

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 21, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

Board of Selectmen Members Present: Chairman Roland Barrett, Vice Chairman Joseph Rapoza, Secretary Jennifer Dean Wing and Selectman John Laura

Board of Selectmen Members Absent: Selectman Robert Baker

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin

Chairman Barrett calls the regular meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. at the Longfellow Municipal Center with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board hopes everyone had an enjoyable Patriots' Day yesterday. Congratulations to all who participated in the Boston Marathon.

Reminder that street sweeping is scheduled to continue for the remainder of this week.

Reminder that most schools are closed for spring vacation this week so please take caution on the roadways for children.

The Annual Town Reports are currently at the printer being printed, and expected for delivery at the Town Hall by the end of this month. We should have them by our next regular meeting and copies will also be available at the Town Meetings.

The Finance Committee's Public Hearing on the financial articles that appear on the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants will be held on **Wednesday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m.** If you have any questions, concerns, or comments about the budget, the Board encourages you to attend the Public Hearing if possible...please don't wait until the Town Meeting.

The Special and Annual Town Meetings are scheduled for **Monday, May 11th** beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Millville Elementary School.

Tomorrow marks the 45th anniversary of "Earth Day" - an annual event celebrated every April 22nd when events are held worldwide in support of environmental protection. Many local volunteer groups and organizations have scheduled "clean-up" days over the next few weeks - you may see some of them in Town. However, don't feel as though you need to belong to a group to help out --- with the nice weather finally here, maybe we can all pitch in and clean up around our properties, or do whatever we can individually to help improve our environment.

Also tomorrow, many companies and businesses will celebrate “Administrative Professionals Day” – but the Board would like to take a moment to acknowledge and extend our appreciation to ALL of the individuals who work on behalf of the Town of Millville – the administrative staff, public safety employees, appointed/elected officials and volunteers, all working very hard in our Town buildings and departments in order to keep the Town of Millville, and the services we provide to the residents, running as efficiently and effectively as possible. Thank You all for the work you do.

Observing a high attendance of townspeople, Chairman Barrett adjusts the Agenda to address Public Forum next.

PUBLIC FORUM

Resident Timothy O’Brien of 43B Providence Street questions the status of 171 Central Street. This project has been ongoing for seven years. The owner cleared out the land and took down trees. Recently, 18-wheel trucks have been delivering fill with pipes and insulation. The owner has come to the property lines and the survey markers are questionable.

Resident Lauren Sacco has pictures of the fill that has been delivered. She also questions the status of the Cease & Desist issued by National Grid. The owner claims that National Grid has given up the easement.

Resident Beth Crenshaw of 19B Providence Street also has concerns about encroachment, and questions what the land will be used for and if the Conservation Commission has visited the property.

Mr. Louis Iarussi, owner of the property explains that the most recent work is incidental to the earth removal. He had an official survey of the property done and placed their own 5foot markers to stay away from the property line. He states that much of the debris in the pictures was already there on the property from the building of the duplex homes decades ago. They are beginning the process of spreading the large piles of excavated soil to level the land. They have brought in some fill with crushed blocks.

Selectman Laura voices very strong concern regarding bringing in fill with crushed blocks as he believes this is toxic and/or hazardous waste.

Selectman Rapoza provides evidence in the Earth Removal Bylaw that the owner must stay 50 feet from the property line for excavation purposes. The owner claims he was not aware of this bylaw.

Selectman Wing feels the Board needs to review the previous plan for clarification.

Executive Secretary reminds all that this would be a matter for the Earth Removal Board, not the Board of Selectmen only. She suggests Mr. Iarussi first meet with the Building Inspector. Mr. Iarussi states that the Board of Health and DEP are scheduled for a site visit tomorrow.

Executive Secretary will follow-up with Building Inspector next and schedule a meeting of the Earth Removal Board, as necessary.

MINUTES

April 7, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

On a motion by Laura and second by Rapoza, the Board votes unanimously to accept and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of April 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

WARRANTS

On a motion by Laura and second by Rapoza, the Board votes unanimously to approve and sign the Warrant as presented.

TOWN OFFICIALS None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Barrett advises he received an email from a resident regarding the new voting location.

Correspondence was received from Norfolk Agricultural School advising the tuition rate will remain the same.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Centennial Celebration Committee – Jackie Wheeler Lima submitted a resignation.

On a motion by Rapoza and second by Laura, the Board votes unanimously to accept the resignation of Jackie Wheeler, with regrets, from the Centennial Celebration Committee.

Chairman Barrett expresses appreciation for the years of service to the Town.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Executive Secretary has completed Chief Landry's Performance Evaluation and asks how the Board wishes to present it. Chairman Barrett and Selectman Laura have presented in the past.

On a motion by Rapoza and second by Wing, the Board votes unanimously to authorize Chairman Barrett and Selectman Laura to present Chief Landry's Performance Evaluation.

Some townspeople have requested another informal question/answer meeting of the Board at an off-site location which was held in the past at the Chestnut Hill Community Center and questioned whether the Board will be doing this again. The Board is in agreement to schedule something for the fall at the convenience of the Center. Executive Secretary will schedule.

Interim Building Commissioner has advised he will not be seeking the permanent position. The job has again been posted.

OLD BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS

Braking for Aids.

Request was received for permission for bicyclists to ride through Town. Chief Landry does not have any problems with this.

On a motion by Laura and second by Rapoza, the Board votes unanimously to authorize and sign the approval request.

Toll Day.

Request was received from American Legion to hold a Toll Day on Saturday, April 25th from 10am-2pm.

On a motion by Laura and second by Rapoza, the Board votes unanimously to approve the Toll Day request.

Town Counsel Proposals.

The Board was given the five Town Counsel proposals for review and ranking...the top three will be called back for interviews. The results are as follows:

Wing:	Deutsch, 37;	Mirick, 38;	Petrini, 35;	K&P, 41;	Horn, 29
Rapoza:	Deutsch, 33;	Mirick, 28;	Petrini, 34;	K&P, 36.5;	Horn, 25
Barrett:	Deutsch, 36;	Mirick, 44.5;	Petrini, 42.5;	K&P, 38.5;	Horn, 30
Laura:	Deutsch, 33;	Mirick, 24;	Petrini, 41;	K&P, 26;	Horn, 24

Totals:	139	134.5	152.5	142	108
Average:	34.75 (#3)	33.625	38.125 (#1)	35.5 (#2)	27

On a motion by Laura and second by Wing, the Board votes unanimously to call in the following 3 firms for interviews: Deutsch Williams, Petrini & Associates and Kopelman & Paige.

The Board agrees to work with the following dates: May 5, May 7, May 19 and May 21

Brief discussion about how to set up the process. The Board would like Chief Landry and Town Planner Joe Laydon involved as well.

MEMBERS FORUM

Social Media. Chairman Barrett raises the issue of a concern about Board members posting items on social media. He offers the suggestion that the Town has its own Facebook and Twitter accounts...if a Board member wants information posted, it may be more appropriate doing so through the Town's social media sites rather a personal site. Selectman Wing acknowledges this is issue comes up because of something she sent via a private message to a friend who, in turn, sent it out. She did speak with Chief Landry and let him know the situation. She would do it again as she feels the public has the right to the public information if it's available and if a friend asks for it, she will help. Chairman Barrett asks how the Board should handle this type of situation going forward. Chief Landry explains that this involved the Hunting Bylaw and that he wasn't necessarily upset with the dissemination of the information but rather with the way the individuals handled it once received.

FINAL PUBLIC FORUM None.

SIGNATURES The Board signs the documents voted on earlier this evening.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING Monday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Wing and second by Rapoza, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helen M. Coffin, Executive Secretary

Roland P. Barrett, Chairman

Joseph G. Rapoza, Vice Chairman

John Laura

Jennifer Dean Wing