

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

MINUTES OF MEETING

September 6, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

Board of Selectmen Members Present: Chairman Tom Petrowicz, Vice Chairman Roland Barrett, Secretary Charles Poulin and Selectman Bob Baker

Board of Selectmen Members Absent: Selectman John Laura

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS None.

MES WATER ISSUES

60,000 gallon old water tank - refurbishment. Bob Ferrari of Northeast Water Solutions explains that his firm wrote the specification for the upgrade of the 50,000 gallon tank which will be strictly dedicated to fire protection. The upgrades done were all NSF61 compliant so the tank still qualifies as a potable water tank.

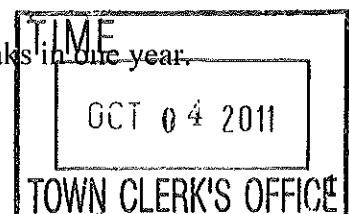
Chairman Petrowicz questions whether Bob would recommend the Town continue to maintain the tank as a potable tank with NSF61 compliance.

Bob advises that this decision to be made in another year or two once we get a feel for how things are working. There are more materials available if you did not need to maintain NFS61 compliance.

Selectman Poulin wishes to address the bid specifications prepared by Bob which refers to the sealing and re-coating of the tank seams.

Bob provides a Memorandum he prepared which addressed the Board's concerns regarding the work performed under the bid specifications. Bob explains at great length that the bid specs refer to the Extech report which identified the failures in the original inspection in 2009. Corrective action was taken to all those seams outlined in the report as well as other spot areas. He does not believe there was a need to re-do all the horizontal seams. He did provide an estimate for this work at approximately \$24,000. All work was inspected by engineers as well as town officials.

Selectman Poulin questions what will happen if the horizontal seam leaks in one year.



Bob advises that the inspection didn't identify any areas that were imminent defects and needed sealing along the horizontal seams. Sealing the horizontal seams may have caused more damage than good because it would eliminate the flexure needed for the tank to breath. A blanket resealing of all the seams would be the best use of the Town's money. Bob recommends annual inspections of the interior and exterior of the tank and replacement of the sacrificial anodes as necessary and determined by inspection.

The tank was in failing mode prior to the upgrade. The cathodic protection system had not been changed in 20 years. There is a new cathodic test system installed and should be recorded on a monthly basis. The custodians will be trained on this procedure.

Selectman Poulin is adamant that the bid specifications clearly indicate all resealing of all seams.

Bob Ferrari states that the contractors were never directed to do all the horizontal seams - that was never the intent of the bid specs. Bob indicates there was a small glitch with the Extech report which was clarified 15 months ago via a telephone call to Extech. He clarified the summary of the report prior to writing the bid specs for the Town.

Selectman Poulin questions the ventilation, scaffolding and lighting. Bob responds that the bid indicates these items were "as necessary" and that all inspections were done.

Chairman Petrowicz is uncomfortable with the Extech report and has some reservation about the work which was done. The Board will be bitter if we end up with problems on the horizontal seams and they weren't addressed while the other repairs were being made. Chairman Petrowicz asks Jim Hutzler, President of Yankee Fiber Control to speak as the low bidder and contractor on this project.

Mr. Hutzler feels the proper treatment was done to the tank. He was not an advocate of resealing the horizontal seams as sand blasting the horizontal seams may have caused more problems due to the gaskets. Power washing is not NSF61 recommended. He was concerned that the gaskets would be damaged during sand blasting.

Bob feels the Town got the best bang for the buck and the money not spent on the horizontal seams should be put towards future repairs to the tank or towards a new tank. A new tank is estimated at between \$250K-\$275K.

Selectman Poulin reiterates that he does not feel the Town should have spent another \$24,000 but rather the work should have been done within the specification of the bid. He feels the Town has already spent the money to have those seams repaired.

Chairman Petrowicz asks the Board if they wish to take any further action at this time. Without any further comments from the Board members, Chairman Petrowicz advises that the Board remains guardedly hopeful that we will get sufficient time out of the tank.

10,500 new water tank - status. Bob Ferrari advises that the new 10,000 potable water tank was installed last fall. The VOC samples indicated slightly elevated levels of tetrahydrofuran which is a chemical used in the curing process during manufacturing. The tank was flushed out and re-cured on site. New VOC samples were taken and there was no detection of tetrahydrofuran. The

manufacturer re-established the warranty from September 1, 2011 for a one-year period and they are paying for all expenses incurred for the re-curing process. The paperwork will be re-submitted to DEP and Small Water Systems will prepare the action report for DEP.

Deb Trumbull from Small Water Systems explains that DEP has recommended that the Town continue to take VOCs for the next couple of months to ensure there are no further detections. Deb feels we should get approval very soon from DEP to go back on water; at that point the bubblers will need to be flushed and she will work with the custodians at the school on this.

{The Board takes a 5-minute recess while the recording discs are being changed.}

MINUTES/WARRANTS

July 18, 2011 (7:00 pm)

On a motion by Barrett and second by Poulin, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to approve and sign the Minutes of July 18, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

August 15, 2011 (5:30 p.m.)

On a motion by Barrett and second by Baker, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to approve and sign the Minutes of August 15, 2011, 5:30 p.m.

August 15, 2011 (7:00 pm)

On a motion by Barrett and second by Baker, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to approve and sign the Minutes of August 15, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

August 22, 2011 (6:00 p.m.)

On a motion by Barrett and second by Poulin, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to approve and sign the Minutes of August 22, 2011, 6:00 p.m. {Baker abstains}

August 31, 2011 (6:00 pm)

On a motion by Barrett and second by Baker, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to approve and sign the Minutes of August 31, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

Steve Furno of the Fire Department invites all to a memorial service being held on Sunday, September 11th at 8:40 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park with refreshments to follow at the Fire Station.

He will be submitting a letter to the Board seeking approval of a boot drive/toll day.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Fire Department

Chairman Petrowicz advises that the Board recently accepted the resignation of Chief Mullaly as Fire Chief and appointed Chief Landry as Acting Fire Chief effective September 11, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

The Executive Secretary received an amendment to the Police Chief's current contract from Town Counsel which outlines the length of the contract, compensation and duties as directed by Mass. General Law. The Police Chief is agreeable to the terms of the contract amendment.

On a motion by Barrett and second by Baker, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to approve and sign the Amendment to the Chief of Police Contract.

Chairman Petrowicz questions whether the Board wishes to authorize the Executive Secretary to post the permanent full-time position at this time.

On a motion by Barrett and second by Baker, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to authorize the Executive Secretary to post the position of Fire Chief internally.

A Certificate of Appreciation was prepared for Chief Mullaly and was read aloud by the Chairman. The Board members signed the Certificate which will be presented to Chief Mullaly.

CORRESPONDENCE

Friends of the Library. A request is received for a toll day on September 10th with a rain date of September 17th.

On a motion by Poulin and second by Barrett, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to approve the toll day as requested.

Knights of Columbus. A request is received for a toll day on September 17th with a rain date of September 24th.

On a motion by Poulin and second by Baker, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to approve the toll day as requested; provided the Friends of the Library does not need the 17th as a rain date. {Barrett abstains}

United Nations. A request is received that the Town adopt United Nations Day and forward such a proclamation to the State House.

A request is received for a toll day on September 10th with a rain date of September 17th.

On a motion by Barrett and second by Baker, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously not to support the request.

Central Mass Regional Planning. A request is received asking that the Town support the application of a HUD grant. Chairman Petrowicz would prefer to table this matter until more information can be obtained regarding the use of the grant. Vice Chairman Barrett is attending a meeting at CMRPC later this week and will obtain that information.

On a motion by Poulin and second by Barrett, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to table this correspondence until the next regular meeting on September 19th.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

- Thank You to all public safety officials for your work during Hurricane Irene.

- There was an oil leak at the Fire Station last Friday. DEP was called in. MIIA was contacted and sent along an assessment firm to evaluate the damage. It appears the containment will be covered by insurance but the Town will have to replace the existing tanks.

- Chief Landry will be hosting the annual Pumpkin Party on October 23rd with a rain date of October 30th from 6-8pm.
- The Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2011. The Warrants is open and will be closed on October 3rd.
- The NIMS Compliance list was sent to all pertinent department heads. Please update and return so that the Town will remain qualified for federal grant funding.
- The Highway Surveyor has advised of damage to the roof at the salt shed caused by Hurricane Irene. He will obtain estimates and this will be submitted to MIIA.
- The Animal Control Officer has advised that the roof is the small shed "dead animal shed" is leaking and needs replacement. The Highway Surveyor will obtain estimates for this work as well.
- We have received many calls and emails regarding the status of Chestnut Hill Road paving. We are waiting on specifications from the Highway Department in order to put this job out to bid.

Highway Surveyor Brian Mullaly advises that he is still working on this matter and is looking at a leveling coat with rubberized coating. The Board hopes this is done before winter.

OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES

Library Septic. The Board of Health wishes to meet with the Board of Selectmen to discuss this matter. The Board had hoped to avoid costly engineering and construction work by first attempting the use of a bacteria additive to the septic tank. Chairman Petrowicz discussed this with Board of Health member Dustin Ciccarelli. Can the Board of Health meet on Monday, September 19th at 6:00 p.m.?

Esty Street shrubs. Tree Warden Keith Mercure received an estimate to remove the shrubs including the roots with new loam and seed for \$600. The Board of Selectmen previously determined these shrubs should be removed to the public safety hazard. Keith has not been able to reach the homeowner. The Board would like a letter of intent sent to the homeowner before any work is commenced. They would like the shrubs removed within 14 days.

On a motion by Barrett and second by Baker, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to authorize the Executive Secretary to send out a letter of intent to the homeowner and further to determine the Town's legal rights with respect to removal of the shrubs by the Town, if necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

Snowplowing Contract. The Highway Surveyor decided not to go out to bid for snowplowing services. Snowplowing is exempt under MGL ch.30B. Brian Mullaly indicates that he feels the Town is getting the best services possible for the dollar. He has worked with the contractor and feels he has done an outstanding job for the Town. It is noted that he will advise the contractor

that he should not plow roads that have not been accepted by the Town. Letter will be sent to those homeowners.

On a motion by Baker and second by Poulin, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to authorize the Chairman to sign the Contract with Northeast Auto Recycling for snowplowing/sanding services for the fiscal years 2012, 2013 and 2104.

Council on Aging Grant. The COA received its annual formula grant for \$3,500 and the forms require signature by the Chairman.

On a motion by Baker and second by Poulin, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to authorize the Chairman to sign the forms for the FY12 Council on Aging Formula Grant for \$3,500.

Main Street Land. Vice Chairman Barrett is wondering whether the Town can pursue a "land swap" with the land on Main Street for the land at the corner of Lincoln/Main Streets. He feels that this is something that could be a win/win for the Town and Mr. Felicio. The Treasurer is preparing the land on Main Street for auction. The Executive Secretary will look further into the matter but suspects the land must be auctioned to the highest bidder. The Town could certainly then take those funds and use them to purchase the land from Mr. Felicio, if the Town Meeting authorizes same.

FEMA - Hurricane Irene. Notification was received from FEMA that only Franklin and Berkshire counties will be eligible for FEMA funding from the hurricane. We have not heard yet from MEMA.

FINAL PUBLIC FORUM None.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Monday, September 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

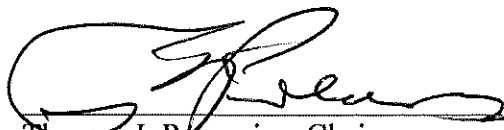
EXECUTIVE SESSION None.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Barrett and second by Poulin, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:10 p.m.

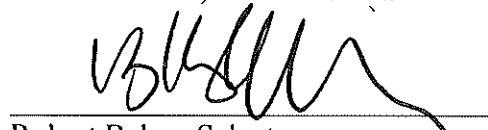
Respectfully Submitted,

Helen M. Coffin


Thomas J. Petrowicz, Chairman


Roland Barrett, Vice Chairman


Charles Poulin, Secretary


Robert Baker, Selectman