

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 22, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

Board of Selectmen Members Present: Chairman Roland Barrett, Vice Chairman Joseph Rapoza, Secretary Robert Baker and Selectman John Laura

Board of Selectmen Members Absent: Secretary Jennifer Dean Wing

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin

Chairman Barrett opens the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder that schools are closed this week for spring vacation. Motorists please take caution for children on the roads.

Tomorrow is “Administrative Professionals Day” ... the Board wishes to thank the employees in all of our Town departments for their hard work on behalf of the Town of Millville. The Board appreciates your efforts.

MINUTES

April 8, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.

On a motion by Laura and second by Rapoza, the Board votes unanimously to accept the Minutes of April 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. {Baker abstains}

April 8, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

On a motion by Laura and second by Rapoza, the Board votes unanimously to accept the Minutes of April 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. {Baker abstains}

April 9, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.

On a motion by Rapoza and second by Laura, the Board votes unanimously to accept the Minutes of April 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. {Baker abstains}

April 14, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

On a motion by Rapoza and second by Laura, the Board votes unanimously to accept the Minutes of April 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

WARRANTS

On a motion by Rapoza and second by Laura, the Board votes unanimously to accept the three Warrants, as read and presented.

MES WATER – ENGINEER BOB FERRARI

Mr. Ferrari provides a status update on the water quality of the school. The greensand filters were rebuilt and necessary upgrades were made to the system. Most of the work was done in February and was followed by a 12-day validation period. The School has been in full compliance since December 2nd, non-detectable for chemicals. Three experiments were conducted with respect to the disinfection by-products and they will continue to tweak the system in order to maintain lowest levels possible. The old media was sent out for re-oxidation and will be maintained for use as replenishment. The Board would like Northeast to hold the media in their warehouse. The safety improvements were made per Title VI. All logs and reports are current. Mr. Ferrari plans to issue a formal letter to DEP requesting the School be released from the bottled drinking water. Mr. Ferrari can provide documentation to the School District or Town as necessary for parental information. All submittals are sent to the Executive Secretary. Mr. Ferrari will provide an estimate for a remote monitoring system shortly as well as updated budget estimate.

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS

Veterans Memorial Park. Norman Thuot presents on behalf of the Veterans Memorial Park. He provides a summary of the park landscaping maintenance which occurred this past year and the goals which the Committee has set for the year ahead.

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational School. Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick and Mr. Gerry Finn present on behalf of the School. Mr. Finn introduces Mr. Joe Hall, Chairman of the BVT School Committee. Mr. Finn provides a handout and summarizes in detail many of the statistics and financial criteria involving Millville.

Dr. Fitzpatrick explains the sources of funding for the operating budget. He further reviews the success of the School and students over the past year including MCAS scores and other student achievements. Dr. Fitzpatrick speaks briefly to the \$2.9 expansion request and provides a flyer which will be sent to the residents. It is the hope that this expansion will ease the Town's burden of out-of-district tuition costs.

PUBLIC FORUM None.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

Building Inspector.

On a motion by Rapoza and second by Baker, the Board votes unanimously to accept the email resignation of Michael Fitzpatrick.

Tree Warden.

On a motion by Baker and second by Rapoza, the Board votes unanimously to appoint Keith Mercure as Tree Warden until the next Annual Town Election.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Mosquito Control Project. The Town is requested to declare its support to the District's FY15 budget. The Board of Health recommends the Town support the budget as presented.

On a motion by Rapoza and second by Baker, the Board votes unanimously to support the Mosquito Control Project FY15 Budget and authorize the Chairman to sign the declaration.

Septic Loan Program. The Board previously voted to authorize the septic loan but now must sign the legal Note paperwork. There are no further votes necessary but we just want to disclose that the Board will be signing the loan documents later this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark's Garage. Mr. Fernandes presents a packet of information he alleges will provide evidence of his Class II license from prior to the acceptance of the Town's Zoning By-laws. He reiterates that the business was pre-existing, non-conforming. It is suggested he speak with the Interim Building Commissioner.

Building Inspector positions. There are currently two vacancies: Building Commissioner and Assistant Local Building Inspector.

On a motion by Rapoza and second by Laura, the Board votes unanimously to post the two positions of Building Commissioner and Local Building Inspector.

NEW BUSINESS

Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants. The Board reviews the two final warrants with changes made per the last meeting.

Chairman Bill Chaplin of the BMR School Committee questions if the Board would consider adding a Proposition 2-1/2 override question to the Warrant.

Lengthy discussion follows regarding the financial status of the Town and the operating budget of the School District. The School Committee generally feels the Town/Board of Selectmen should let the townspeople decide and provide the opportunity to vote for an override. Chairman Barrett and Selectman Laura explain the difficult financial position of the townspeople and they are not willing to burden the taxpayers further at this time. The Town has other significant expenses that will be borne by the taxpayers. Chairman Barrett advises that the state needs to increase the local aid for schools and that an override will not solve the problem. He suggests taking it to the state level.

Resident Valerie Haggerty presents a signed petition asking the Board to consider funding the School's budget request above the minimum contribution. Mr. Chaplin confirms that there is no guarantee that any funding received will go towards the Millville school or resolve the issue of large class room sizes.

Finance Committee Chairman Crivello states that there is no doubt that the minimum contribution is not sufficient; however, the Town cannot afford the amount requested and it is

unclear what amount is appropriate. The Town has two other debt exclusions which the taxpayers will pay in addition to other various infrastructure issues.

Brief discussion follows regarding the time frame of this request and the Board's ability to act on the issue in a timely manner. The Warrants must be posted by the Constable and meetings require 48 hour advance posting.

Chairman Barrett asks if there is a Motion from any Board member to include a Proposition 2-1/2 article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. No motion is made.

Special Town Meeting Warrant.

On a motion by Rapoza and second by Laura, the Board votes unanimously to approve the Special Town Meeting Warrant, re-affirm all previous votes taken, and sign in duplicate.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

On a motion by Rapoza and second by Laura, the Board votes unanimously to approve the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, re-affirm all previous votes taken, and sign in duplicate.

MEMBERS FORUM

Selectman Rapoza advises that Highway Surveyor Brian Mullaly mentioned to him that he isn't happy with the way things are going. Mr. Rapoza suggested Mr. Mullaly be more visible and attend BOS meetings. Mr. Mullaly prefers phone calls over receiving emails.

FINAL PUBLIC FORUM None.

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Monday, May 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Barrett advises that the Board seeks to enter Executive Session under MGL c.30A section 21A paragraph 2 to discuss contract negotiations with non-union personnel.

On a motion by Rapoza and second by Laura, the Board votes unanimously by roll call vote to enter Executive Session and only to return to Open Session to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Baker and second by Laura, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Helen M. Coffin, Executive Secretary

Roland P. Barrett, Chairman

Joseph G. Rapoza, Vice Chairman

John M. Laura, Selectman

Robert F. Baker, Selectman