal with Blackstone people.

Cable Advisory Committee directed to meet and organize. Jim Bentsen appointed for that purpose on motion of Selectman Dean, Seconded by Ken Gikas, unanimous.

Before end of meeting Chairman Bentsen reported he had been elected Chairman and asked the Executive Secretary to post a meeting for Monday, February 5, 2001 at 6:00p.m. in the Police Conference Room.

Board then discussed Dispatch.

Considerable discussion – Ken Gikas said dispatch better than in past and relations between departments better. Knows there has been a reduction in dispatch cost since hiring of new full time dispatcher and changing “provisional” to full time. Wants all full and part time dispatchers working no p/t or f/t Police Officers. All agreed. Wants Chief to give board latest 3 months dispatch cost on February 20, 2001. Chairman agrees.

Selectman Dean wants to investigate other towns which have regionalized then meet on March 12, 2001 to decide course. Selectman Barber opposed believes we know all now – let’s put it to bed and not come back again with more information, and so moved. The motion failed for lack of a second. Selectman Dean then moved to bring the issue back on March 12th after she had investigated, seconded by Selectman Gikas, so voted. Cost of keeping the Police Department open twenty-four (24) hours came up. Mr. Jefts said at least \$20,000 for only a clerk at night.

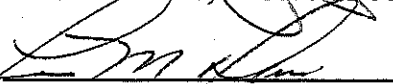
Jim Ryan and Mrs. Mary Ryan spoke in opposition to postponing it further.

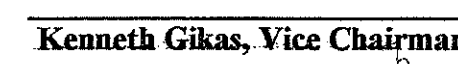
Meeting recessed at 8:06P.M. to Executive Session on motion of Selectmen Dean seconded by Selectman Gikas, Roll Call vote Dean, yea Gikas yea, Barber yea, Davis yea. Return only to sign warrant and minutes.

Returned from Executive Session at 8:00P.M. Adjourned at 8:45 P.M. on motion of Selectmen Gikas seconded by Barber – unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,


Alden W. Jefts, Executive Secretary


Leslie Davis, Chairman


Kenneth Gikas, Vice Chairman


C. Althea Czara


Jennifer Dean


Lincoln E. Barber III