

TOWN OF MILLVILLE
JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE & BOARD OF SELECTMAN MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 20, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Chairman, Paul Ouellette; Vice Chairman, Michael Foster; Clerk, Brian Pacheco; Member, Erica Blake

Board Members Absent: None

Finance Committee Chairman Paul Ouellette called meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. with a Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

February 20th, March 6th, and March 13th meeting minutes reviewed.

On motion by E. Blake, second by M. Foster, the Committee votes unanimously to approve Meeting Minutes from February and March 2016 meetings.

School Committee Budget Review

Meeting was with Millville School Committee members, Town Administrator, Board of Selectman, Superintendent, and the Assistant Superintendent to discuss the FY18 Budget. Both sides are in agreement that the cuts from the State and Federal level have drastically impaired both towns. Paul mentioned that the town's current FY'18 budget proposal has a gap of \$210,000 and that it is going to be very difficult to increase the amount of the town's school commitment in order to meet the BMRSD's original budget proposal of a 7.6% year over year increase. School Committee members as well as the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent understand the difficulties the State and Federal cuts have imposed on the towns but expressed concern that the schools have also experienced large cuts that are not sustainable in the short or long term. They are planning on certifying a budget on Thursday March 23th at the next BMRSD committee meeting and are optimistic that it will be acceptable to both towns in light of the current budget situation. The option of a longer term solution via a 2.5% operational override was discussed and ongoing conversations among the three committees to develop a town wide proposal for the override is warranted in order to get town approval at a future town wide meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNMENT

On motion by M. Foster, second by E.Blake, the Committee votes unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

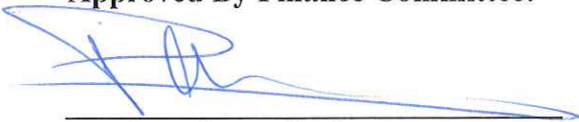
Respectfully Submitted By:

Brian Pacheco, Clerk

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Approved By Finance Committee:

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Paul Ouellette, Chairman

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Mike Foster, Vice Chairman

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Brian Pacheco, Clerk

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Erica Blake, Member
