

Town of Milo**MINUTES**

Municipal Office

Regular Selectmen's Meeting

P. O Box 218
Milo, Me 04463

September 7, 2004

GUESTS: Jessica Lee.**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Roy A. Bither, Jr., Joseph Beres, Jerry Cole, Amber Gahagan, Tony Hamlin and Jane S. Jones.**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.**STAFF:** Betty Harris.

6:45 PM Call to Order by Roy A. Bither, Chairman – immediately following the Special Town Meeting.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS: None.**MINUTES:**

Amber Gahagan made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of August 24, 2004 as transcribed. Second – Joseph Beres. Passed – unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:** None.**AGENDA:**

B & A Tire Fire Settlement Offer:

At the request of the Board, Town Counsel reviewed the settlement offer made by Verrill & Dana as Counsel to the B & A Trustee regarding payment of costs incurred by the Fire Department in suppressing the large tie fire at the Derby Shops in May, 2002. The Trustee proposed to reduce payment to 75.7% of claims, passing the cost of the Railroad's deductible on to the responding Fire Departments. Although the Board disagreed materially with the ethics of such a "pass-through", the cost of challenging the Trustee's position in Bankruptcy Court was deemed too expensive and Tony Hamlin made the Motion to sign and return the Settlement Agreement as prepared. Second – Joseph Beres. Passed – unanimously.

Updates:

1. The Town Manager reported to the Board that the Interlocal Agreement for EPIP has been forwarded to Brownville for review and comment.
2. The Town Manager presented her findings regarding the Tax Cap Initiative to the Board. The Town of Milo will not be able to meet its legal commitments to other entities if the Cap is enacted and instituted as drafted. There will be no funds whatsoever for Municipal departments.

OTHER OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Amber Gahagan made the Motion to sign Abatements as presented. Second – Joseph Beres. Passed – unanimously.
- 2.) Amber Gahagan made the Motion to sign Appointments as presented. Second – Joseph Beres. Passed – unanimously.
- 3.) The Board set Wednesday, September 22nd, for its next meeting.
- 4.) Amber Gahagan made the Motion to sign Warrants #28 and #29 as presented. Second – Roy Bither, Jr. Passed – unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Amber Gahagan made the Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:25 PM to discuss Contractual, Legal and Personnel Matters. Second – Joseph Beres. Passed – unanimously.

Tony Hamlin made the Motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:39 PM. Second: Joseph Beres. Passed – unanimously.

Tony Hamlin made the Motion to adjourn at 7:40. Second – Roy Bither, Jr.. Passed – unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Roy A. Bither, Jr., Chairman
Date: _____

Betty I. Harris, Secretary
