TOWN OF MILLVILLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING

February 7, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.

Board of Selectmen Members Present: Chairperson Jackie Lima, Vice Chair Tom Petrowicz, Secretary Charlie Poulin and Selectmen John Laura and Roland Barrett

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin; Fire Chief John Mullaly

The meeting is called to order at 6:30 pm at the Millville Town Hall.

The Board meets with Chief Mullaly to discuss ambulance procedures. It was brought to the Board's attention that there are inconsistencies with the Town's policy regarding calling out ALS vs. Basic as well as the use of private ambulance services rather than mutual aid.

Chief Mullaly demonstrates the dispatch software program which outlines how incoming calls are handled. Chairperson Lima questions why Millville is different than Mendon and Hopedale. The Chief explains that our policy is based on Central Mass EMS rather than the state's protocol. The Chief agrees that the Town can change to the same as Mendon and Hopedale. Chairperson Lima asks that the Chief take time to review the differences and confirm with the Executive Secretary that the change can be made so she can contact Mendon. The Chief takes the copy of the procedures supplied by Mendon for review.

Chief Mullaly explains that private ambulance companies are used in lieu of mutual aid so that towns are not left without any coverage. He does not believe two towns should be left without coverage.

The Board takes a 5-minute recess before the Regular 7:00 p.m. Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Helen M. Coffin

Jackie Lima, Chairperson

Charles Poulin, Secretary

Roland Barrett, Selectman

John Laura, Selectman

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Board of Selectmen Members Present: Chairperson Jackie Lima, Vice Chair Tom Petrowicz, Secretary Charlie Poulin and Selectmen John Laura and Roland Barrett

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin

The meeting is called to order at 7:00 pm at the Millville Town Hall.

<u>Aflac Presentation</u>. Representatives Steve Snow and Tom Ackerman explain insurance options available to Town employees which cover out of pocket expenses, not health insurance, and are employee-driven. Aflac offers three supplemental benefit policies and would like to solicit the Town's interest.

The Board agrees to have the representatives come back and do a presentation to the employees on May 24th. Aflac should provide brochures to be handed out to employees ahead of time. It will need to be worked out with the Treasurer as to how employees will make payments for policies.

ANNOUCEMENTS

Chairperson Lima wishes to thank all who attended the Special Town Meeting.

Chairperson Lima reminds all that the Annual Town Election is April 4th. Nomination papers are currently available and the Town Clerk has posted a timeline of events with deadlines and a listing of available positions.

Chairperson Lima announces that she will not be seeking re-election to the Board of Selectmen due to personal commitments.

<u>MINUTES</u>

January 24, 2011 (7:30 pm)

On a motion by Petrowicz and second by Poulin, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to sign the Minutes of January 24, 2011 at 7:30 pm.

WARRANTS

On a motion by Laura and second by Petrowicz, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to sign the Warrants as read.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chief Mullaly asks the Board to appoint Benton Phelps to Emergency Management. On a motion by Petrowicz and second by Poulin, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to appoint Benton Phelps to the Emergency Management Department through June 30, 2011.

Chief Mullaly advises of the following: (1) NIMS is open for public comment through February 27; (2) the use of Milford Hospital equipment has been formally eliminated (the one for one exchange) and he estimates this will increase his budget by \$1,500; (3) the new ambulance arrived this past Saturday and will be up and running later this week; and (4) he received word from Town Counsel that the eagle scout can proceed with the file of life project so the eagle scout is currently working on obtaining donations to raise the funds to buy 100 magnet files.

John Dean advises of the following: (1) people from out of town have been taking the sand from the Town Hall sand pile; (2) beware of potholes in the upcoming weeks; and (3) he needs authorization from the Board for the Chapter 90 Reimbursement for the Kempton Road Project.

On a motion by Laura and second by Barrett, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to sign the Chapter 90 Reimbursement Form for \$60,508.72.

Chairperson Lima informs all that the School Committee wishes to publicly thank John Dean and his crew and Helen Coffin for their efforts in connection with the recent events at the Elementary School.

<u>APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS</u> (See above)

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from the Planning Board regarding a meeting to be held on February 14th regarding the proposed Thayer Manor development. The Selectmen will meet with the Planning Board at 7:30 p.m.

Correspondence was received from the Blackstone-Millville Regional School Committee regarding an upcoming joint budget meeting with Blackstone on February 16th. The Selectmen will have a quorum present at 7:00 at the Middle School.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

The Millville Elementary School suffered some construction damage due to the snow on the roof and a structural engineer was called in to ascertain the building's safety. A copy of the final report is provided to the Board members. An insurance claim has been filed for the damage. The digital control between the pump and transducer were hit by lightening at the Elementary School and are being repaired/replaced. An insurance claim has been filed.

The Superintendent of the BMRSD has advised verbally that the MES will need a new roof and two estimates have been obtained ranging from \$215,000-\$250,000. The Executive Secretary has requested the estimates as well as information regarding the current roof shingles as there was a 30-40 year warranty on them.

The information regarding the dial-out alarm system has been obtained and the installation will be performed soon. The cost is \$59 for installation and \$14/month thereafter.

The Library Roof was also cleared of snow and ice. The building was inspected by the Building Inspector.

The Electrical Inspector is working on a draft response letter to Charter regarding the electrical wiring issues in Town with Charter sub contractors.

Department Heads have each received Staff Input Forms for completion. Performance Evaluation Forms will be placed in the Board members' mailboxes soon so that evaluations can be completed and conducted in March.

The Town received a Recycling Agreement from the Town of Blackstone. This was sent to the Board of Health for review and recommendation....we have not heard back from them as yet.

A telephone call was placed to Union Agent Jim Fiori requesting meeting dates for the first negotiation session with the Police Union. Jim is expected to call back later this week with dates.

The Senior Center Director has advised that she is running low on fuel oil. It was recommended she complete a Reserve Fund Transfer Form rather than close the building.

OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES

The BMRSD was not happy with the fencing arrangement around the new water tank and ordered the work be stopped. The fencing was 6 feet with barbed wire and the concern was that students could be easily harmed. The Town received estimates for two alternate fencing options to secure the tank. The Board reviews the options as outlined. Discussion follows regarding the need to pursue alternative fencing. Selectmen Barrett and Poulin feel the current designed fencing is adequate and anything additional should be paid for by the District. Chairperson Lima feels it is a safety concern and the District will fight this issue and the Town could incur additional legal costs. Vice Chairman Petrowicz understands both sides and does not wish to spend any additional funding, however, feels that in this instance the Town's liability is in question and it may be prudent to pay the additional money to ensure safety to students.

On a motion by Petrowicz and second by Lima, the Board of Selectmen votes by majority to pursue Option #1, to install 10 feet chain link fence with barbed wire (providing Executive Secretary ascertains the chain link is 10 feet sections and not 6 feet and 4 feet sections. (Barrett and Poulin, nay).

Reserve Fund Transfer - Education.

The Board briefly addresses the matter of one student attending Tri-County and the related invoices. A meeting will be scheduled with the BMRSD at a later date to discuss this matter further. The Chairman of the School Committee must get authorization from the rest of his Committee to address the issue with the Board.

NEW BUSINESS None.

FINAL PUBLIC FORUM

Chief Mullaly feels the damage at the Elementary School will be covered by insurance.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Barrett and second by Laura, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to adjourn the Meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Helen M. Coffin

Jackie Lima, Chairperson

Charles Poulin, Secretary

Roland Barrett, Selectman

Thomas Petrowicz, Vice Chairman

John Laura, Selectman