

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**May 19, 2014 - 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

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Chairman Barrett opens the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for Paulette Mercure who passed away.

**POW/MIA CHAIR DEDICATION.** Representative Kevin Kuros is present to donate and dedicate a POW/MIA chair to the Town of Millville. He explains that the organization “Rolling Thunder” advocates for POW’s and MIA’s and believes that those who never came home warrant recognition. Representative Kuros donates this chair to the Town of Millville so that POW’s and MIA’s obtain the respect and appreciation they deserve. There are 91,719 soldiers unaccounted for since WWI. Chairman Barrett accepts the chair on behalf of the Town and thanks Representative Kuros for his donation and dedication.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thank You to everyone who attended the Special and Annual Town Meetings on May 12<sup>th</sup>. There was an excellent turn-out compared to previous years and hope everyone stays involved.

The Board of Selectmen Meetings for the month of June have been rescheduled to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month: June 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Reminder: The Town Hall offices will be closed on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

Reminder: The Memorial Day Parade will step off at 11:00 am from the corner of Central/Providence Streets and conclude at the Veterans Memorial Park on Main Street for a brief ceremony. We hope everyone comes out to pay tribute to our men and women who lost their lives for our country.

Reappointment letters have been sent out to all Town officials whose term expires June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please return your signed letter promptly if you are interested in reappointment. The Board will make FY2015 appointments during the June 23<sup>rd</sup> BOS Meeting. The Board appreciates the work of all our board/committee members and hope you will continue to serve our Town.

A limited number of copies of the Annual Town Reports are still available at the Town Hall. The Report can also be viewed online, on the homepage of the Town's website, millvillema.org.

The Town's newly revised Bylaws are also available for viewing on the homepage of the Town's website.

The Board wishes to congratulate all of our graduating high school seniors (Blackstone-Millville Regional as well as Blackstone Valley Tech) and wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavors!

The Executive Secretary will be out of the office during the first week of June. Please contact the Town Hall Business Office with any questions or concerns. If necessary, the office secretary will contact the Board of Selectmen for further direction.

## **MINUTES**

### **April 8, 2014 – Executive Session**

*On a motion by Rapoza and second by Laura, the Board votes unanimously to accept the Executive Session Minutes of April 8, 2014.*

### **May 5, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.**

*On a motion by Laura and second by Rapoza, the Board votes unanimously to accept the Minutes of May 5, 2014.*

### **May 5 – Executive Session**

*On a motion by Laura and second by Rapoza, the Board votes unanimously to accept the Executive Session Minutes of May 5, 2014.*

### **May 12, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.**

*On a motion by Rapoza and second by Laura, the Board votes unanimously to accept the Minutes of May 12, 2014.*

## **WARRANTS**

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

## **REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS**

**Board of Assessors.** Karin Furno and Natalia Alward speak on behalf of the Board of Assessors to provide a brief update of the department. They have begun using magnetic cards for the appraisers' vehicles and the building data has been updated on the Assessors Maps. Now that the Town Bylaws have been adopted, they plan to address the house numbering situation. They continue to send notifications to other department when there may be potential violations with properties. The appraisers will be finishing their annual inspections and the department will continue its process of sorting the maps.

**PUBLIC FORUM** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE** None.

**APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS** None.

### **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT**

The Municipal Center Building Committee met last Friday and interviewed the two finalist engineering firms and will present its recommendation to the BOS on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

National Grid has received permission from the state to commence work on the new overhead transmission lines. Information is available in the Town Hall if anybody is interested in reading the final decision report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Veterans Donation Account.** Veterans Agent Lincoln Barber presents the proposed Guidelines and Flyer to the Board of Selectmen in connection with the previously discussed donation account to be established to assist Millville veterans and their dependents. The Executive Secretary advises this has been reviewed by both the Town Accountant and Treasurer/Collector. Mr. Barber requests one additional item: that applicants must first apply for Chapter 115 benefits in order to qualify. He also wants to be certain that the funds are only used for Millville veterans if/when the time comes that the Town regionalizes its veteran's services. The Executive Secretary confirms that regardless of who the Veterans Service Officer is, the funds will only be used for Millville residents and this was confirmed with the Town Accountant. If approved, the flyers will be mailed with the June tax bills.

*On a motion by Rapoza and second by Laura, the Board votes unanimously to accept the Guidelines, as amended, along with the Flyer for the Veterans Assistance Donation Fund.*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Toll Day Request.** Millville Fire Rescue submitted a Toll Day Request to be held on Saturday, September 16, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This was approved by both Chief Landry and the Highway Surveyor.

*On a motion by Rapoza and second by Laura, the Board votes unanimously to approve the Toll Day Request for September 16, 2014.*

### **MEMBERS FORUM**

Selectman Wing wanted to follow-up on the Noise Ordinance inquiry she had received. Chief Landry addressed this via an email.

Selectman Wing questioned if the Town Clerk would like a Liaison to assist with communications. The Executive Secretary did not realize this had been raised. Mr. Mullaly prefers to continue going through Krissy. Executive Secretary will check with Town Clerk.

Selectman Wing suggests the Board consider a MESPA liaison in the future, especially in connection with budget matters. There was a great deal of miscommunication due to social media this budget season and she would like to see that eliminating in the future. She also

suggests a stronger presence at school committee meetings going forward. She feels the Board should keep the District informed on Town matters. Selectman Rapoza advises that he and Finance Chairman Crivello both intend to remain involved with the School Committee and the School budget. Mrs. Wing adds that she is very concerned about the outcome of Blackstone's Town Meeting in connection with the budget increase request and would like to be sure the Town is prepared to act accordingly. She would prefer to have some time to think about it. She is not supportive of the proposed budget which includes the Assistant Superintendent salary.

Chairman Crivello advises that the Finance Committee is meeting this Wednesday evening to discuss possible courses of action of how the Town should approach a budget increase. However, we are still uncertain of the outcome or whether a Super Town Meeting will be called. The Finance Committee is not prepared to begin making budget cuts to address an increase to the School budget. He feels the sooner the District can get a budget to the Town each year, the better off the Town will be to deal with it. He reviewed some information on their website in connection with the certification of the budget. In a nutshell, he believes the Town is not getting enough revenue to fund the expenses we need to fund. Balancing the operating budget with the use of Free Cash is not an ideal situation.

Selectman Rapoza would like to include the relocation of cable access equipment in the Board of Selectmen Meeting Room on the next regular Agenda.

Selectman Wing questions the location of the new POW/MIA chair...she feels it should be displayed and respected but also protected. For now, it will be left in the BOS Meeting Room.

**FINAL PUBLIC FORUM** None.

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

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** Monday, June 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** None.

**ADJOURN**

*On a motion by Rapoza and second by Laura, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:52 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Helen M. Coffin, Executive Secretary

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Roland P. Barrett, Chairman

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Joseph G. Rapoza, Vice Chairman

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John M. Laura, Selectman

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Jennifer Dean Wing, Secretary