

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**MAY 23, 2011 - 6:00 P.M.**

**Board of Selectmen Members Present:** Chairman Tom Petrowicz, Vice Chairman Roland Barrett, Secretary Charlie Poulin and Selectman John Laura

**Board of Selectmen Members Absent:** Selectman Bob Baker

**Others Present:** Executive Secretary Helen Coffin; Fire Chief John Mullaly; Mendon Public Safety Director, Chief Horn; Mendon Dispatch Coordinator, Mark Bucchino; Edward McNamara, Executive Director of Central Mass. Emergency Medical Systems; Dr. Mark Restuccia, Central Mass Medical Director; Resident Michael Zarella; and various employees of the Millville Fire Department.

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Chairman Petrowicz explains that this is an informational meeting due to the recent public records request, and a follow-up to the meeting held last month on the same subject. The Board is not comfortable with the outcome of the last meeting and feels that we need to ensure that we are using proper protocols with respect to the Town's adopted Service Zone Plan which is on file with the state.

Resident Michael Zarella explains that he had some concerns regarding the response delay of two specific ambulance calls which led him to look into this matter further. Mr. Zarella indicates that he is not aware of any personal information regarding the calls. He requested the dispatch logs from Chief Mullaly but that request was forwarded to Chief Horn in Mendon. Although he is an employee of the Town of Mendon, his interests in this matter are only personal and he did not bring the Town of Mendon into this matter. Further, he has no interest in HIPPA information or any interest in involving the Town of Mendon; his primary concern as a resident is for his family.

Chief Mullaly advises that he has never experienced this before and he has dealt with many Fire Chiefs over the years. He consulted with the medical director in Milford and was advised that the medical calls should not be specifically addressed.

Chairman Petrowicz clarifies that we do not plan to break any HIPPA laws or confidentiality laws. The Board wishes to protect the Town from possible litigation while providing the best services to the citizens of Millville. Mr. Zarella requested public records and those were redacted as necessary. Chairman Petrowicz questions Chief Mullaly directly as to whether the Town is in compliance with the current Service Zone Plan, and if we are providing the appropriate response to the residents. Chief Mullaly does not respond.

Mr. McNamara indicates that he reviewed the Town's adopted Service Zone Plan and confirms that the Town is not in compliance with the way it is currently written. There are many things that don't meet the standards of the community. He suggests changing the plan so that the Town is in compliance, or get into compliance with the current plan going forward.

Mr. Zarella addresses a handful of actual call scenarios based on the amount of time it took ALS to arrive at the scene, and the types of calls which require immediate ALS response. Many calls are reviewed and discussed at length. Mr. Zarella also has a serious concern regarding calls where chest pain was noted and ALS was not automatically called. Dr. Restuccia agrees that ALS should be automatically called for chest pain.

Chairman Petrowicz reiterates that the Board wishes to provide the most qualified and timely care as possible for the residents of Millville. He feels that we must adhere to, and stay in compliance with, the existing Service Zone Plan until changes are made and approved by the state.

Mr. McNamara recommended that the Town consider forming a Committee to review the current Service Zone Plan. Selectman Poulin is willing to be on the Committee as well as Lt. Steve Furno and EMT Karin Furno. Mr. Zarella will be the resident member and Dr. Steinberg of Milford will be the medical advisor. Chief Mullaly will not be on the Committee but will oversee it.

In the meantime, Lt. Furno will meet with the Dispatch Coordinator in Mendon to update the run cards and procedures to follow until further notice.

The Board members thanks all those individuals present this evening.

The Board takes a 5-minute recess before entering Executive Session.

***On a motion by Barrett and second by Poulin, the Board votes unanimously by roll call vote to enter Executive Session under MGL c.30A ch.21 para 3 to discuss strategy in connection with collective bargaining negotiations since an open meeting could be detrimental to such negotiations, and to return to open session only to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Laura, aye; Poulin, aye; Barrett, aye; Petrowicz, aye.***

Paul Ouellette, Chairman of the Finance Committee is invited to attend the meeting as he voiced his interest in being part of the bargaining unit for ongoing negotiations.

Chairman Petrowicz explains the Board's initial strategy and asks the opinion of Mr. Ouellette as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Ouellette provides his ideas on the way he would proceed with strategy. Lengthy discussion follows concerning the finances of the town and the funding available for these negotiations.

The Board asks Mr. Ouellette to leave the meeting while they have further discussion.

Chairman Petrowicz asks the board members if they wish to take Mr. Ouellette on the team.

***On a motion by Barrett and second by Laura, the Board votes unanimously by roll call vote to keep the Collective Bargaining Negotiating Team as Chairman Petrowicz, Selectman Laura***

*and Executive Secretary Coffin. Roll Call Vote: Laura, aye; Poulin, aye; Barrett, aye, Petrowicz, aye.*

Mr. Ouellette returns to the meeting. Chairman Petrowicz informs him of the Board's decision and thanks him for his interest.

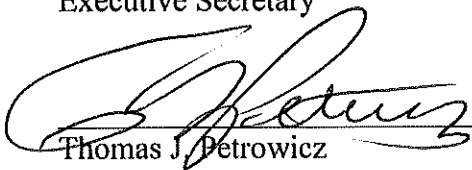
The Board briefly discusses how they will proceed with strategy going forward, and the negotiating team determines meeting dates available to provide to the union.

*On a motion by Laura and second by Barrett, the Board votes unanimously by roll call vote to exit Executive Session and return to open session only to adjourn. Roll Call Vote: Laura, aye; Poulin, aye; Barrett, aye; Petrowicz, aye.*

*On a motion by Barrett and second by Laura, the Board votes unanimously to adjourn open session at 9:15 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Coffin  
Executive Secretary



Thomas J. Petrowicz



Roland Barrett



Charles Poulin

John Laura