

TOWN OF MILLBURY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING- SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM

November 10, 2015

7:00 pm

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Present: Francis B. King, Sandy Cristo; Mary Krumsiek, William Borowski; Town Manager, Bob Spain, and other concerned citizens

Chairman King called the meeting to order at 7:21 pm; he apologized for the late start, the board was in executive session.

Drainlayer- Northboro Septic Services, Inc. – The project manager came in to say that they are running a line from the well in town. They do not use subcontractors.

Motion to approve the Drainlayer made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Cristo. Motion carried unanimously.

Doreen Defazio- Energy Manager

She is here to make a recommendation to the board for a municipal aggregation company. They put out an RFP and had three replies; after interviewing all they chose Good Energy; they had very good referrals and no one has left them. They have great community outreach. This has to go through DPU and DOER process with the state. Chairman King asked how long will the contract be? They have recommended 2 years; but that is negotiable when drawing up the contract. She would like Good Energy to come into the meeting when the contract is ready. Selectman Cristo asked what good energy rate is versus National Grid- 8-9¢ cents to 13¢; are residents locked into this program; they can opt in and out with no fee.

Mr. Spain explained that this is about the supply rate; national grid has the distribution rate- which they are looking for a rate increase now. The town has a 7.79¢ rate and our contract ends September 2016. Doreen told the board that this will not be ready for the winter; she did suggest that residents should not sign up over the phone; if they have any questions they should call her. Motion to enter into negotiations with Good Energy made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Previous Minutes- October 27, 2015

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2015 meeting made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

Town Manager Report:

There are two long time employees that are going to retire; that could create another domino effect in the town hall.

The tax rate was set in one day this year; the new tax rate is the same as last year's; \$16.64; great job to the Assessor's office and all that worked on this.

Line painting of the roads is underway.

Ngrid has filed for a 7% increase for the distribution rate.

There was a small amount of oily sand; the major portion was clean. Chairman King said that a great job was done on the fuel station; it is a lot more efficient. He is so happy to see that farmhouse gone. Selectman Ashmankas asked what shape the tanks were in. Mr. Spain does not know; but what we were worried about was a spill, the tanks were out of warranty; we are still paying for the Asa Waters Mansion spill.

The contractor for the HVAC has to put a beam across to strengthen the roof; they cannot move an electrical box so it needs to be redesigned.

DPW Director, Rob McNeil has scheduled a Ramshorn Dam information meeting on December 3rd at 7:00 pm here to update them on the permitting.

Tomorrow is Veterans Day- thank you to the Veterans that serve! Town Hall and Recycling Center is closed.

Old Business

Selectman Cristo said that she went up to Shaw and Elmwood for the Veteran's Programs that they had; they made cards, sang songs and asked so many questions; at Shaw they gave the new veterans quilts of valor. It was a great program.

Selectman Krumsiek said that she and others have been calling MaDot regarding the West Main Street sidewalk and nothing has been done yet.

Selectman Krumsiek asked what the cost was for the driveway gas line. About \$40,000, the plates were the expensive piece.

Selectman Krumsiek mentioned that the Route 146 repairs are underway; they had all of the Millbury ramps blocked last night.

Selectman Borowski commended Rob McNeil for asking DOT to update the board every 30 days regarding that project.

Selectman Cristo asked the boards permission if the Chairman and Selectman Cristo could meet with town manager and the dpw director to come to a compromise regarding Wedgewood Lane. That has already been done and they have compromised on a fan design for the street.

Chairman King Dates to Remember

Wednesday November 11th – Veterans Day- Offices and Transfer Station Closed

Friday November 13th & Saturday November 14th at 7 PM; Sunday November 15 at 2 PM
Millbury High School Drama Club presents "Arsenic and Old Lace"

Saturday November 14th from 10 AM to 3 PM Holiday Fair & Fundraiser at the VFW - to benefit the Bark Park

Saturday November 14th from 10 AM to 5 PM Millbury Music Parents Association 1st Annual Mattress Fundraiser Sale - High School Cafeteria

Saturday November 14th from 9 AM to 2 PM Millbury Senior Center Holiday Craft Fair

Thursday November 19th at 6 PM Pasta & Meatballs at the Senior Center - the Millbury Police Association Annual Dinner

Friday November 20th at 6:30 PM First Congregational Church 25th Annual Turkey Raffle at the Senior Center

Saturday November 21st 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Brush Chipping at 137 Providence St.

Monday November 23rd at 12 N Turkey Dinner at the Senior Center sponsored by Senator Michael O Moore and the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce

Thursday December 3rd 7:00 PM Ramshorn Dam Information Meeting- 127 Elm Street.

On a Good Note

Big Congrats to Chief Donald Desorey and Chief Richard Hamilton for a very successful food drive. It was a great day.

Mail:

Selectman Krumsiek read the Small Business Saturday Proclamation read for November 28, 2015

Letter from Chief Donald Desorcy regarding a donation to the K9 program in the amount of \$500.00

Motion to accept the donation made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

Laurie Connors regarding donations to the in the amount of \$40,000 from the Brierly Pond Village Association in lieu of the Beach/Elmwood intersection reconstruction.

Motion to accept made by Selectman Borowski, seconded by Selectman Cristo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Thank you to all the Veterans out there! Buy them a coffee, listen to them. We appreciate all that has been done.

Motion made by Selectman Borowski to adjourn at 8:13 p.m., seconded by Selectman Cristo. Approved by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Tish Hayes, Secretary

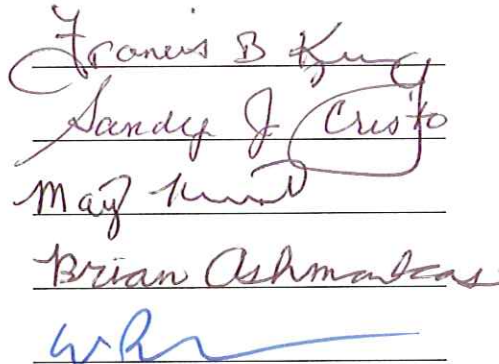
Francis B. King

Sandy J. Cristo

Mary Krumsiek

Brian Ashmankas

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