

TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 18, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Chairman Roland Barrett; Vice Chairman Joseph Rapoza; Secretary Jennifer Dean Wing and Member Robert Baker

Board Members Absent: John Laura

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin

Chairman Barrett opens the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eric Smith of Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission is present to review the 2015 Freight Rail Planning Study and Feasibility Analysis Project. A handout presentation is provided.

Eric explains they held a kick-off meeting back in March and Joe Rapoza and Chief Landry attended for Millville. He discusses the reasons why planning for expanded freight rail is important and the impetus of the study.

There are five phases of the Study and they are in year two of work on this project.

Phase 1	Assessment of Community Concerns
Phase 2	Examine Efficient Freight Operation Obstacles
Phase 3	Evaluation of Municipal Practices in Worcester County
Phase 4	Assessment of Regional Regulatory Environment
Phase 5	Enhancing Municipal Planning for Freight

Brief discussion regarding the types of freight to pass through the Town such as chemicals and plastics. Concerns are raised regarding hazards of ethanol and the lack of adequate fire suppression. The next step would be a site visit. Eric will be in touch with a date and time to walk the site.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen M. Coffin

Roland Barrett, Chairman

Joseph Rapoza, Vice Chairman

Jennifer Dean Wing, Secretary

Robert Baker