

TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Chairman Roland Barret; Vice Chairman Joseph Rapoza; Members Robert Baker and John Laura; Secretary Jennifer Dean Wing (arrives late)

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 3, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

Selectman Wing is not present so these will be held.

July 20, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

On a motion by Rapoza and second by Baker, the Board votes unanimously to approve and sign the Minutes of July 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. {Barrett abstains}

TOWN BOARDS/OFFICIALS

Colleen Curis, Cable Access Committee. Colleen is present to provide the annual status update for the Cable Access Committee. She advises that the Charter Communication cable rates were increased by \$1.50. Tim Labonte and Jesse Dufault, the camera operators, videotaped the Worcester horse carriage tours and it was very well received. The cable channels have changed to 191, 192 and 194. They continue to post announcements and information on the cable channels for departments.

{Selectman Wing arrives}

The live broadcasts from the Millville Elementary School are going well; however, there is a small audio problem that they need to fix. Tim and Jesse also did highlight videos of the new hybrid police cruiser, the senior van dedication and the annual tree lighting. The cable equipment in the BOS Meeting Room was moved to the opposite corner and a new camera was added. The Committee has two new handy cams which they now use. Tim and Jesse also teach a class at the Middle School and some of those videos can be seen on YouTube. The Committee has four hearing aid devices available for use during meetings. Charter will be staying in Millville as the deal with Comcast fell through. They received news that the Blackstone Valley (Ranger Chuck) will be doing a segment on Millville. Organizations, clubs, and churches are welcome to send information to be posted on the cable channels. They recently lost a member as Joe Rapoza stepped down. If anyone is interested in the vacancy, they are welcome to attend a meeting. The Board has no questions.

Colleen Curis, Millville Public Library. Colleen is also present to speak on behalf of the Library Trustees. The Library was re-accredited in December. They have new hours, open on Saturday mornings and closed on Mondays. There were 4,907 items circulated last year and they had 44 new patrons. The Library is growing. They have the Worcester Talking Library available for those with a disability...this is a reading machine which can be delivered to your home. This is sponsored by the Perkins School for the Blind. They continue to promote the Library through social media and cable. Evelyn McNamara submits an article for the Senior Bulletin. The Cultural Council award them two grants: Zoo Mobile and Reading with Santa. In June all students at the Millville Elementary School visited the Library and received a pamphlet which outlines the free and reduced park passes. They have begun barcoding all the items in the Library...this is a time-consuming process but they are almost done with the adult room. They plan to hold a book sale in October so residents can drop books off anytime the Library is open. Sheila Robideaux resigned as Library Assistant and Janitor so there is currently a part-time job available. Future plans for the Library include participating in the upcoming Community Day and the Centennial Parade in 2016. The Library will be 30 years old next year and they have some special events planned. The list of available passes will be posted at the Town Hall. New books and movies which arrive are usually listed on the Facebook page. An article was written about the top 10 books you should read to your children and the Library has 9 of the 10. They are working hard to keep children interested and involved in reading. The Board has no questions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selectman Wing is now present so the previously tabled Minutes can be considered for approval.

June 3, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

On a motion by Rapoza and second by Wing, the Board votes unanimously to approve and sign the Minutes of June 3, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. {Baker and Laura abstain}

FIRST PUBLIC FORUM None.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Chairman Barrett advises with great regret from the Board that Town Accountant Marilyn Mathieu submitted her resignation to be effective November 16, 2016. He congratulates her on her retirement and wishes her many great years of fun with her family. Selectman Wing suggests holding a small reception in her honor as she was a reliable and dependable employee who never got involved with the politics. It is agreed that Marilyn will be a great loss to the Town and it is suggested a letter or plaque be prepared. Selectman Wing will reach out to Marilyn and see what her comfort level is with respect to a reception after Special Town Meeting in the fall.

On a motion by Wing and second by Laura, the Board votes unanimously to accept, with much regret, the resignation of Marilyn Mathieu effective November 16, 2015.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

- DOR will begin their evaluation on Wednesday with interview with several Town officials. Selectmen Rapoza and Wing will participate.
- The annual state inspection of the Town Hall elevator is this Friday morning.
- The multi-departmental meeting regarding 171 Central Street and Millville Estate will be held at the Senior Center on Monday, August 10th. Selectman Wing asked that copies of information regarding 171 Central Street be available at the meeting.

- The new Town Hall server has arrived and is on site. The new vendor will transfer data from the old server slowly to avoid failures.
- The Town's existing contract with Constellation expires on December 31st. A new contract and price was locked in last week through December 2016. We are still waiting on the state's approval of Hampshire Council of Government aggregation.
- Town Hall continues to suffer from electrical issues...the circuits are overloaded when the air conditioners are used and are tripping the breakers.
- The Town was served with a witness subpoena in an ongoing civil trial. The Treasurer and Executive Secretary may be in Boston on August 17th and 18th attending the trial.
- The Executive Secretary will be out on vacation August 26th and 27th.
- The first meeting with the Union for fire negotiations has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 25th at 5:00 p.m.
- The auditors delivered the FY14 audit report. The Board would like them to come in September, if possible.
- Executive Secretary will be reaching out to Town Moderator and Town Clerk regarding dates for upcoming Special Town Meeting. Does the Board have any specific dates in mind? The Board agrees November 2, 9 or 16th.
- The Town join a consortium of towns again this year for oil delivery...the vendor has been determined as yet.
- The sand bid for Highway will be going out this month.
- The Highway Surveyor has a part-time opening for a laborer...see Krissy for details.
- Inventories for FY15 weren't completed until very late in the year so will forego new ones for FY16 as departments became frustrated.

OLD BUSINESS

Ratification of Votes. Attorney Brackett suggested that the Board ratify all votes taken on April 7th, April 21st and May 4th since neither Selectman Barrett nor Selectman Wing had been sworn in.

On a motion by Baker and second by Rapoza, the Board votes unanimously to ratify all votes taken by the Board of Selectmen at the meetings held on April 7, April 21 and May 4, so as to insure the validity of those votes and the actions taken pursuant thereto.

NEW BUSINESS

Board of Health – Request for Legal. A request was submitted by the Board of Health for legal assistance regarding the proposed recycling contract.

On a motion by Rapoza and second by Baker, the Board votes unanimously to approve the Legal Request.

MEMBERS FORUM

Selectman Wing.

The Centennial Community Day will be held on September 12th from 11-4. This is the third annual event and the Committee is still looking for vendors, community groups and entertainment. Contact Tina if you are interested. Information is on the Centennial Facebook page. They will have a "touch a truck" along with a bouncy house for kids and a children's' field day with activities. She is working closely with the Pot Belly Pub who is also holding a bike run the same day. The Committee continues to work hard on the upcoming Centennial in 2016 and a full report will be presented in September.

FINAL PUBLIC FORUM. None.

NEXT MEETING Monday, August 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Coffin

Roland P. Barrett, Chairman

Joseph Rapoza, Vice Chairman

Jennifer Dean Wing, Secretary

Robert Baker

John Laura