

TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 31, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Chairman Roland Barret; Vice Chairman Joseph Rapoza; Members Jennifer Dean Wing and John Laura

Board Members Absent: Robert Baker

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin; Building Commissioner Larry Lench; Library Trustees Evelyn McNamara, Gail Bryson, James Mullaly and Colleen Curis

Chairman Barrett opens the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting is to discuss the possibility of regionalizing the Library and/or Building Commissioner with the Town of Mendon. Chairman Barrett explains that he recently had a brief conversation with the Chairman of the Mendon Board of Selectmen, Mark Riel. He feels it is the obligation of any/all Board members to bring matters such as these forward and consult with the respective departments.

Building Inspector. Mr. Barrett believes that Mendon's Building Commissioner is leaving and they would be looking to use our inspector. He wanted to consult with Larry Lench before taking it any further. Mrs. Wing feels the Town needs more information including the office structure, pay rate, workload, etc. before making any decision. Larry will call the secretary in Mendon for information.

Library. Mr. Barrett acknowledges that the Library Trustees, along with the Friends Group and employees, have done a great job for the Town. He questions whether it would be in the best interests of the Town to leave the Library as is, or would it be better to expand with Mendon?

Mrs. McNamara did some research and spoke with the Library Director in Mendon. She reviewed the plans for Mendon's new library and it looks great; however, Millville would make up approximately one-third of the population (when combined with Mendon). Therefore, we would likely be asked to contribute one-third of the budget, currently at approximately \$167,000 with an anticipated increase with the new building to \$200,000. She explains that in addition to the financial constraints, there are concerns about the location and the Library Trustees do not believe this would be a feasible option.

Mrs. Wing feels the Library is a place of convenience and it is in our best interests to keep our own Library. Now that the Library is re-certified, residents can use any library such as near their workplace or wherever it is convenient for them. Mrs. McNamara agrees and also expresses concerns regarding the incorporation of personnel and books if the Library were to merge.

On a motion by Rapoza and second by Wing, the Board votes unanimously to keep the Library status quo in Millville.

Planning Board. Natalia Alward reports that the Planning Board is still in discussions with the Highway Surveyor and Engineer regarding Brown Bear Circle and will not be able to meet with the Board of Selectmen as planned this evening. She will let the Board know when a decision has been made so another meeting can be scheduled.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Laura and second by Rapoza, the Board votes unanimously to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen M. Coffin

Roland P. Barrett, Chairman

Joseph Rapoza, Vice Chairman

Jennifer Dean Wing

John Laura