

Town of Milo**MINUTES**

Municipal Office

Regular Selectmen's Meeting

P. O Box 218
Milo, Me 04463

April 6, 2004

GUESTS: Jeanne Murphy, Sean Murphy, and Donald Banker.**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Roy A. Bither, Joseph Beres, Jerry Cole, Amber Gahagan, Tony Hamlin and Jane S. Jones.**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.**STAFF:** Betty Harris

6:29 PM Call to Order by Roy A. Bither, Chairman.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS: None.**MINUTES:**

Amber Gahagan made the Motion to approve the Minutes of March 16, 2004 as transcribed. Second – Joseph Beres. Passed – unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:** None.**AGENDA:**1.) Boston Cane

After discussion, Tony Hamlin made the Motion to authorize the Town Manager to have a replica of the Town's Boston Cane made for presentation to the Town's oldest citizen. The Manager will check with the Milo Historical Society to see if the Society would like to take custody of the original cane. Second – Joseph Beres. Passed – unanimously.

2.) Community Development Week Proclamation

Amber Gahagan made the Motion to adopt and issue a Proclamation recognizing Community Development Week. Second – Joseph Beres. Passed – unanimously.

Updates:

- 1.) The Board expressed its congratulations to Mark Awalt of JSI on his receipt of the 2004 Small Business Administration Man of the Year Award. Congressman Michaud toured the JSI facility on April 6th, bringing Congressional acknowledgment of Mark's achievement. The official award ceremony will be held at the Spectacular Events Center on May 25th. The Board will finalize plans to attend the event at the next meeting.
- 2.) The Town Manager updated the Board on progress being made in the drafting and adoption of a Piscataquis County Economic Development Plan. The document, in draft form, has been adopted by the Piscataquis County Commissioners who have instructed that copies of the Plan be distributed countywide to all stake-holders and have set Tuesday, May 4th for a Public Hearing to receive comment on the Draft. The Manager provided copies of the Plan to all members of the Board.
- 3.) The Manager updated the Board regarding both the Countywide TIF (Tax Increment Financing) Policy currently being developed and the Bond Package for the November 2004 Election, which includes \$200,000 in funding for the Eastern Piscataquis Industrial Park (EPIP).
- 4.) C.E.S., the engineering firm that has been working on the plans for an industrial park from the onset of the project, has now begun the requisite Environmental Review of the selected site. The Congressional appropriation of \$500,000 for EPIP is still moving ahead.
- 5.) The State of Maine Auditor assigned to review Milo's fiscal practices as part of a new statewide mandate has completed his field work in the Town Office. The Manager requested and received permission from the Board to pursue a formal protest of the Program as redundant, unnecessary and a waste of taxpayer resources with the State. A copy of the findings will be forwarded to all Board members as soon as the report becomes available.
- 6.) The Manager updated the Board regarding the frustrations encountered in the ordering and implementation of the Office Computer Systems upgrade.

- 7.) Chairman Bither offered to contact Senator Davis regarding the continual postponement of scheduled Maine DOT work on Elm Street, from Main Street to the DOT garage. The roadbed first appeared on the 1996 Departmental plan for upgrading and rebuilding, but has been bumped off the listing each year since. The roadbed is in extreme disrepair and needs to be rebuilt during the 2005 construction season. The Milo Water District will be installing new lines along the relevant portion of Elm Street during 2004, making a 2005 rebuild even more crucial.
- 8.) The Manager advised the Board that the Town is waiting for additional information from Maine Forestry regarding the Timber Trespass that occurred on the Murphy property. Restitution will proceed as soon as all necessary figures are available.
- 9.) Town Counsel has filed the necessary UCC forms to secure the Town's interests in the Adelphia/FrontierVision Chapter 11 Bankruptcy.

OTHER NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1.) Joseph Beres made the Motion to sign Abatements as presented. Second – Jerry Cole. Passed – unanimously.
- 2.) Amber Gahagan made the Motion to sign 2004 Appointments as presented. Second – Roy Bither. Passed – unanimously.
- 3.) Roy Bither made the Motion to accept a payment arrangement of \$100/month requested by Dorothea Perkins on past due Personal Property Taxes. Second – Joseph Beres. Passed – unanimously.
- 4.) Amber Gahagan made the Motion to sign Warrants #7, #8, and #9 as presented. Second – Roy Bither. Passed – unanimously.
- 5.) The Board set Tuesday, April 27, 2004 for its next meeting.
- 6.) Amber Gahagan made the Motion to sign Veteran's Exemption as presented. Second – Joseph Beres. Passed – unanimously.

Amber Gahagan made the Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Legal and Personnel Matters at 7:52 PM. Second – Tony Hamlin. Passed – unanimously.

Tony Hamlin made the Motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:36 PM. Second – Roy Bither. Passed – unanimously.

Roy Bither made the Motion to adjourn at 8:36 PM. Second – Tony Hamlin. Passed – unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Roy A. Bither, Chairman

Betty I. Harris, Secretary

Date: _____
