

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MARCH 12, 2001

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

Correspondence

There was a joint meeting with Blackstone and Cable on March 8, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. It was a no-show meeting.

The projected rate for Diesel Gas for 2002 is \$1.35 for both.

There is a new Public Assist Procedure that will be in effect. There will be no tones for public assistance unless there is an emergency, but every public assist that fire apparatus goes to will need to be logged out.

Mike Pare spoke regarding a registered letter that was sent to Troy Lebeau and John Felecio regarding Title 5 non-compliance. There was a Motion to Revoke Class II License with a public hearing on March 19, 2001. Lincoln Barber made the Motion and Ken Gikas seconded it. It was a unanimous vote.

We sponsored the Chestnut Hill Meeting House for the Community Builders Award. If they win they will receive \$2500. maximum. The paperwork has been sent for this entry.

There will be a book sale at the Millville Free Public Library on May 3rd at 9:30 a.m. they will also hold a flea market and the cost for a table is \$10. Jennifer Dean made a Motion to waive the permit needed to hold a flea market. Lincoln Barber seconded it and the vote was unanimous.

Lincoln Barber wanted it to be known that he didn't agree with the wording of the Cammera letter.

Executive Secretary's Report

The Town report has gone to the printer and will be back by elections on April 2nd.

The Board of Selectmen has copies of everything. Al has received raw budgets from Department Heads.

The work schedule has changed for the ADA work being done because of the weather. Al will give an updated schedule weekly. The contractors will start demolition work on the ladies room tomorrow. There will be one unisex bathroom until the work is complete.

Lincoln Barber made a Motion to move the Election site to the Chestnut Hill Community Center on April 2nd, 2001 due to construction at the Town Hall. Ken Gikas seconded it. 3 votes aye and Jennifer Dean opposed it.

Al will look into what it would take and how much it would cost to pave the parking lot behind the Town Hall.

There was a motion to authorize Al Jefts to work with Phil Toupin regarding the web site project. It will cost approximately \$40. Per year for registration and \$9.95 per month for the web site hosting service.

There will be a Valley Tech. Meeting on April 25, 2001 at 7 p.m. with Dr. Fitzpatrick regarding budget, expansion and the addition costs. It will cost Millville approximately \$30,000.00 per year for the next 20 years.

There was a 5 minute recess at 7:55 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Old Business

A motion was made by Lincoln Barber to accept the lay out of Heritage Hills. Ken Gikas seconded it. There was a unanimous vote.

Brian Dicks did a market analysis of the Hope Street Property. Lincoln Barber toured the property. There are 6 single bedroom units. Al will check with the Housing Authority regarding the possibility of Affordable Housing. The Board would like to sell it to a contractor that was willing to sell as Affordable Housing Units.

The Board discussed the report for feasibility of merging with Mendon. Ken Gikas discussed his opinion not to go regional. And Jennifer Dean stated her opinion for the possible merge. Lincoln Barber made a motion to put the issue of the debate to merge to rest. Ken Gikas seconded it. There were three votes aye and Jennifer Dean voted nay.

Lincoln Barber wanted to make sure that the work on the Blackstone Garage did not go unrecognized. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony, and the Woonsocket Call will be there and the donators names will be recognized. Al will set up a date when the weather improves.

Lincoln was wondering where we stand with the cable issue. The board informed him that we are in and extension mode. Al will get the wish list from the Cable Committee and forward it to the appropriate people at Charter Communications. Lincoln wants to make sure that cancelled meetings get posted on Cable as soon as they are cancelled.

Lincoln wanted to know what was going on with Factory Auto Salvage. The Board informed him that John Polny will be back on March 19th to talk to the Board regarding his property.

New Business

Jennifer Dean made a motion to Open the Warrants for the Annual Town Meeting. The warrants will be open from March 12th to April 18th. Lincoln Barber seconded it and the vote was unanimous.

Al will post the Warrants on April 30th.

There was a proposal given by the Fire Chief to be appointed as a full-time Firefighter/EMT and also be full-time Fire Chief. Chief Mullally spoke regarding this change. Al stated that in order to do this the Board must create a budget and create a position at the town meeting. The Board discussed their concerns.

There was a 5 minute recess from 8:58 p.m. to 9:03 p.m.

There was a motion made by Ken Gikas to appoint Joseph Scungio as a part-time Dispatcher. Jennifer Dean seconded the motion. And the vote was unanimous.

There was a motion made by Ken Gikas to appoint Mary Elizabeth Dean to be Registrar. Lincoln Barber seconded it and there was a unanimous vote. Jennifer Dean did not vote since this was her mother and it was a conflict of interest.

Good and Welfare

Mike Pare asked the Board to vote Darleen Pellerin to the Recycling Committee. Lincoln Barber made the Motion and Jennifer Dean seconded it and it was unanimous. Mike Pare also wanted the Board to thank the Seniors who rescheduled their dinner so that they could hold the elections at the Community Center. Al will prepare a letter.

There was a woman who spoke regarding the bridge work not being done. Al will call Mass. Electric to get the poles moved.

Colleen Thanked the Fire and the Police for helping her with her leg injury. She was interested in knowing how the Executive Secretary Search was going and she is concerned about a buzzing noise heard on Channel 17. Al will send a letter to Charter regarding this buzzing noise.

The Motion to Recess and to go into Executive Session was made by Lincoln Barber and Seconded by Ken Gikas. Meeting was recessed at 10:00 p.m. on a roll-call vote Leslie Davis Aye, Lincoln Barber Aye, Jennifer Dean Aye, Ken Gikas Aye. Chief Mullally waived his right to have 48 hours notice.

Return to Open Session

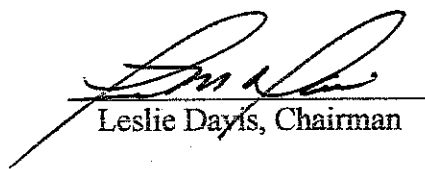
Jennifer Dean made a motion to appoint J. Mullally to full-time Firefighter/EMT with the added duties as part-time Fire Chief. With the conditions that he get a physical of the Boards choosing. Ken Gikas seconded it and it was a unanimous vote.

The Board signed the warrants.

The Board made motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Jennifer Dean, and 2nd by Lincoln Barber. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

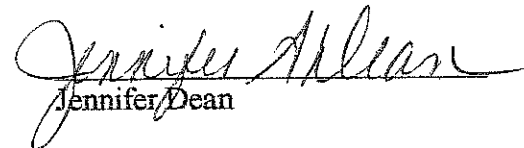
Respectfully Submitted,


Hollie J. Andrews, Recorder


Leslie Davis, Chairman

Kenneth Gikas, Vice Chairman

C. Althea Czarn


Jennifer Dean


Lincoln E. Barber III

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN EXECUTIVE SESSION
MARCH 12, 2001**

The Board of Selectmen Executive Session was opened at 10:10 p.m. The following members were present: Chairman Leslie Davis, Lincoln E. Barber III, Jennifer Dean, Ken Gikas, Fire Chief Mullaly and Executive Secretary, Alden Jefts.

There was a lengthy discussion between the Board of Selectmen and Fire Chief Mullaly regarding his prior health issues.

The Board discussed issues regarding retirement. Chief will give Board syllabus for Chief's class that he has enrolled in. Chief will get physical from physician of Board's choice. He is confident that he will pass a physical examination.

Jennifer Dean made a motion to exit the Executive Session and to return to the Open Session and Ken Gikas seconded it. They took a roll-call vote and Leslie Davis voted Aye, Jennifer Dean voted Aye, Ken Gikas voted Aye, and Lincoln Barber III voted Aye. The Executive Session ended at 10:35 p.m. and the Board returned to Open Session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie J. Andrews, Recorder

Kenneth Gikas, Vice Chairman

Lincoln E. Barber III

Leslie Davis, Chairman

Jennifer Dean

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