

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Millville Town Hall, 290 Main Street
Monday, September 17, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Board Members Present: Chairman Joseph Rapoza; Selectman Tom Houle, Andrew Alward and Erica Blake.

Also Present: Town Administrator, Jennifer Callahan

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Cultural Council is informing residents that the grant applications for 2018 will be accepted until Monday October 15, 2018.
- The Council on Aging will hold a walk in Flue Clinic on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 from 9:30 am – 11:30 am and Tuesday, October 9, 2018 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

MINUTES:

September 4, 2018 Regular and Executive:

On a motion made by Tom Houle and seconded by Erica Blake, the Board voted unanimously to approve the regular minutes from September 4, 2018.

On a motion made by Jennifer Dean Wing and seconded by Erica Blake, the Board voted unanimously to approve the executive session minutes from September 4, 2018.

DEPARTMENT/BOARD:

Fire/EMS: Appointment of Audrey Drake:

On a motion made by Erica Blake and seconded by Tom Houle, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to appointing Audrey Drake as an on-call EMT through June 30, 2019.

Member Dean Wing stepped down from the table.

Cultural Council:

Resignation:

On a motion made by Erica Blake and seconded by Tom Houle, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept with regret the resignation of Jane Bonin and Francesca Monti from the Cultural Council.

On a motion made by Tom Houle and seconded by Erica Blake, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint Keith Wing and Pamela Maloney to the Cultural Council.

Jennifer Dean Wing returns to Board Meeting.

Board of Assessors

Resignation:

On a motion made by Jennifer Dean Wing and seconded by Erica Blake, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Peter Mars from the Board of Assessors.

PUBLIC FORUM/CITIZEN COMMENTS (3 Minute Limit)*:

- There were no comments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Blue Wave has completed the Westport Solar Array and has begun testing.
- Colonial Power has provided the quarterly savings report. The Town has saved \$126,392 since November 2017.
- Northeast Water solutions has provided Water Quality Results from August and are within drinking levels.
- Kopelman and Paige will increase their hourly rates based on memo provided. The rate will increase from \$190.00 an hour to \$195.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

Metacomet Land Trust:

A representative from Metacomet Land Trust and Pamela Maloney from the Millville Conservation Commission informed the Board of Selectmen that a meeting with the Commission was held in relation to the land that the Berthelette family would like to have accepted with a conservation restriction. The Commission supports this action, since it aligns with the goals of the Open Space and Recreational goals. Town Counsel is in receipt of all the documentation.

On a motion made by Jennifer Dean Wing, and seconded by Erica Blake, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Conservation Restriction as pending the State approval and approval of town counsel.

The Board of Selectmen were informed that all the paperwork is complete for the following licenses:

One Day Entertainment License:

On a motion made by Tom Houle and seconded by Erica Blake, the Board voted unanimously to approve the One Day Entertainment License for Friends of Millville Library and Food Trucks of America for the event to be held on Saturday, October 13, 2018.

One Day Liquor License:

On a motion made by Erica Blake and seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board voted unanimously to approve the license for Friends of Millville Library and Food Truck Festivals of America Event for the event to be held on Saturday, October 13, 2018.

Marijuana Host Agreement:

The Town Administrator explained there was a productive meeting last week with those Applicants interested in having marijuana business in the Town. Both proposals were presented for review. The Town would be entitled to 3% of gross revenue per license agreement. The entities would have to include an educational component to the agreement which would be \$10,000.00 to be covered by the applicant. The Town is interested in having both applicants be business owners in Town, but the Business Plan provided by Blackstone Valley Cultivation Company was impressive since their business is already established and running. The recommendation is to approve host agreement for a license to cultivate and a license to manufacture.

On a motion made by Erica Blake and seconded by Jennifer Dean Wing, the Board voted unanimously to approve and sign the agreement for the Marijuana Host Agreement with Blackstone Valley Cultivation Company contingent upon a final copy of agreement reviewed by Town Counsel.

Special Town Meeting:

Copies of the warrant will be provided at the next meeting.

On a motion made by Tom Houle and seconded by Jennifer Dean Wing, the Board voted unanimously to close the warrant on Thursday September 20, 2018.

Public Safety RIF:

Fire Chief Landry:

Chief Landry informed the Board of Selectmen due to the budget deficit, he has reduced the Fire Department by one person. The Department will still be able to fulfill its obligations to the Town in relation to service. The Town does rely on mutual aid through ALS from adjacent towns. The Town will have basic EMT coverage during day, but will continue to call neighboring towns via mutual aid when needing service beyond basic.

OLD BUSINESS:

Budget Deficit:

The Town Administrator and Accountant provided a presentation regarding the budget. This presentation covered the philosophy regarding the reductions which do not irreparably harm service programs. The Town voted to not support the override which included the reduction of staff, elimination of trash, reduced street lights, reduction of senior center and library. The philosophy also included avoiding one time revenues such as no stabilization; no free cash; ambulance fees while looking to generate new revenues. The projected deficit includes unanticipated increases which include Veterans, BMR and out of district costs. The potential new revenues prior to the tax rate setting is the solar array host agreement, public land auction and the marijuana host agreement. The Town

Administrator plans to close the FY 19 \$214,976.00 deficient using some of these new revenues. The Town will still need an operational override next year to address the structural deficit.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

BMRSD:

The BMRSD will hold a joint meeting with the Finance Committee. This meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26, 2018.

New Website:

The Town is still working to launch the final version of the website. The tentative launching date is the end of October or beginning of November. Pam Maloney has been instrumental in accomplishing this task.

Public Land Auction:

The Town will be holding a Public Land Auction on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 11:00 am at the Town Hall. There will be a minimum bid for the parcels. The Town website will have a link for those interested.

Council on Aging:

The Board of Selectmen were informed that the Senior Outreach Coordinator, Jill Anderson will be working for the Town on a limited basis. If any seniors need a ride to appointments, please call (774)-873-6084.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN FORUM:

Member Alward wanted an update on Ironstone Street regarding the flooding. The Town Administrator indicated that the Highway Surveyor is working on this and there will need to be some work done in regards to an easement. There will be an increase to the height of the pavement with asphalt. The situation is being addressed.

Selectmen Rapoza thanked the Town Administrator for serving the Town of Millville and wished her well in her new position.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Resident Ann Denounceur noted that her stone wall was hit last winter and she was told that this would be fixed. She wanted to know the status of this. Member Dean Wing responded that she will speak with the Highway Surveyor since she is the liaison.

SIGNATURES:

- Minutes (Regular and Executive):
September 4, 2018

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

- Monday, October 1, 2018

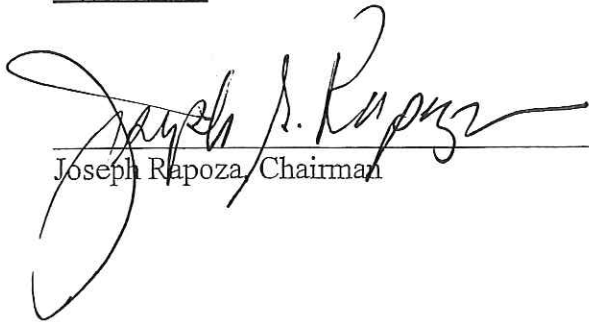
AJOURN:

On a motion made by Jennifer Dean Wing and seconded by Erica Blake, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

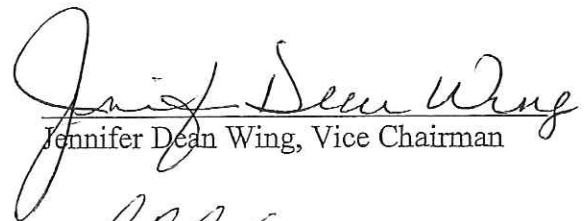
Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary

Signatures:




Joseph Rapoza, Chairman

Thomas Houle, Secretary



Jennifer Dean Wing, Vice Chairman



Erica Blake, Member



Andrew Alward, Member

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TOWN CLERK