

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

MINUTES OF MEETING

September 2, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

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

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board hopes everybody had a safe and enjoyable summer. The Board wishes all the students going back to school the best of luck for the upcoming academic year.

Motorists, with school back in session, please take caution on the roadways during morning and afternoon hours for children waiting at bus stops and getting on and off buses.

The Selectmen will be meeting jointly with the Planning Board at 6:00 p.m., just before the next regular meeting on September 15th. The purpose of the meeting is to review some proposed amendments to the zoning bylaws...public input and discussion is welcomed and encouraged.

The Treasurer/Collector's Office will be closed this Thursday but payments may be left in the drop box outside the entrance.

Reminder that there is a state primary election next Tuesday, September 9th ... voting for Millville will be held here in the Town Hall from 7am-8pm.

Appreciation is extended to Jesse and Tim of the Cable Access Committee for the outstanding job done videotaping the canal in Worcester. They spent countless hours working on this project so a big Thank You on behalf of the Blackstone Canal Alliance and National Park Ranger.

SCHEDULED GUESTS/SPEAKERS None.

{Without any objections from the Board, Chairman Barrett wishes to take the Police Appointment out of order since the family members are present.}

APPOINTMENTS

Chief Landry presents Ryan Mastromatteo for appointment as a part-time patrolman.
On a motion by Rapoza and second by Baker, the Board votes unanimously to appoint Ryan Mastromatteo as a part-time patrolman effective immediately through June 30, 2015.

MINUTES

July 7, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

On a motion by Rapoza and second by Baker, the Board votes unanimously to accept the Minutes of July 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. {Wing and Barrett abstain}

August 4, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

On a motion by Rapoza and second by Baker, the Board votes unanimously to accept the Minutes of August 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. {Laura abstains}

WARRANTS None.

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS

GREEN ENERGY COMMITTEE. Messrs. Rapoza and Finn, representing the Green Energy Committee, provide an update with respect to the Town's application for green certification. Mr. Rapoza advises that the Committee is on its 5th draft revision of the Energy Reduction Plan, which must be submitted to the DOER by September 22nd. The Plan needs to first be approved by the Board of Selectmen. He suggests participation of the Capital Planning and Finance Committees as well as the Town Accountant to ensure the Plan is administered properly. Once qualified, the Town can take advantage of the Phase I grant available under the program. There is significant payback to the Town over the next five years; the goal is to reduce the Town's carbon footprint by 20%. One example provided was replacing the police cruisers with hybrids.

Mr. Finn adds that the initial grant is \$140,000 but there will be additional grant opportunities available once the Town is certified by the state. The Town is not obligated to complete any projects if the funding is not available. Mr. Finn emphasizes that the Committee has put together a Plan but it can be adjusted and amended along the way as needed. The first step is to get the Town certified by the state. Mr. Finn addresses funding concerns raised by Selectman Laura.

Selectman Wing seeks clarification as to how the Town benefits from the Millville Elementary School when the District pays the bills. Mr. Rapoza explains that the funding is taken into consideration within the exclusionary costs mandated by the state each year.

This item will be placed on the Board's September 15th Agenda for review and approval.

CHIEF LANDRY. Chief Landry provides an annual update on the Police and Fire Departments.

Police Department. He recently updated the Policies and Procedures and questions if the Board has completed its review. Board members require some additional time.

On a motion by Rapoza and second by Laura, the Board votes unanimously to table the final review of the Police Policies and Procedures until the September 15, 2014 meeting.

Chief Landry advises that the server was recently replaced in the Police station along with three desk top computers. Security cameras were replaced with a MIIA grant. New radios for the cruisers will be purchased with funding from a 911 grant. He has ordered the new cruiser and expects it next month. He applied for the COPS grant again. Due to a state mandate, training hours were increased to 40 hours. He thanks Selectman Laura for his recent donation of a desk,

tables, printers and a refrigerator. The officers are all doing well...there have been no grievances. He has received very few complaints from the public. The officers' contract has been negotiated. Crime is down in Millville and he feels it is a safe community. The traffic count equipment has not yet been installed.

Fire Department. The Department is doing well. They received all the equipment purchased under the Firefighters grant. They also received a small grant for forest fire equipment. They reapplied for the Firefighters grant again this year but did not receive it. He cautions that the trucks are getting older and are requiring more and more costly repairs. He encourages the Town to implement a long term capital plan with respect to the fire equipment. He feels the ambulance receipts should be used solely for public safety purposes and not the general Town government. The Fire Station is structurally sound, however, there are issues regarding energy consumption. There is no need to do anything further to the building other than winterize it. They are currently at 70% shift coverage with 3 EMTs as the Town has a difficult time attracting staff. There are currently 23 firefighters, with an additional Lieutenant to be appointed in the near future. They recently renegotiated a contract with ComStar from 8% to 6%. His main concern at this time is how the Town will keep up with the replacement of equipment. He encourages the creation of a Public Safety Stabilization Fund to dedicate ambulance receipts to public safety expenses only. Lastly, mutual aid is well and the Town has good relationships with Mendon and Uxbridge.

PUBLIC FORUM None.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Charter Communications indicating an increase effective September 15th of \$1.50.

A letter from CMMPO informing of a meeting to be held on September 24th in Uxbridge.

Dr. Fitzpatrick of Blackstone Valley Tech invited the Board and Finance Committee to celebrate the creation of the new engineering shop. Date agreed on is Thursday, September 11 at 6:30pm.

RESIGNATIONS

Lauren Reilly of the Centennial Celebration Committee submitted her resignation.

On a motion by Baker and second by Rapoza, the Board votes unanimously to accept the resignation of Lauren Reilly. Thank you to Mrs. Reilly for her time.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Representative Kuros will be holding office hours on September 15th at 6:00 on 2nd floor.

MES Water situation looks very positive and the engineer feels it is time to turn the water back on. He has been asked to contact the Superintendent to make arrangements to notify parents.

Veterans Agent, Mr. Barber, reported that the state released information that 75% of towns are not in compliance with mandatory reporting and paperwork. Millville is in compliance. Thanks to Mr. Barber for his work on the Town's behalf.

Does the Board wish to keep the September 20th morning retreat at the Senior Center? Mr. Rapoza suggests using this time to review the Energy Reduction Plan with the Town Accountant.

OLD BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS

Washed Sand Bid. The Board reviews bid result information provided in connection with the Town's request for bids for washed sand for the 2014-2015 winter season.

{Chairman Barrett discloses that he is a personal friend of the Kimballs but he has no financial gain with respect to this matter and can vote impartially in favor or against without prejudice.}

On a motion by Rapoza and second by Baker, the Board votes unanimously to award the Washed Sand bid to Kimball Sand for \$12.50 per ton delivered.

Peterson Oil Contract. The Board previously awarded the oil delivery bid to Peterson Oil...the Contract just needs to be signed.

On a motion by Baker and second by Laura, the Board votes unanimously to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Contract for Peterson Oil on behalf of the Board.

MEMBERS FORUM

Chairman Barrett advises that he received telephone calls because the Town Hall was closed last Thursday. He asks that effort be made to keep the Town Hall open going forward. Executive Secretary states that most departments only have 1 employee and 2 are run by elected officials.

FINAL PUBLIC FORUM None.

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING Monday, September 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION None.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Wing and second by Baker, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Helen M. Coffin, Executive Secretary

Roland P. Barrett, Chairman

Joseph G. Rapoza, Vice Chairman

Robert F. Baker, Selectman

Jennifer Dean Wing, Secretary

John M. Laura, Selectman