

TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
JUNE 13, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.

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JOINT MEETING WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Board Members Present: Chairman Joseph Rapoza; Vice Chairman Jennifer Dean Wing; and Roland Barrett

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin; Finance Committee Members Richard Crivello, Paul Ouellette, Michael Foster and Brian Pacheco; Interim Town Administrator Jennifer Callahan

Chairman Rapoza calls the joint meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Finance Committee Chairman Crivello advises that Millville passed its FY17 Operating Budget at the Annual Town Meeting on May 9th; however, the Town of Blackstone voted to approve a higher amount of additional funding to the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District, a sum that was higher than that proposed by the Millville Finance Committee. Therefore, the Town of Millville owes a balance of \$63,000 so a Special Town Meeting was scheduled by the Board of Selectmen for June 27th in order to increase BMR's budget line item or leave it as status quo. Per MGL, if the Townspeople vote against the increase in additional funding the School District must hold a district-wide Town Meeting to vote. Crivello put together three funding scenarios to discuss and consider at this meeting to be recommended to the townspeople:

Proposal #1. Take \$45,000 from the approved FY17 Operating Budget as approved, and take \$18,000 from FY17 Capital which would eliminate the Police administrative vehicle;

Proposal #2. Eliminate four FY17 Capital items; or

Proposal #3. Take \$63,000 from the Stabilization Fund.

Crivello feels taking from Stabilization is the easiest method and it doesn't affect the hard work on the budget. In using these funds, we will be setting the bar as to how much we give to the School in the future.

Vice Chairman Wing questions which line items specifically Proposal #1 would be coming from since she has concerns that this would be detrimental to our departments. Mr. Crivello replies that he hasn't gotten that far and that the Proposal was simply an idea that would require more discussion.

Selectman Barrett doesn't want to touch the operating or capital budgets, and although he hates to take the funds from the Stabilization Fund he feels it is the most responsible Proposal.

On a motion by Barrett and second by Wing, the Board votes unanimously to recommend funding the additional \$63,000 with Stabilization funds.

Vice Chairman Wing highlights that this goes along with the plan about capital investments.

Finance Committee Member Paul Ouellette indicates that some line items were raised to address the recommendations made in the DLS Report and decreasing them would be taking a step back.

Chairman Crivello adds that the Town of Millville gave more than the minimum contribution to the School and the School Committee saying it was a big cut was not a genuine comment – it just happened that their minimum contribution and exclusionary costs came in lower. He notes that ultimately the decision is up to the taxpayers and they could very well not approve the additional funding at the Special Town Meeting.

Interim Town Administrator Jennifer Callahan expresses that the Boards have done a great job getting together and she agrees with the rationale used. She feels it will be very important to be sure the townspeople understand the process and that a lot of dialogue was had with department heads on capital planning. She agrees that using the stabilization outweighs the other two options. As the Interim Town Administrator she wants the Board to know that she had heard them loud and clear and will work toward establishing codified budget policies in the future.

Finance Committee Member Paul Ouellette adds that the Finance Committee is responsible to every department not just the School Department. They need to distribute the revenue as equitably as possible and present the taxpayers with a fiscally responsible budget. He agrees that it is not logical or fiscally responsible to destroy that practice.

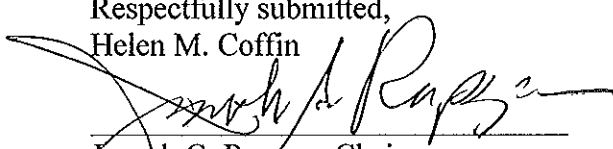
Finance Committee Member Michael Foster states that the Finance Committee has worked hard to develop a responsible budget and put forth such budget to the townspeople. The budget was prepared and presented to be the townspeople as the most fiscally responsible.

On a motion by Ouellette and second by Foster, the Finance Committee votes unanimously to recommend the \$63,000 additional funds be taken from the Stabilization account with the requirement of a 2/3 vote.

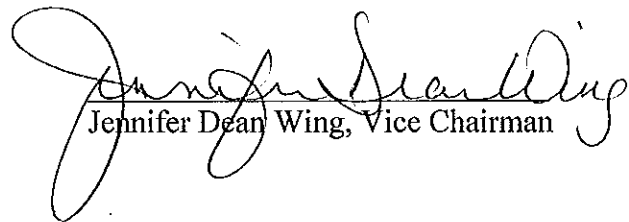
On a motion by Ouellette and second by Foster, the Finance Committee votes unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 7:20 p.m.

The Selectmen will take a 10-minute recess until the 7:30 p.m. posted meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen M. Coffin


Joseph G. Rapoza, Chairman


Roland P. Barrett, Selectman


Jennifer Dean Wing, Vice Chairman