

MILLVILLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

Millville Elementary School, 122 Berthelette Way

January 9, 2017

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

Also Present: Town Administrator, Jennifer Callahan

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

The members observed a moment of silence honoring the passing of Robert LaFlamme.

Announcements:

- The Town has been awarded a Regionalization and Efficiency Grant from the Massachusetts Division of Local Services. This grant is in the amount of \$30,000 and will be directed at shared planning objectives with the Town of Uxbridge.

Minutes:

December 19, 2016

On a motion made by Jennifer Dean Wing and seconded by Joe Rapoza, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the minutes from December 19, 2016 pending a change from the word "excavation" to "evacuation" in the paragraph concerning the item of Hazard Mitigation. (member Barrett abstained).

Public Forum/Citizen Comments:

- There were no citizen comments.

Departments/Boards/Committees:

Fire Department:

The Board of Selectmen were made aware that Roy Liard is being promoted to the Lieutenant of the Fire Department and Steven Furno will be reappointed as the Deputy Chief.

Senior Center:

The Senior Center has received a donation of \$500.00 for a fundraising event held at the Pot Belly Pub.

On a motion made by Roland Barrett and seconded by Jennifer Dean Wing, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the donation from Mark Duffy for the Senior Center in the amount of \$500.00.

Parks and Recreation:

Parks and Recreation Chairman Kevin Delgizzi was present to inform the Board of Selectmen that the playground equipment is in town and in storage. A thank you was provided to Brian Mullaly and Chief Landry and the storage facility on Lincoln Street. Thank you was also extended to the anonymous donor of the playground. The next step is for the installation of the playground, there will be contact with Blackstone Vocational Technical and the Blackstone National Honor Society for assistance in installation.

Community Garden:

Resident Mark Robinson has discussed with Parks and Recreation a proposal for starting a Community Garden Proposal. A schedule and budget of this project was provided. The location of this proposed garden was discussed. One recommended site is behind the police station, since a source of water is needed and is available. It was also suggested to visit the Uxbridge Community Gardens for ideas.

Correspondence:

- Resignation Letter: ***On a motion made by Roland Barrett and seconded by Jennifer Dean Wing, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the letter of resignation from Michelle DuMond.***
- The Town is in receipt of the Annual Report for ABCC.
- Blackstone Vocational Technical School has supplied the quarterly payment schedule.
- National Grid has provided information on the schedule for the herbicide application. There was a suggestion to put a link of this on website.
- The Northeast Water and DEP water testing at the Millville Elementary School came back absent of any bacteria.
- There is a MMA business meeting on January 21, 2017 which is for the voting of officials.

New Business:

Abandoned Housing Initiative:

Monica Pesseno, Assistant Attorney General was present to explain the Abandoned Housing Initiative. She provided a power point presentation. This abandoned housing initiative was started back in 2008. It provided communities and targeted neighborhoods with funding options for abandoned properties. The program is currently working with 109 municipalities and there are 400 active cases. A brief overview of the strategic demolition fund was reviewed. The program includes foreclosed and blighted properties. This initiative assists towns with a receivership process under general laws and bylaws with properties having code violations. This is done with the cooperation of the local Board of Health. The goal is to form a partnership with communities. The first step for Millville would be to identify stressed properties within town and

look at the economic feasibility of restoring blighted properties. The property site inspection is important to determine the feasibility of the property. The efforts are coordinated with the Board of Health and the Building Departments. The Board would like to get a list of the town owned parcels and set up a workshop meeting to discuss this further.

Old Business:

MSBA Visit to MES:

Elementary School

John McCarthy, MSBA President visited the Millville Elementary School on Thursday, December 21, 2016. The purpose was to review a list of capital requirements which may be eligible for MSBA funding. Guardian Energy had also done a recent assessment of the MES facilities. During the tour with Mr. McCarthy, upgrades and replacement of boilers, windows and doors were discussed. Previous work on weatherization has reduced the oil bill consumption along with a decrease in lighting costs. The next budget season we are faced with challenges with the MES building. The old boilers as well as the fuel oil tank which has been in the ground for 25 years. The Town Administrator will be following up with Superintendent and Board concerning filing a Statement of Interest (SOI) with the MSBA for grant funding to address these capital needs. The Town is waiting for the reports, but will be submitting an SOI which is due February 17, 2017.

DEP/EPA Public Forum 171 Central Street:

Member Dean-Wing excused herself from the table while the discussion of 171 Central Street occurred.

The members were made aware that the DEP inspector has confirmed that the demolition debris on 171 Central Street has been removed. There were also test pits dug with DEP direction and oversight. The Millville Conservation Commission was notified and the results are expected soon. The Town Administrator is working with the DEP Regional Director to set up a public forum with Town Officials, residents, and EPA where all findings and information will be presented and discussed..

Town Hall Insurance Policy:

MIAA requires that the town hall policy need to have a change in coverage due to it being vacant for more than 60 days. There will need to be a new coverage in place by February 14, 2017. The item will be placed on the Board's next agenda for approval.

Selectmen Forum:

- The Superintendent of Schools will be placed on the January 23, 2017 agenda.
- Chairman Rapoza congratulated Millville Seniors attending BVT who received a John & Abigail Adams Scholarship to attend public colleges and universities. Those recipients are: Brian Derosier, Jacob Platt and Kenneth Tubman.

DLS Recommendation Board Composition:

The Chairman wanted on the agenda for discussion the adoption of a change to the Board of Selectmen structure from a five member board to three. The Town Administrator did let the Board know she has talked with town counsel about the process. She has been informed the Town would have to file special legislation to make such a change, if the Board so chooses to reduce the membership. The members would like this discussed further at a future meeting.

Selectman's Forum:

Sunny Side Solar:

Eric Holt from Sunny Side Solar Company was present to provide information about Sunny Side Solar. Mr. Holt provided a power point presentation about the program. There were several incentives for municipalities. The program includes metering credits. The solar farm in Uxbridge near McDonalds was referenced. If the town were to set up solar farms, then the net meter credits could be applied to the electric bill. Land for these farms can either be owned or leased. There would need to be a review of the land and it would need a three phase circuit. Millville has located two possible sites. Site A (Rt. 122 56 Main Street) and Site B. (Lincoln Street). A visual of these sites were shown. There are some wetland issues on one of the sites. The other site has removed various metal debris through-out the clean-up process. The town incentives were reviewed which vary for commercial and residential. With the new bill filed in the House of Representatives this could change. The contract for the solar is for a 20 year period. The life expectancy of the panels are 25 years. The maintenance and repair is covered in the agreement. All materials are recyclable.

It was suggested the Board of Selectmen visit some sites and contact other municipalities who opted into this program. The various towns who have taken advantage of this program are Douglas, Chelmsford, Shirley, Rockland, Millis and Uxbridge

The Town Administrator indicated from the presentation photos there was a good amount of debris removed such as auto parts, steel, tires and other materials. She is concerned about the condition of the soils. There has been a lot of work done on the site without the required permits. She is also concerned about the wetlands on the property. There will need to be a wetland delineation on the property to determine the wetlands. The town has permitting regulatory responsibilities which need to be followed.

It was suggested that a site walk be done on the properties. There was a question about if the soil can be tested for contamination. The possible encroachment issue also needs to be addressed. There is a concern that the earth removal committee was not notified of the activities taking place on this site.

The owner of the property indicated that he has locations and photos of where the metal was buried along with the other debris. He hired a contractor to clean up the land.

It was suggested that a site visit be done on the properties.

Town Administrators Report:

- The Town Administrator report will be done at the next meeting.

Executive Session:

On a motion made by Jennifer Dean Wing and seconded by Roland Barrett, the Board of Selectmen voted by Roll Call Vote to go into executive session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate which the Chair declares an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the town and will return to open session to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

*Joe Rapoza Aye
Roland Barrett Aye
Jennifer Dean-Wing Aye*

Future Meeting:

- The next Board of Selectmen meeting will be Monday, January 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Millville Elementary School Auditorium.

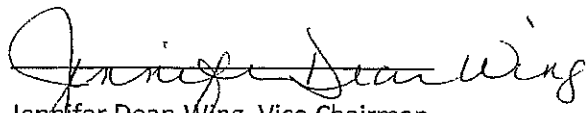
Adjourned:

On a motion made by Jennifer Dean Wing and seconded by Roland Barrett, the Board of Selectmen vote unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

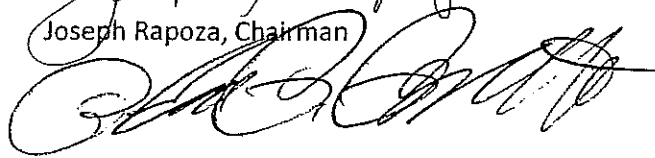
The regular meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Callahan & Amy Sutherland


Jennifer Dean Wing, Vice Chairman


Joseph Rapoza, Chairman



Roland P. Barrett, Selectman