

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 16, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

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

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin

Chairman Barrett calls the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Longfellow Municipal Center with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all those celebrating tomorrow. We hope everyone acts responsibly and we wish everyone an enjoyable evening. Please drive safely.

Reminder* Finance Committee will be meeting this Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. The Blackstone-Millville School District is scheduled for further budget discussion. We encourage you to attend the FinCom meetings if you have questions regarding the Town's operating budget for Fiscal Year 2016.

We are happy to remind everyone that this Friday, March 20th, is the first day of spring! Let's hope the bad weather and winter season is behind us. FYI – at this time our Snow/Ice deficit is at \$132,500 ... with more invoices expected. Having only budgeted \$60,000 for FY15, this brings our total for Snow/Ice to over \$192,500. The deficit will need to be addressed at the Special Town Meeting in May. Hopefully, we will get some FEMA reimbursements.

FYI – The Building Commissioner won't be available this Wednesday evening; however, the Local Building Inspector, Lincoln Barber, will hold office hours. If you need to drop off paperwork or if you have any questions, Mr. Barber can assist you; however, if you require something to be signed, that would need to wait for the Building Commissioner.

Reminder* The Annual Town Election is Monday, April 6th. Each registered voter in Millville should have received a large colored postcard in the US mail notifying you that the polling location has been changed. The Town will no longer vote at the Town Hall. Please head to St. Monica's Hall, the hall joined to St. Augustine's Church for all future elections. Should you have any questions regarding elections or voting, please contact the Town Clerk's Office. Please come out to vote!

Reminder* Dog Licenses expire March 31st. If you haven't registered your dog for 2015, please do so before fines are assessed. If you no longer own a dog you had during 2014, please contact the Town Clerk's office so they can adjust the records accordingly.

Reminder* The next regular BOS meeting will be held on the first **Tuesday in April** due to the Town Election on Monday. Senator Ryan Fattman is scheduled to attend this meeting so please come on down to the Town Hall at 7:00 on the 7th if you'd like to meet the Senator or if have any questions for him.

MINUTES

March 2, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

On a motion by Baker and second by Rapoza, the Board votes unanimously to accept and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of March 2, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. {Laura abstains}

March 2, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.

On a motion by Baker and second by Rapoza, the Board votes unanimously to accept and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of March 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. {Laura abstains}

March 2, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.

On a motion by Baker and second by Rapoza, the Board votes unanimously to accept and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of March 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

WARRANTS None.

TOWN OFFICIALS

Town Moderator. Mr. Davis advises that he will be appointment a new member to the Capital Program Committee, Michael DiCecco, and he will be sending a letter shortly.

PUBLIC FORUM None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Barrett announces that resident/student Ella Dehestani was named one of the top youth volunteers in Massachusetts for 2015. He would like to invite Ella to the April 7th BOS Meeting. Congratulations from the Board...Ella has made the Town of Millville proud.

National Grid advises they will be starting the annual pruning and vegetation management in Town.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS None.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Town Hall. The engineer and contractor were at the Town Hall on Thursday and Friday and completed the shoring work. This will be covered by insurance.

Town Counsel. The RFP is ready to be sent out unless the Board has any questions.

On a motion by Wing and second by Rapoza, the Board votes unanimously to authorize the Request for Proposals for Town Counsel.

Performance Evaluation for Chief Landry. Executive Secretary has only received one. Board members would like to look into changing the format of the documents as they cannot answer many of the questions. Executive Secretary will look into.

Annual Report. Does Mr. Rapoza have any questions/concerns regarding the Annual Report? There are still a few departments missing...we need these as soon as possible so the report can be sent to the printer. Thus far, no questions regarding the Report.

OLD BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS

Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants.

On a motion by Rapoza and second by Baker, the Board votes unanimously to close the Warrants effective immediately.

Annual Town Election Warrant. Document was prepared by Town Clerk's Office.

On a motion by Rapoza and second by Baker, the Board votes unanimously to sign the Annual Town Election Warrant for April 7, 2015 in duplicate.

Green Community Grant. Trish Benoit Rudden is present to advise the state is ready to disburse the \$143,000 grant. Contract documents require the Chairman's signature. Once signed, they will be sent back to Boston. The Committee will then hold a meeting with DOER, National Grid, and Guardian Energy to discuss rebates and incentives.

On a motion by Laura and second by Baker, the Board votes unanimously to authorize the Chairman to sign contract documents on behalf of the Board.

National Grid. Seeks permission to work on upcoming holidays.

On a motion by Rapoza and second by Baker, the Board votes unanimously to authorize the work permit for National Grid on the holidays noted in the email.

MEMBERS FORUM

Goal-Setting – Next Steps. Vice Chairman Rapoza advises that the next steps for the Board are to pick a priority item and work on related goals. The items discussed at the last meeting were: School Budget, Continuity of Government, Highway, Economic Planning and Development, and Town Governance. He would also like to see Infrastructure added to the list to include the Town Hall and roads. Selectman Baker feels we will know more from the School department later this month and we will have to stay on top of that. The Town Governance will be discussed at the BOS special meeting next Monday with respect to phasing in a Town Administrator position. Chairman Barrett has concerns regarding the Chapter 90 allocation and the condition of the town roads. Mr. Crivello of the Finance Committee volunteered to assist the Highway Surveyor create a plan for the Chapter 90 funds. Executive Secretary reminds that the Municipal Center Building Committee will be presenting its final recommendation regarding the Town Hall in the near future.

Vice Chairman Rapoza also asks that the Board review the Attorney General's new information regarding abandoned buildings. Selectman Laura questions if the Town will then be responsible for the building. Mr. Rapoza advises the Attorney General would assign a receiver...he will

forward the link to all for review and future discussion. Executive Secretary advises she has asked the Planning Board to look into an Abandoned Buildings Bylaw but has not heard back as yet.

Brief discussion follows regarding properties in tax arrears as well as Town-owned properties. The Board has questions regarding the taxes not paid and possibility of advertising in the newspaper. Executive Secretary will schedule a meeting with Treasurer/Collector for next week. Can the Board start auctioning off some properties, or assign sign for use for solar fields?

FINAL PUBLIC FORUM None.

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Wing and second by Baker, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Helen M. Coffin, Executive Secretary

Roland P. Barrett, Chairman

Joseph G. Rapoza, Vice Chairman

Robert Baker, Secretary

John Laura, Selectman

Jennifer Dean Wing, Selectman