

TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Chairman Roland Barret; Vice Chairman Joseph Rapoza; Members Robert Baker and John Laura

Board Members Absent: Secretary Jennifer Dean Wing

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take caution on the roadways in the mornings and afternoons as summer comes to an end, schools are back in session, buses are on the roads, and children are at bus stops.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 10, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

Selectman Wing is not present so these will be held.

August 3, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

On a motion by Laura and second by Baker, the Board votes unanimously to approve and sign the Minutes of August 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

TOWN BOARDS/OFFICIALS

Jackie Lima, Cultural Council. Jackie is present to provide the annual status update on behalf of the Cultural Council. She advises that the Council's FY15 grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council was \$4,300. The Council works a year behind so in November 2014 they voted to approve eight grant applications as follows: Trustees of Veterans Memorial Park for Christmas Tree Lighting; Senior Center for Arts Activities; Millville Library for Edible Gardening Seminar; Millville Elementary School for Laser Show; Blackstone-Millville Regional High School for Drama Club Supplies and Equipment; Library for Yoga and Health Seminar; Centennial Celebration Committee for Music at Day in the Park; and Harnett Middle School for Freedom Trail Field Trip. She expects the Council's FY2016 allocation will be announced soon. Their fall meeting schedule has been set and is posted on the Town website. They will be holding a public meeting on September 23rd at 6:30 and encourage all to attend with questions regarding the application process. They will review applications at a meeting on October 21st. All applications must be postmarked by October 15th. The application form can be downloaded from the Town website.

Phil Clark, Flag Warden. Phil advises it has been a busy year lowering the Town flags to half mass...which he has done at least twenty times. If it is deemed necessary to lower flags to half mass, he also encourages residents with flag poles to do the same. He also indicates that residents with tattered and torn flags should remove and replace their flags. He can assist in obtaining flags through Congressman McGovern's office at a reduced rate (\$13 4x6 and \$18 5x8). The American Legion plans to hold a proper flag burning ceremony in the future. He is also working to get new solar powered batteries for the Town-owned flag poles. He posts the reason why flags are at half mass on the "Millville Matters" Facebook page.

Peter Harper, Gas/Plumbing Inspector. Peter presents the Board will a new revised fee schedule for Gas and Plumbing rates. He is proposing \$100 plus \$5 per fixture for new; \$50 plus \$5 per fixture for remodel or addition; \$50 for appliances (minimum fee); and \$35 Re-inspection fee. This is in line with the surrounding Towns of Uxbridge, Douglas and Northbridge.

On a motion by Rapoza and second by Baker, the Board votes unanimously to approve and accept the new Gas/Plumbing Fee Schedule to be effective immediately.

Richard Hurteau, Planning Board. Richard is present to provide a status update on the Brown Bear Circle/Chestnut Heights matter. A representative from Graves Engineering is present to answer any questions. Planning Board Member John Hadley spoke with the resident regarding an easement and the resident is agreeable to sign same. He reminds everyone that Graves Engineering was asked to provide the least expensive and easiest way to rectify the situation. The result was to direct the flow of water down to the existing wetlands which will not endanger the environment or affect the abutters.

Selectman Laura has continued concerns regarding this matter. He is not comfortable agreeing to anything until the easement is received signed-off and will not agree to the Town spending any money until that time. Further, he would also like to hear the opinion of the Highway Surveyor.

Brian Mullaly, Highway Surveyor, expresses concerns in connection with the plan as presented. He visited the site and reviewed the proposed plan. He feels other homes will be affected by the proposed plan. The water will flow directly through the backyard of 69 Old Chestnut Hill Road and then over private driveways. He visited the Assessors Office to review the maps and finds that one home on Maryane Way will have water flowing directly over its extended driveway. He also reminds everyone that his area of wetlands is the location of the Town's current beaver problems. He also doesn't believe the easement from the resident will do the Town any good as we do not own the other section of land to be worked on...it has not yet been accepted by the Town. He further notes that the cost breakdown on the proposal doesn't appear accurate. Lastly, he states that he has never received a call about excessive water on Old Chestnut Hill Road.

Selectman Laura feels these are all cause for a red flag and Mr. Mullaly needs to meet with the engineer and Planning Board in a separate meeting to discuss this matter in detail and come up with a plan. He is not comfortable with the current proposal as there appear to be too many issues. Brian needs answers to critical questions in order to determine the best direction for the Town to go.

Brian questions if preventative maintenance has been done on the drainage basins. He believes there is much that needs to be investigated and the Town should do its homework before agreeing to anything. He also advises that he has a meeting scheduled with the Planning Board for August 31st.

Chairman Barrett advises that he has witnessed the flooding as well as the drainage basins full to the top on Maryane Way. Selectman Baker acknowledges that this matter has been a gorilla in the room for some time.

FIRST PUBLIC FORUM

Library Trustee Colleen Curis. Colleen advises the Board that Deb DiCecco, one of the Library Trustees has resigned to be effective September 1st. The Library Trustees request that the Board appoint Lynn Foley to fill the vacancy until the next annual election. A written request will be sent from the Trustees and this item will be addressed at the next BOS meeting. It was received too late to be included as an Agenda item for this evening.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Barrett refers to a Memorandum received from Executive Secretary Helen Coffin regarding items to be addressed by the Board which resulted from her recent conversation with the representatives from the DOR. Selectman Wing requested some of the items be tabled until she is present for discussion. He will honor her request but there are a couple of items that he feels can be addressed tonight without waiting. (These items are listed on the Agenda under Old Business and New Business).

Executive Secretary Employment. The Board neglected to publicly announce that the vote taken by the Board on May 18th to reconsider a previous vote taken to dissolve the Executive Secretary's contract resulted in the Executive Secretary's contract being reinstated. Therefore, she is not working under a 90-day notice. Her contract is in effect until June 30, 2016, or until the Board takes another vote.

Town Hall Study Committee. The Board just recently appointed a Town Hall Study Committee consisting of three members. Mr. Crivello is in the audience and advises he has yet to be sworn in to the Committee.

BOS Signing Warrants. Chairman Barrett has discussed this issue in the past. It is important that Board members sign warrants by Tuesday evening. Legally, payroll should not be released until the Board has signed warrants. This has created a problem with the direct deposit on Wednesdays. He reminds Board members to please get into the Town Hall to sign by Tuesday night.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS None.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT None.

OLD BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Town Meeting. Town officials agree that November 9th is the best date to hold a STM. *On a motion by Rapoza and second by Laura, the Board votes unanimously to call for a Special Town Meeting to be held at the Millville Elementary School on Monday, November 9, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. and to open the warrant immediately, with the intent to close the warrant at the Board's regular meeting on September 21st.*

Chairman Barrett notes that the remaining items listed under New Business will be held until Mrs. Wing is present. The Executive Secretary advises that the Town Accountant, Marilyn Mathieu, is available to meet with the Board on September 8th at 6:00 to discuss these items. This meeting will be posted.

MEMBERS FORUM

Chairman Barrett. He received an email from Gerry Finn regarding a private company looking to commence passenger rail travel in the area. He emailed the company advising that the Town owns property along the railway and would be interested in a meeting. (Mr. Barrett provides a copy of the email). He feels this would be an asset to the Town as this would tie-in nicely to the proposal made by CMRPC. The company replied that his email was forwarded to the team for review. He is hoping a meeting can be set up to discuss this further.

Selectman Rapoza notes we need to start thinking about gaining access to that property and Woonsocket will be competition.

Selectman Rapoza. Questions the Highway Surveyor on the status of the wall on Main Street. Mr. Mullaly believes the project is slated to start in late September.

FINAL PUBLIC FORUM.

Highway Surveyor Brian Mullaly advises that work will be done during the week of August 24th to patch pavement on Central Street. The work is being done by Asphalt Engraving. He also advises the funding from the Road Recovery was received for the work done on lower Lincoln Street. He will be proceeding with the project on Ironstone Street and hopes this will go out to bid soon and get done this season. He has again joined the consortium for the salt bid. Lastly, he wishes to give a shout-out to Office Secretary Kristina Herrick for her assistance and staying on top of him to get this done.

Selectman Rapoza wishes to give a shout-out to Ed Rainville for clearing property on Main Street.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. (Monday is Labor Day holiday)

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION None.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Laura and second by Baker, the Board votes unanimously to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen M. Coffin

Roland P. Barrett, Chairman

Joseph Rapoza, Vice Chairman

Robert Baker

John Laura