

TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
August 5, 2002

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

The Board of Selectmen's Workshop meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Chairman Diane McCutcheon, Mike Pare, Brian Dicks, Paul Savage and Executive Secretary, Al Jefts.

WORKSHOP ON FRIDAY OPENINGS

The Town Clerk Susan McNamara spoke in defense of staying closed on Friday's. She had a lengthy discussion regarding this issue and stated that the town is small and the needs of the town are not for Fridays.

Mrs. Ryan spoke to the board about why she thinks the Town Hall should be open on Fridays. She thinks the reason to be closed is just based on a perk for the part-time employees and that it is not a necessity. She would like to have all of the residents to be able to have access to the town hall all week long.

Deb McGee spoke to the Board and gave some information regarding other towns of the same scale and their hours and benefits. She had a lengthy discussion on why they Town Hall should stay closed on Fridays. She stated that the tax collection rate for the first quarter is 97%.

Mrs. Ryan spoke again on the same issues.

Joyce McClelland spoke about the petition being a joke and being one sided.

Mary Bacca stated that Friday's are a waste of time. Most of the time was spent answering calls for other boards etc.

Al Jefts spoke in defense of closing on Fridays. It is hard for the younger women in the office to coordinate day care for a half a day. He spoke about the older women in the office having Friday off was a day to recuperate. He also noted the the office has excellent moral.

Paul Savage is for keeping the Town Hall closed on Fridays. Things are working well and we don't need to change it. He briefly spoke about the petition that was sent around at the playground and he stated that anyone will sign anything.

Mike Pare spoke about the petition being a valid one. He has called about 20 people on the list that is truly for keeping the Town Hall open on Fridays. He thinks that more people would have signed it if there were more petitions posted. He states that someone needs to be answering the phones live on Friday.

Brian Dicks has spoken to 16 people that are not that petition that are for opening the Town Hall on Fridays. He listed the pros and cons of the situation. He thinks that if the town is to grow they need to think big and give the people access 5 days a week. He hasn't decided yet.

Diane McCutcheon spoke and reiterated that the Town Hall has been closed on Fridays for over a year now and things are running very efficiently. Most of the people on that petition live close enough to walk to the Town Hall and are retired so they can come at any time during the week. She feels that being open until 5:30p.m. on 4 days outweighs opening on a Friday. If there were live people answering the phone on Fridays and they were looking for other boards who are not in on Fridays and they can't answer the question, what is the point of answering the phone, just have the phone mail system handle the calls.

Al Jefts stated that in the 2 months that they took the survey, 9 people came in on Friday's. He is very diligent in picking up his phone mail everyday even on weekends.

Mrs. Ryan thanked the Board for hearing her opinion and stated again that it should be open.

Susan defended her stand and thinks the town is being serviced.

The Board of Selectmen will make their decision at the next meeting.

The regular meeting was opened at 7:06 p.m. Diane thanked the police and the playground committee for playground party. Thanks to Susan McNamara, Deb McGee for the Wellness Program help.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diane spoke of the Greenway Challenge being held on September 28, 2002. Sue Bacca is in charge and if you would like to get involved call Barbara Dixon at 401-762-0250.

Al Jeffs introduced Amy Gariepy to the Board. Diane welcomed her. Mike Pare made a Motion to appoint Amy Gariepy as the Assistant Town Clerk. Brian Dicks seconded it and the vote was unanimous. Susan McNamara swore her in.

Diane thanked Susan for the updated Town Clerk Directory.

The New Fire truck will be up and running in 2 weeks and the old one will be stripped for parts. It is a beautiful truck.

Diane thanked Brian Mullally for handling the clean up of one of the oldest trees in Millville that fell down over the last week.

Diane made the town aware of Mark Reich of the Conservation Commission being in the Wall Street Journal and the Boston Globe and the Milford Daily News. He is being featured for his courage and determination. He is very involved with the environment.

The Finance Committee representative came and spoke to the Board and thanked them for monitoring the budget. He stated that quarterly department head meetings were sufficient. He had a lengthy discussion with the Board regarding the budget.

CORRESPONDENCE

Al discussed local aid pertaining to the Budget Action Messages from MMA.

In mid July the NESN News station offered by Charter was discontinued.

The Board decided on Rainforest Green for the Bridge Railing Color.

Mike Pare made a motion to accept the resignation of Joe Scunzio and Dave DaSilva from the position of dispatcher. Brian Dicks seconded it and the vote was unanimous. Al will send a letter thanking them for their service.

Ken Haggart from LHS Associates gave a demonstration of his Accuvote machine. He demonstrated the electrical vote.

There was a letter from Chief Ryan regarding the 46 Hope Street break in. The Board needs to make sure it is secured better. The Funds to demolish will be coming soon. As soon as all of the appliances are moved out, the fire demolition will be done. The Board of Selectmen wants this to be taken care of as soon as possible. Al will report back to the Board by the next meeting. And he will have a date for the burn.

Al will attend the police and dispatcher contract negotiations on August 13, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

There was a letter sent to Al Jefts from the River and Canal Commission regarding their concern about drainage from the paved parking lot. Al called and informed them that it was only the courtyard and not the parking lot that was paved and that drainage would not be affected.

Reverend Gagnon requested a Raffle License for St. Augustines Church on Saturday August 9, 2002. Paul Savage made the Motion to issue the one day license and Brian Dicks seconded it. There was a unanimous vote.

Al informed the Board of the Seminars that will be scheduled on Monday nights that don't conflict with the BOS meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark Renaud needs to inform the Board of the date he will be attending the class he needs to take this year to remain as the MEMA Director. There will be an Emergency Conference at the Worcester Centrum on November 19-21st this year.

The Board discussed the need for a top coat on the courtyard pavement before the winter comes. Paul Savage made a Motion to get the top coat done and the Maximum to be spent will be \$4500. Al is to get some more quotes before they decide who to use. Brian Dicks seconded it and the vote was unanimous.

There was discussion about the Right of Way issue on Hope and Prospect Street. Al is waiting from interpretation from Town Counsel.

The power service on Berthalette Way needs to be underground. The Planning Board and the School Committee both agreed on this.

There is to be absolutely no parking between the Police Station and the Town Hall. After paving will be done tickets will be given out.

West Street signs have been posted about no dirt biking.

ADA Uxbridge asked the board to make a list of things around the Town Hall to be done by people looking to finish some community service hours.

Mike Pare made a Motion to let the town know that it is the policy of Millville that there will be no riding in the back of pick up trucks. Paul Savage seconded it and the vote was unanimous. Al will send a letter out.

The Police Chief is not comfortable at this point with the American Legion's outdoor liquor license. He would like to see the guidelines of how it will actually be run.

Al Jefts will make a call to Brian Mullally regarding the landscaping that need to be done at the Town Hall.

Chuck Singleton had a question regarding the telephone box that needed fixing. The telephone company will be in this week.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding Affordable Housing. The Board has decided that they need a special committee to work in this area. A gentleman came down to the town hall to discuss the Affordable

Housing issue. He is concerned that the rent in the town is very high, as high as \$1300 for the third floor. He would be interested in serving on this committee.

The Board of Selectmen would like to see the By-Law Committee resurrected. Al will inquire.

Paul Savage noted that while the playground party was a great success this year, the person who put the video tape on cable left it running and a Seinfeld episode was shown on the Cable Access Channel. He stated that this is a FCC Violation and would not like to see this happen again.

The Tree warden will be put on for our next agenda. He will make a list of all of the bad trees in town and try to get the power company to take care of some of them. The Selectmen would all like to be notified of any incidents regarding a fallen tree in the future.

The Board discussed 69 Chestnut Hill Road whether his temporary garage put up is servicing a business or just personal use. There have been 3-4 cars on occasion at this address with their hoods up, being worked on. Al will talk to Earl Vater.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mike Pare thanked all of the people who helped with the Playground Party. He thanked residents who helped the Police Department in solving the recent break-ins in town. He thanked the Board for all attending the Playground Party.

A gentleman spoke regarding 69 Chestnut Hill Road and was concerned about Hazardous Material Contamination of wells in town. He stated that even simple oil changes can affect wells.

Al Jefts asked the Board to sign the Charter Contract and Mike Pare made a Motion to approve and sign the contract for Charter. Paul Savage seconded it and the vote was unanimous.

The Auditors will be in September 13, 2002.

The Board of Selectmen entered in to Executive Session on a roll call vote, Diane aye, Paul aye, Brian aye and Mike aye. They re-entered open session at 10:00 p.m.

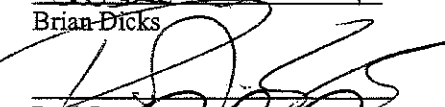
The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m. on the Motion of Mike Pare seconded by Paul Savage and the vote was unanimous.

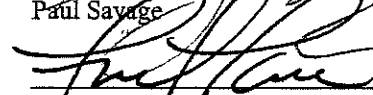
Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie Andrews


Diane McCutcheon


Brian Dicks


Paul Savage


Mike Pare