

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 290 Main Street Millville, MA 01529

Monday June 1, 2020
Zoom Meeting
Residents and meeting participants can also follow the Zoom Technology directions on the
Town Website at:
www.millvillema.org

PRESENT:

Chairwoman, Erica Blake, Vice Chairman Jennifer Dean Wing, Member, and Andrew Alward

The Chairwoman opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

## ALSO PRESENT:

Town Administrator, Peter Caruso

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The Knights of Columbus food drive will take place on Saturday, June 20, 2020 from 9:00 -12:00 pm at St. Augustine parking lot in Millville.
- Town Hall is currently closed to the public due to COVID-19.

#### **MINUTES:**

The minutes from May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup> will be approved at the next meeting.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

• There was no correspondence provided.

## **DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES:**

#### Board of Health:

The Board of Health provided an update to the Board of Selectmen about several issues:

#### COVID-19 Update:

To date, the Town of Millville has two more recent cases of COVID-19. There have not been any new cases over the last two weeks.

#### Library:

The Town of Millville will be opening for curbside pick-up on Monday, June 8, 2020.

#### Town Hall Opening:

There was a meeting about the possible slow opening for the Town Hall. There could be options for residents to come on one person at a time. Those seeking to come into the town hall would call the town hall from their vehicle and would have to be escorted into the building. Before entering the building, all precautionary measures would need to be by followed. There was discussion about having an access port area for those to deliver documents. This discussion will continue at a later meeting.

#### Senior Center:

There was discussion about opening the senior center. The Town Administrator does not recommend the opening at this time. The State is only in Phase 1 of opening.

#### Town Meeting:

There was also a great meeting about the procedures and plan for the Town Meeting which is scheduled for June 22, 2020. The recommendations from this meeting will be provided at the next meeting.

All residents were informed that CVS in Bellingham has a drive thru COVID-19 testing site.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

## **BMR School Committee RACC Agreement:**

School Committee Chairman Reggio was present during the zoom meeting. She provided an overview of the clarifications of the RACC Agreement. There was discussion about placing this agreement article on the Fall Town Meeting.

#### Town Hall:

The Town Administrator has asked the Departments to look at what they will need to make sure they are safe within their office space when looking at reopening the offices. There are CARES Act Funds available to order any equipment or supplies. Any requests that would need to be purchased must be done prior to year-end.

The Town Administrator informed the Board that he had a meeting with Superintendent Dr. Defalco about what the schools will need to do to ensure the students are protected when they go back to school. The school has already purchased a \$4,000.00 cleaning sprayer equipment to spray the schools. The Commissioner of Education has set up a series of meetings to come up with a plan to consider the reopening of school. This potential opening could be online learning/full opening or partial opening. There are a lot of options to be considered.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### BMR Parade:

The BMR graduates will be holding a parade to celebrate their graduation. This will take place on June 5, 2020. The students will be receiving their diploma individually and then the parade will follow. The graduation will be livestreamed.

Town Meeting:

Town Moderator Jackie Lima was present to discuss the actions she has taken regarding the Town Meeting. Ms. Lima put together a task force to address the steps for holding the town meeting during the COVID-19 times. A power point presentation was provided to the Board of Selectmen which outlined the recommended steps to hold the Town Meeting on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the MES baseball fields. It is recommended to have the rain date noted on the warrant.

#### Citizen Petition:

Adrienne Petitt participated in the zoom meeting and discussed withdrawing the citizen petition until the Fall Town Meeting. School Committee Chairman Jane Reggio was also present to discuss the stipends which are provided to the school committee members. She did research the policies and State laws regarding stipends for school committee members. The Town of Blackstone placed the stipends on their town warrant each year. The lawyer for the School Committee did look into the rules regarding the stipends and the Town of Blackstone is right with how this is placed on the warrant annually. There is some inconsistency with how this has been done by the Town of Millville. The Board of Selectmen were provided with interpretation from Town Counsel regarding this matter and it was suggested that there is no need to place this in the warrant at this time. It can be placed on the Fall Town Meeting. Ms. Pettit communicated that she would like to withdraw this petition until the Fall meeting.

## Warrant Articles finalization of the warrant:

The Board is in receipt of the Town Meeting Warrant. There was discussion about keeping the meeting as streamlined as possible and keeping it to the town business only. Town Counsel has reviewed the warrant and provided the edits and suggestions.

The following Articles were recommended to be placed on the warrant: Article #1, #2, #3, #4, #5. There needs to be discussion about if Articles #6, #7 & #8 can be deferred. The Town Administrator communicated that Articles #6, #7 & #8 can be put off until the Fall town meeting. Article #9 which is the FY2021 budget which needs to remain within the warrant. Article #11 also needs to remain since it is the union ratification of contract. The language of this warrant was reviewed by town counsel. At this point, Capital Planning is recommending keeping Articles #12 and #14 on the warrant and leave the others until the Fall meeting. Capital Planning also recommended to move Articles #11, and #15 to the Fall town meeting. The Town Administrator recommended keeping Article #11 which is for the police computer and taser. This equipment is outdated and needs to be updated to run specific software. Article #17 regarding the Senior Tax Work Off program will be withdrawn until the Fall Town Meeting.

On a motion made by Jennifer Dean Wing and seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board of Selectmen voted by Roll Call Vote to open the June 22, 2020 Warrant.

#### Roll Call Vote:

Erica Blake

aye

Jennifer Dean Wing aye Andrew Alward aye

On a motion made by Jennifer Dean Wing and seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board of Selectmen voted by Roll Call Vote to accept the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for the union ratification of the Fire Department Agreement.

## Roll Call Vote:

Erica Blake aye
Jennifer Dean Wing aye
Andrew Alward aye

On a motion made by Jennifer Dean Wing and seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board of Selectmen voted by Roll Call Vote to close the June 22, 2020 Warrant.

#### Roll Call Vote:

Erica Blake aye
Jennifer Dean Wing aye
Andrew Alward aye

On a motion made by Jennifer Dean Wing and seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board of Selectmen voted by Roll Call Vote to close the June 22, 2020 Warrant and will include the following articles #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #9, #10, #11, #12, #13, #14 and will remove #6, #7, #8, #15, #16 & #17.

#### Roll Call Vote:

Erica Blake aye
Jennifer Dean Wing aye
Andrew Alward aye

On a motion made by Jennifer Dean Wing and seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board of Selectmen voted by Roll Call Vote to change the time of the Annual Town Meeting to 6:00 pm with a rain date of June 23, 2020 at the Millville Elementary School.

## Roll Call Vote:

Erica Blake aye
Jennifer Dean Wing aye
Andrew Alward aye

The Town Moderator communicated that she has been in touch with someone for chairs for event.

# FY2021 Budget Status:

The Town Administrator presented and the updated budget numbers. There has been the inclusion of the most recent school numbers. The head count for Tri County and Norfolk Aggie has increased. The school numbers for students attending alternate schools will not be finalized

until the end of July. This information regarding the school numbers have been provided the Finance Committee. The revenues are presented as known today. The with these numbers included the deficient of the budget is \$82,000.00. The Board of Selectmen will be setting up a workshop for next week to discuss the budget.

## **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Resident Pettit noted that the budget will need to be addressed again in the Fall since the State numbers from the COVID and its effects on budgets are not known. It is suggested that another town meeting be later in August.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORTS:

No comments from Board of Selectmen

# TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

#### Cares Act Funding:

The Town Administrator is working on the paperwork which needs to be submitted regarding the Cares Act.

## Audit Status

The Town Accountant is working with the auditors providing whatever documents they need. The Town Administrator may ask for an extension for the internal audit.

# **NEXT MEETING:**

Monday, June 9, 2020

On a motion made by Jennifer Dean Wing and seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board of Selectmen voted by Roll Call Vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.

## Roll Call Vote:

Erica Blake aye
Jennifer Dean Wing aye
Andrew Alward aye

The regular meeting ended at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland

Recording Secretary

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TOWN CLERK

Member, Erica Blake

Vice Chairwoman, Jennifer Dean Wing

Member, Tom Houle

Member, Andrew Alward

Member, Kevin Surette