



BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

290 Main Street
Millville, MA 01529

Monday December 7, 2020

Zoom Meeting

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Town Website at:
www.millvillema.org

PRESENT:

Chairman Erica Blake, Vice Chairman Jennifer Gill, Member, Jennifer Dean Wing, Andrew Alward and Kevin Surette.

ALSO PRESENT:

Town Administrator, Peter Caruso

The Chairwoman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Board of Selectmen acknowledged Grace Burns in being 100 years old.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 2, 2020:

On a motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Kevin Surette, the Board of Selectmen voted by Roll Call vote to accept the minutes from November 2, 2020.

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Gill	aye
Andrew Alward	aye
Kevin Surette	aye
Jennifer Dean Wing	aye
Erica Blake	aye

November 16, 2020

On a motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Kevin Surette, the Board of Selectmen voted by Roll Call to accept the minutes from November 16, 20 with amendments.

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Gill	aye
Andrew Alward	aye
Kevin Surette	aye
Jennifer Dean Wing	aye
Erica Blake	abstained

CORRESPONDENCE:

- There was no correspondence received.

DEPARTMENTS/BOARDS:

Board of Health- COVID-19:

The Board of Selectmen were updated on COVID-19. The cases in Millville have increases to 81 cases. The town was informed that the health nurse will not be reporting directly to the town but instead the state. The staff will be informed when the vaccine is available for them. The recent quarantine times keep changing. This information is found on the state website. There was a concern raised that businesses are not following the State regulations. The Town Administrator will communicate with the Board of Health regarding their enforcement of these entities.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town of Millville Tax Classification:

The Chairman opened the tax classification hearing at 7:15 pm. This is for the adoption of percentages of the total tax levy to be borne by each class of real property (residential, commercial, industrial, open space) and personal property fiscal year 2021. David Manzello presented the information regarding the tax levy. There is a 3.05% increase from last year. The new growth revenue was only \$34,392.00. The town has 92% of its taxes coming from residential properties. The average values of homes increased for single family homes. The average home values at \$297,600 went up to \$309,900. The average tax bill based on these average evaluations will go up \$152.00. There was a question asked how the Town of Millville tax rate compares to other towns. Mr. Manzello communicated that the Town of Millville is one of the lowest in the State.

On a motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Kevin Surette, the Board of Selectmen voted by Roll Call vote to accept the single tax rate at \$15.93 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Gill	aye
Andrew Alward	aye
Kevin Surette	aye
Jennifer Dean Wing	aye
Erica Blake	aye

Chief Landry – Grant Awards:

The Board of Selectmen are in receipt of a letter from Chief Landry regarding the grants his departments have been awarded over the last fiscal year.

The following grants were received:

- Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Assistance to Firefighter's Grant - \$32,471.00. This is for the replacement of extrication package
- Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant - \$2,700.00. This is for funds in preparing for hazards and obtaining resources to support goals for preparedness.
- Emergency Management will purchase a portable generator and a single axle flatbed trailer.
- Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Municipal Road Safety Competitive Grant Program: \$11,999.00. This grant provides funding will allow for the purchase of two radar feedback signs with universal mounting as well as funding for target enforcement.
- Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant: \$39,000.00. This will allow for the purchase of new tasers and Panasonic Toughbook mobile data terminals.

The \$10,000 which was previously voted by the town meeting for the purchase of tasers will go ultimately go back to the Capital Program since the grant was awarded.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual License Renewals – Review/Approval:

The Board of Selectmen are in receipt of the Annual License Renewals. It was suggested that this be placed on the December 21, 2020 agenda so that applications can be completed and so the Board of Selectmen can hear back from the Board of Health regarding concerns about businesses not following the COVID protocol.

Cares Act Funding:

The Board of Selectmen are in receipt of an email from BMR Assistant Superintendent Matthew Ehrenworth dated November 24, 2020 seeking a contribution from the Town of Millville for additional COVID CARES funding. The request is for up to \$44,806.00. The Town of Millville currently has approximately \$115,000 left in funds. The Town Administrator sent a response back to the school department indicating that the focus is preliminary on the items at MES. The tent, uninventing, HEPA filtration and the air quality testing adds up to about \$11,500.00. There is concern the vent cleaning included in the BMR request may be deferred maintenance. The Board of Selectmen would like to hold on releasing any funds until discussing further at the December 21, 2020 meeting with hopes that there will greater clarity from the state and federal government if there will be an extension of CARES Act funds beyond December 30, 2020.

Consideration of Shared Planning IMA Relationship:

The Board of Selectmen are in receipt of an email regarding the shared cost for a shared town planner. There has been a recommendation to have a joint planner who would service the towns of Uxbridge, Mendon and Millville. The benefits for this position would be covered by the Town of Uxbridge. There were concerns brought up about who would be responsible for the supervision of this person and who will this person report to. There needs to be a concise plan. This will be placed on the December 21, 2020 agenda for further consideration of additional information.

Resignation Paul Moore Council on Aging:

The Board of Selectmen is in receipt of a letter of resignation from Paul Moore from the Council on Aging.

On a motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board of Selectmen voted by Roll Call vote to accept the resignation of Paul Moore from the Council on Aging.

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Gill	aye
Andrew Alward	aye
Kevin Surette	aye
Jennifer Dean Wing	aye
Erica Blake	aye

PUBLIC FORUM:

- No comments

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Regional Dispatch:

The MECC Regional Dispatch agreement implementation has been delayed. There is a meeting held next week to provide an update. There will not be a gap in services.

Budget:

The Town Administrator has begun putting together the budget guidance for FY 22. A draft guidance letter was provided for information purposes. The final guidance letter will be present at the December 21 meeting. He is recommending that the BMR include a meaningful and material contribution to their OPEB liability in their 2022 budget. Chairman Reggio communicated that they will be addressing this item.

Town Audit:

There is one open item which the audit firm is working on. This is in regard to the septic betterment loans. The information is being provided to the auditors.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN FORUM:

- Selectmen Dean Wing wanted to have the snow emergency parking placed to the next agenda for December 21, 2020.
- Selectmen Gill wanted to make sure that information about events such as the Santa Parade are posted on the town webpage.
- Selectmen Gill wanted to add discussion about streetlights placed on the January 4, 2021 meeting.
- Selectmen Gill wanted to know when the minutes from the September 9, 2020 Executive Session minutes will be provided.

NEXT MEETING:

- Monday, December 21, 2020

ADJOURN:

On a motion made by Jennifer Gill and seconded by Erica Blake, the Board of Selectmen voted by Roll Call to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:


Jennifer Gill	aye
Andrew Alward	aye
Kevin Surette	aye
Jennifer Dean Wing	aye
Erica Blake	aye

The regular meeting ended at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amy Sutherland

Recording Secretary


Chairwoman, Member, Erica Blake

Vice Chairwoman, Jennifer Gill

Member, Jennifer Dean Wing

Member, Andrew Alward

Member, Kevin Surette