



BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

290 Main Street

Millville, MA 01529

Monday, September 20, 2021

Zoom Meeting

**Residents and meeting participants can also follow the Zoom Technology directions on the
Town Website at:
www.millvillema.org**

PRESENT:

Chairperson Jennifer Gill, Vice Chairman Andrew Alward, Member, Todd Trottier.

ALSO PRESENT:

Town Administrator, Peter Caruso

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

The Planning Board opened their meeting at 7:00 pm.

The purpose of the joint meeting is to appoint Preston Juskavitch to the Planning Board until the next election. The Planning Board is in receipt of a letter of intent and recommended appointment until the next election.

On a motion made by Todd Trottier, seconded by Jennifer Gill, the Board of Selectmen voted by roll call to appoint Preston Juskavitch to the Planning Board until the next election.

Roll Call Vote:

Todd Trottier	aye
Andrew Alward	aye
Jennifer Gill	aye

On a motion made by Pam Maloney, seconded by Chris Drew, the Board of Selectmen voted by roll call to appoint Preston Juskavitch to the Planning Board until the next election.

Roll Call Vote:

Pam Maloney	aye
Chris Drew	aye
Justin Allen	aye

The Planning Board closed their meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There is a Jimmy Fund Walk at the Blackstone Valley Bike Trail on October 3, 1:00 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A letter was received from Algonquin Gas informing the town that there will be maintenance work on the gas transmission lines. There was a map showing the location.
- There was information provided about the Charter License which could expire on August 22, 2022. The negotiations come every ten years. If anyone is looking to serve on the Cable Advisory Committee, they are looking for members. This service will be put out to bid.

MEETING MINUTES:

Meeting minutes:

July 12, 2021:

On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Todd Trottier, the Board voted by roll call to approve the minutes from July 12, 2021.

Roll Call:

Andrew Alward	aye
Todd Trottier	aye
Jennifer Gill	aye

2020 Re-Precincting Single Precinct Vote:

On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Todd Trottier, the Board voted by roll call to remain as a single precinct.

Roll Call:

Andrew Alward	aye
Todd Trottier	aye
Jennifer Gill	aye

Open Warrant:

On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Todd Trottier, the Board voted by roll call to open the fall town warrant for the Special Town Meeting on November 22, 2021.

Roll Call:

Andrew Alward	aye
Todd Trottier	aye
Jennifer Gill	aye

The discussion of potential articles include the following:

- Allocation of previous Capital items. There was allocation in the past of landscaping in the amount of \$13,401.00. The Chairperson suggested this be used for the library and Senior Center budget. This will be one time funding. The other Selectmen are not in favor of using this for operation budgets. This will be discussed later.
- There was a recommendation to put a cap on the work off programs for the seniors or veterans. The cap amount currently is \$7,000 for Seniors and \$3,000 for Veterans.
- There will need to be an adjustment to the tuition and transportation to the vocational school budgets due to more enrollment.

Library Walk and Talk:

There will be a walk and talk on September 29, 2021. Selectmen Gill will take the 4:00 pm slot.

Facility Tour:

There will be a tour of the high school since this was the building which the BMR Capital committee determined needed the most work. Selectmen Gill will be attending the tour.

OLD BUSINESS:

Warrant approval process:

The Town Administrator provided an overview of the warrant approval process.

Veteran Agent Appointment:

The appointment for the Veteran Agent position will be tabled until a future meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM:

- There was a question in the zoom chat if the police chief is going to have his meeting in open or executive session.

Town Administrator Report:

Audit:

The FY2019 audit has been placed on the website for the public to view. The FY2020 budget is underway. There was more material submitted to the auditors.

Building Inspector Committee Search:

There will be a Building Inspector search Committee meeting held on Wednesday September 23, 2021.

MVP Grant:

The town has received \$27,000.00 for the MVP grant. The grant will provide working seminars to BOH, Conservation, and Planning. The seminars were offered by CMRCP under contract using the MVP Grant Money.

Board of Selectmen Report:

- The Chairman explained that the Police Department is blocking comments on their Facebook pages. This will now have informational items due to some recent

comments not being productive. If there are any issues with this item, please contact the Town Administrator.

NEXT MEETING:

- Monday October 4, 2021

Executive Session:

On a motion made by Todd Trottier, seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board voted by Roll Call vote to:

(a) enter into Executive Session per c. 30A., sec. 21 (a)(1)- to discuss discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

(b) Move that the Board of Selectmen enter into Executive Session per M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21 (a)(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town.

(c) Move that the Board of Selectmen enter into Executive Session per M.G.L. c. 30 A, Section 21(a) (3) to discuss strategy relative to pending litigation (Hurteau v Millville et al) where discussion of these matters in open session would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Town.

(d.) Move that the Board of Selectmen enter into Executive Session per M.G.L. c. 30 A, Section 21(a) (3) to discuss strategy relative to pending litigation (Carlisle v Millville et al) where discussion of these matters in open session would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Town.

(e) Move that the Board of Selectmen enter into Executive Session per M.G.L. c. 30 A, Section 21(a) (3) to discuss strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel.

(f) Move that the Board of Selectmen enter into Executive Session to comply with, or act under authority of, any general law, specifically M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21 (f) and (g), to review assorted executive session minutes.

Roll Call:

Andrew Alward	aye
Todd Trottier	aye
Jennifer Gill	aye

The open session adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland

Jennifer Gill

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TOWN CLERK