

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**July 7, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Board of Selectmen Members Present:** Vice Chairman Joseph Rapoza, Selectmen John Laura and Robert Baker

**Board of Selectmen Members Absent:** Chairman Roland Barrett and Secretary Jennifer Dean Wing

**Others Present:** Executive Secretary Helen Coffin

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Board of Selectmen hopes everyone had a wonderful July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday

Thank you to all who attended the Special Town Meeting last Monday evening...there was an excellent turnout. The voters authorized the additional \$153,247 funding for the FY15 BMR School District operating budget.

**HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.** Mr. Ken Elstein makes a presentation on what is offered by the Council in connection with regional procurement for municipalities. Specifically, Mr. Elstein works in the electricity program and provides information regarding their community choice aggregation. The program provides a choice for residents and businesses to assist customers reducing energy costs. They have signed on many other towns and find that 2-3% of residents opt out. A Town's participation in the program requires a Town Meeting vote. They would go out to competitive bid and determine the best flat rate they can offer. There is no guarantee that their rate will always be less than National Grid, however, their rate will remain the same for the term of the contract. He is happy to come back for a Public Hearing or present the program at a Special Town Meeting.

Selectman Laura expresses his concerns about the program and feels there is a great deal more information needed in order for the Board to make a decision. He feels the residents would need to be educated on the fine details of the program in order to better understand how it works. He also has concerns about the fact there is no guarantee that the rate will always be lower than National Grid.

Ms. Ann-Renee Labouche speaks about the other programs offered directly to the municipality itself such as health insurance, office supplies, etc... They also offer fixed rate pricing on the electricity. There are other benefits that towns can get from their program such as green energy,

etc... Again, Mr. Laura more like additional information regarding the rates and history of the program before the Board could make a decision.

The Executive Secretary advises that the Town has been with Constellation through MunEnergy for electricity for several years and have done quite well on the rates. She will put together a packet of information for the Board to review.

## **MINUTES**

**June 23, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.**

***On a motion by Laura and second by Baker, the Board votes unanimously to accept the Minutes of June 23, 2014.***

**REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS** None.

**PUBLIC FORUM** None.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Correspondence from the Trustees of Veterans Memorial Park advising they found a new location for the sound system at the Fire Station.
- Correspondence received from the Building Commissioner/Earth Removal Agent advising a Cease & Desist Order has been issued for 171 Central Street involving excessive earth removal.
- A letter from the Town Moderator advising he appointed Mr. Brooks Herrick to the Finance Committee for another three-year term.
- Correspondence is received from the Town of Mendon regarding a Public Hearing which will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup> regarding the closure of Tower Road in Mendon in connection with the development of the Mendon State Forest.

**APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS** None.

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT**

The Town Accountant requested a Budget Transfer on behalf of the Fire Chief, seeking a transfer from Fire – EMT Salaries to Fire – Training.

***On a motion by Laura and second by Baker, the Board votes unanimously to sign the transfer request.***

The engineering and architectural team from Kleinfelder was in the Town Hall today conducting their study of the building. The full Report is expected in about 6 weeks and will be submitted to the Municipal Center Building Committee for review. However, from brief discussion at the conclusion of the visit, it does appear there are some serious and costly items that will need to be addressed.

**OLD BUSINESS** None.

**NEW BUSINESS** None.

**MEMBERS FORUM** None.

**FINAL PUBLIC FORUM** None.

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

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING** Monday, July 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** None.

**ADJOURN**

*On a motion by Laura and second by Baker, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Helen M. Coffin, Executive Secretary

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Joseph G. Rapoza, Vice Chairman

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John M. Laura, Selectman

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Robert F. Baker, Selectman