

TOWN OF MILLVILLE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMAN
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION (1 of 2)
September 20, 2021

Board Members Present: Jennifer Gill, Andrew Alward, Todd Trottier

Board Members Absent: None

The Board of Selectman was joined by Peter Caruso, Town Administrator [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Brian Maser, town counsel joined at approximately 8:25 PM

[REDACTED] stated that we were not in executive session as we did not have a roll call vote. The Board stated we did have a roll call vote. Upon review of the posted video of the Board of Selectman, a roll call vote was taken at 55:34 in the video. The Board of Selectman entered executive session at approximately 7:57 PM.

Andrew Alward made a motion to recess executive session until town counsel was present. There was no second and the motion failed. Chair Gill stated that there was the possibility of the Board not answering certain questions until town counsel was present, and we could begin with a general discussion of the events.

First Item covered: Incident with [REDACTED]

Chair Gill reviewed the process to ensure expectations were set. Today (September 20, 2021) the Board would focus on listening and fact-finding. The Board would take some time to process all the information, we would ask our counsel additional questions as needed. At the next meeting, October 4, the goal is to deliberate and come up the right action to be taken.

Chair Gill asked how we should start. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Andrew and Todd agreed that theses were the concerning activities.

[REDACTED] we are all frazzled and frustrated. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] that we all have to go through this.

Chair Gill asked how can he be a target if they didn't know who he was?

Question from Mr. Alward: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Mr. Alward asked if he would provide proof of this and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Mr. Alward asked what was the length of his shift.
[REDACTED]

Chair Gill asked, "And you got to [REDACTED] in 7 minutes?"
[REDACTED] asked for clarification.

Chair Gill stated, "You got [REDACTED], so that means you drove to [REDACTED] in 7 minutes."

[REDACTED] began talking together and then the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Mr. Alward asked the following questions:

- Did you see any other vehicles on the road?
 - [REDACTED]: To my recollection, there were no other cars
- And the arrow was red?
 - [REDACTED]: It was green or perhaps it changed to yellow
- What was your rate of speed when you left?
 - [REDACTED]: it was just under the speed limit of 25 mph.
- But you thought the speed limit was 30 mph? That is what you stated earlier.
 - [REDACTED]: I was going 25 or 30 mph.
- When did you know about the report?
 - [REDACTED]: Monday, [REDACTED]
- What did you think of the report?
[REDACTED]
- What do you dispute in the report?

- [REDACTED]
- Did you snatch your license back?
 - At this time, [REDACTED] had some back and forth re: the use of the word snatch.
 - They reviewed the language in the police report.
 - [REDACTED] stated that he simply took back his belongings.

Chair Gill asked: So you dispute the colorful language in the report?

[REDACTED]: What are you referring to?

Chair Gill: In the report it states that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]: There was no mean intent behind me using this language. It is just a word. I didn't say I was a police officer.

Mr. Alward asked if [REDACTED]

There was discussion around how a speeding estimation is. [REDACTED] agreed that the only real way to do this well is through experience.

[REDACTED] was aware there were two cruisers.

Chair Gill stated an issue that she had with this incident and the incident in [REDACTED], but we are not to believe the 4 officers and should believe the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that only one person's name is on the report. Chair Gill responded with the names of the officers on the reports. [REDACTED] explained that there is only one author on the report.

Mr. Alward asked about the process to create reports, if they require approvals, etc. The conclusion of the discussion was that each department does things differently and do not always require approvals.

[REDACTED] stated that either way, the fact of the matter is we have a very minor incident here. Chair Gill stated that she did not think this incident or the previous one was minor.

Chair Gill stated that she spoke with [REDACTED]

Mr. Alward disputed point #3 and said he did speak with [REDACTED].

Chair Gill asked if he spoke with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]. The tone was accusatory and he ended the conversation when he had enough.

██████████ stated it was bizarre. He didn't really talk to him.

1. The first step in the process is to identify the problem or issue that needs to be addressed. This involves gathering information and understanding the context of the problem.

[illegible]

The officer only asked for a license and no registration. The officer didn't question his identity and didn't ask who he was.

1. First you check the registration – if it comes up non-registered, you should know it was a [REDACTED]
2. If you see him in [REDACTED], they should ask him, are you an officer? Or try to confirm who the person you pulled over is.
3. The officer should have stated why he stopped me.

██████████ stated the officer was not disrespectful, it was just really odd.

[illegible]

██████████ stated he has not had a complaint in 15 years in his role.

I don't remember where these fit, but I do remember the discussions.

██████████ said that the incident in ██████████ and ██████████ are completely unrelated.

Mr. Maser replied if the Board of Selectmen decide the incident in [REDACTED] is relevant, than it is. Further, if the Board of Selectman decide it demonstrated a pattern of behavior, than it does.

It was discussed that the Board will deliberate on October 4, 2021 and offer next steps.

Approved By Board of Selectmen:



*Jennifer Gill, Selectman and Chairman
Chairman*

Andrew Alward, Selectman and Vice

Todd Trottier, Selectman

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