

MILLVILLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

Millville Senior Center, 40 Prospect Street

June 19, 2017

Board Members Present: Chairman Joseph Rapoza; Selectmen Roland Barrett and Selectman Tom Houle -

Also Present: Town Administrator, Jennifer Callahan

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Announcements:

- A moment of silence was held in honor of Phil Szlosek, Millville's oldest resident. She was 99 years old.
- A public Forum about the MassWorks Central Street Project is scheduled for June 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm. at the Senior Center
- There will be a Special Town Meeting on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at the Millville Elementary School.

Minutes:

June 14, 2017

On a motion-made by Tom Houle and seconded by Roland Barrett, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the minutes from June 14, 2017.

Department/Boards:

Highway Surveyor:

Ironstone Street Project:

Brian Mullaly explained that the paving project on Ironstone Street has taken a little longer than anticipated. There was a need to upgrade several fire hydrants and replace two manholes. The base paving will be done next week. This will be followed by a top coat and then loam and seeding will be applied.

Central Street Project:

There will be a follow-up meeting with the engineer on the Central Street project. The Town Planner, Town Administrator and Highway Surveyor are reviewing the plans prior to eventual submission to the State.

Appointments:

The Chairman read the list of those seeking appointment to the various Boards and Committees.

On a motion made by Roland Barrett and seconded by Tom Houle, the Board of Selectmen approved the appointment list as presented.

Public Forum:

- There were no comments from the public.

Correspondence:

- Sail Boston passes are available if interested in using Mass Transit.
- The Town of Mendon is celebrating its 350 year Anniversary with a parade on September 24, 2017. For those wanting to participate in the parade, there is an application. This will be forwarded to the Millville Parade Committee.

Colonial Power:

Representatives from Colonial Power were present to explain the various options for electricity supply and aggregation. Preliminary and final pricing is upcoming. Based on the rates, the Town will again need to decide if they want to stay with NGrid or change suppliers as part of aggregation. There are options in relation to the terms as well. If the Town elects out of NGrid, the residents of Millville would be notified about the changes through a mailing, website and/or newspapers. The Company could provide a question and answer forum for residents if interested. The Town chose not to do anything with the rate supplier last year. There are choices about the types of managed plans and there are choices for type of energy (e.g. hydropower or solar). The Chairman would like to see a more "green" component in the energy supply load. The Town Administrator will look at the pricing with Colonial and update the Board of Selectmen at the next meeting.

Blue Wave:

The Board of Selectmen are in receipt of a solar net metering proposal. This company has a lot of experience with municipalities. The Town Administrator had a visit and presentation with the representatives. The Town of Bellingham and the Bellingham Housing Authority are part of solar net metering credit agreement with Blue Wave. The company will present a proposal which could lead to a contract by the end of August. The regulations regarding solar net metering are about to change. The current proposal would allow for 20% credits. The town would get \$3,300 dollars a year for the kilowatt usage. This would be a 20 year contract and this would total \$64,000.00 over the 20 years. It was suggested to put this on the July 10, 2017 meeting agenda for presentation.

The Chairman noted that the Green Energy Committee looked at a variety of sites for solar including the land fill, school and the King property. The roof at the fire station has possibilities. The Chairman has also spoken with Chairman Keefe from Blackstone to approach competitive grants jointly. The Town Administrator will invite the representatives in for a presentation to the Board of Selectmen at next meeting.

Old Business:

Financial Document:

The Town Accountant provided a draft of Financial Policies & Procedures Manual to the Board of Selectmen to review. Thank you to the Town Accountant, Town Administrator and Finance Committee for their efforts on developing a comprehensive document to codify financial practices. It will be adopted by both the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen in the future.

Town Administrator Report:

Town Hall Update:

- Setting up office work stations is completed
- Roof is in progress
- Seeking quotes for the move
- Tentative moving date July 13, 2017
- The BVT students are essentially completed.

Contract Negotiations:

The Town Administrator has started contract negotiations with the police department. The preliminary phase has started which basically lays out the ground rules. The Town Administrator will be working with the accountant to look at the financial numbers. This will be a three year proposal. The proposal will be brought to the Board of Selectmen in an executive session.

Mass Works Forum:

The Town Administrator was asked to attend an event to speak about the MassWorks application grant process for small communities. She further explained that there are more potential grants for areas which we can demonstrate further economic development potential.

Finance Update:

The Board of Selectmen will do some end-of-year transfers on June 29, 2017 just prior to the Special Town Meeting.

Certified Free Cash:

The certified free cash number is \$298,429.00 for FY 2016. The Town Administrator's decision to delay certification in order to better substantiate figures prior to a formal submittal for certification did result in a much higher approved number by more than \$60,000.00.

Board of Selectmen Forum:

- No Comments

Enforcement Task Force:

The Town Administrator informed the Board of Selectmen the new Enforcement Task Force's team approach is resulting in positive gains for Boards and Commissions in addressing violations of the Town's many bylaws. There is better coordination and follow up by departments and greater support being offered to help staff enforce penalties for violators.

For the record, the Town Administrator informed the Board that she was contacted by both Vice Chairman Wing and Member Alward about their not being able to attend the meeting.

Next Meeting:

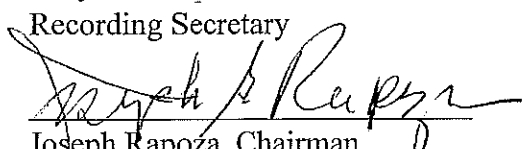
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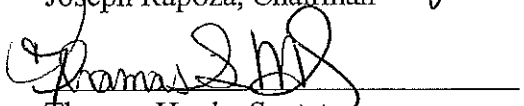
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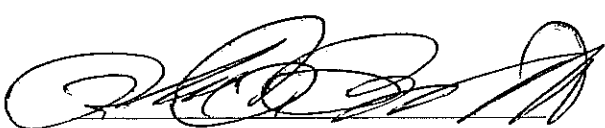
On a motion made by Tom Houle and seconded by Roland Barrett, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary


Joseph Rapoza, Chairman


Thomas Houle, Secretary


Roland Barrett, Member

