

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**January 6, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.**

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

**Others Present:** Executive Secretary Helen Coffin

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Board wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

Condolences are extended to the Houle family on the recent passing of Lorraine Houle who served the community and her country as a veteran.

**MINUTES**

**December 16, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.**

*On a motion by Laura and second by Baker, the Board votes unanimously to accept the Minutes of December 16, 2013, 7:00 p.m. {Wing abstains}*

**WARRANTS**

*On a motion by Rapoza and second by Laura, the Board votes unanimously to approve and sign the four Warrants, as presented.*

**REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS**

**Highway Surveyor.** Brian Mullaly reports on the following topics relative to his department:

- Chapter 90. He is working on the Chapter 90 reimbursement and has forms for the Board's signature in duplicate (Final Project Certification and Reimbursement Request Forms). He also spoke with Tara at Mass Highway. These forms also need Marilyn's signature. He needs a few pieces of bid information from the Executive Secretary. He hopes to have the forms submitted by the end of next week. The FY13 and FY14 funding is still available and the anticipated projects include upper and lower halves of Lincoln Street as well as Ironstone Street.
- No Heavy Trucking Signage. He is working with Chief Landry to have signs posted along the bridges that there is no heavy trucking. He has requested that the sign include a weight limit and Chief Landry is dealing with the state.
- Railroad Crossing. He has an issue with P&W Railroad eliminating the Town's access over the tracks to our property on Main Street. He uses this area as a staging area for materials such as brush, street sweeping debris and catch basin cleaning. There is not

enough room at the school for this material. He seeks the Board's support to contact an engineer to survey the Town's land on Central Street and to begin looking into creating an alternate access road/curb cut. The engineers would need to stake off the left side of the property. Selectman Wing questions why the Town is different than other businesses and homeowners who continue to have access to cross the tracks. She would like to know why Millville has been singled out and if there is something we could do to gain temporary access until a new means of access is created. The Executive Secretary is working with Town Counsel on this matter and will follow-up.

***On a motion by Rapoza and second by Laura the Board votes unanimously to support Brian Mullaly in pursuing estimates from engineers to stake the property.***

- 21 Hope Street. Brian has been treating the passageway as a sidewalk with respect to snowplowing...it is a secondary priority. The center gate remains open which is working fine. He doesn't believe the Town should remove the asphalt as he feels the Town benefits from the paving. He feels that closing the passageway during the winter months is a better option and posting signage would be fairly simple. He is aware of many other towns that close parkways/walkways for the winter season. The Executive Secretary will check with the insurance company and/or Town Counsel with respect to liability. Chairman Barrett advises that it was suggested the Town relieve itself of the property, however, this could cause more problems – he doesn't support giving up land. Chairman Laura would support signage. Selectman Wing doesn't fully support sale of the land.
- Stormwater. He conducted dry weather inspections on the outfalls and all were still in line from years ago and have been maintained as normal. The catch basins were all cleaned.
- MES Fence. The fence has been replaced...they will remove the old fence when weather permits. They will open the gates prior to a storm and push the snow through the fence and his department will be responsible for closing the gates when appropriate.
- New Dump Truck. The new truck is in service, however, the Town seal has not been applied and the radio has yet to be installed. He will forward the title to the Executive Secretary and a copy should go to the Green Energy Committee.
- Snow/Ice Budget. As of December 17<sup>th</sup> we were over budget on snow/ice. The winter has not been good to us. They continue to use the town vehicles and employees to save on the cost of the outside vendor.

**PUBLIC FORUM** None.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Chairman Barrett briefly mentions that the Council on Aging is not giving up on obtaining the donation money from the Blackstone Council on Aging from our previous van relationship. Correspondence was sent to the Town of Blackstone.

### **APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**

Chief Landry advises he lost two officers to other employment opportunities and one to retirement. He is looking to have one existing part-time officer appointed to full-time.

***On a motion by Rapoza and second by Laura, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to accept the resignations of Officers Martinsen, Pickering and Kerrigan effective immediately.***

The Board thanks these officers for their service to the Town.

***On a motion by Baker and second by Laura, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to appoint Officer Thomas Michniewicz as a full-time officer effective immediately for a term ending June 30, 2014.***

Officer Michniewicz was ill and could not be present. The Board thanks him for his interest.

Chief Landry advises that he terminated a full-time Firefighter/EMT due to residency requirements per state law. He is advertising to fill the position and shifts are being filled by on-call.

### **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT**

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee must vote to authorize overspending the Snow/Ice Budget, per MGL. The Finance Committee will address this Wednesday evening.

***On a motion by Baker and second by Laura, the Board votes unanimously to overspend the Snow/Ice Budget for FY14.***

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. The Board's next meeting is on Tuesday.

The Board votes to sign the Ch90 Highway Forms in duplicate as provided by Brian Mullaly.

***On a motion by Baker and second by Laura, the Board votes unanimously to approve and sign the Final Project Report and Chapter 90 Reimbursement Forms in duplicate, as presented.***

**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:** Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURN**

***On a motion by Rapoza and second by Laura, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:52 p.m.***

Respectfully Submitted,  
Helen M. Coffin, Executive Secretary

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Roland P. Barrett, Chairman

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Joseph G. Rapoza, Vice Chairman

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Robert F. Baker, Secretary

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John M. Laura, Selectman

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Jennifer Dean Wing, Selectman