



BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

290 Main Street

Millville, MA 01529

Tuesday, September 14, 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, and Member Todd Trottier.

ALSO PRESENT:

Town Administrator, Peter Caruso

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Preliminary Plan for Fall Town Meeting with Town Moderator:

The Town Moderator Jackie Lima was present to discuss tentative dates for Town Meeting. The Board was informed that the standard articles will be included. The free cash is not anticipated to be certified. There will need to be budget changes to the vocational school transportation due to an additional student attending.

The suggested date for the town meeting is November 22, 2021 at the Millville Elementary School.

On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Todd Trottier, the Board of Selectmen voted by Roll Call to unanimously schedule Town Meeting for November 22, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Millville Elementary Auditorium with COVID safety precautions in place.

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Gill	aye
Andrew Alward	aye
Todd Trottier	aye

The warrant will need to be posted by November 8, 2021. The finalization of the warrant will be done at the second meeting in October. The Town Administrator will send an email to the Departments asking for warrant articles.

Millville Fire and Rescue Assn. Boot Drive, Penny Drive and Santa Run Approvals:

The Millville and Fire and Rescue are seeking approval for a toll road to be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021. They are also seeking approval for the Santa Parade. There was a question about what are the costs for Santa Parade. It was indicated that the only cost is the gas. There is a concern that if there is an emergency in town, this will delay the response.

On a motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Todd Trottier, the Board of Selectmen voted by Roll Call to allow for the toll road and the Santa Parade.

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Gill	aye
Andrew Alward	nay
Todd Trottier	aye

Resignation:

Board of Selectmen:

The Board of Selectmen are in receipt of the resignation from Adrienne Pettit from the Board of Selectmen.

On a motion made by Todd Trottier, seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board of Selectmen voted by Roll Call to accept with regret the resignation of Adrienne Pettit from the Board of Selectmen.

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Gill	aye
Andrew Alward	aye
Todd Trottier	aye

Tree Warden:

The Board of Selectmen are in receipt of the resignation from Alex Mullaly from the Tree Warden position.

On a motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board of Selectmen voted by Roll Call to accept with regret the resignation of Alex Mullaly as tree warden.

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Gill	aye
Andrew Alward	aye
Todd Trottier	aye

There was a recommendation that the tree warden position be incorporated into the highway department.

Appointment:

Council on Aging:

There was a recommendation to appoint Sandra Caswell to the Council on Aging. There was a question if she has already been acting in this capacity prior to her appointment.

The Town Administrator will check the minutes from their meeting to check on this issue.

On a motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Todd Trottier the Board of Selectmen voted by Roll Call to appoint Sandra Caswell to the Council on Aging.

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Gill	aye
Andrew Alward	abstained
Todd Trottier	aye

OLD BUSINESS:

Reconsideration of BOS Goals and Objections:

The Chairperson informed the members that she would like to revisit the goals and objectives as set forth for the Board of Selectmen. The goals were read aloud by the Chairperson. One of the main goals will be the facility plan. This will be discussed further with the Finance Committee. There will also be updated goals for the Town Administrator. It was suggested that he be the liaison for all the MES water items. The Board was informed that the new ARPA Administrator will be starting next week whose work will be addressing many of these challenges. The Chairperson will create a timeline and schedule to complete the goals and objectives. There will be a meeting with the Finance Committee on October 4, 2021 at which time there can be discussion about the town meeting and potential warrant articles. The town's policies and procedures continue to be a goal which needs to be discussed.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Resident Tina Cook joined the zoom meeting to state that Sandra Caswell attended the last meeting as a member of the town and not as a member of the Council on Aging.

Board of Selectmen Report:

- A resident at 21 Summit Street expressed concern that the road is caving in. The Town Administrator will reach out to the Highway Department to investigate the situation.
- There will be a tour of the school facilities on September 23, 2021. Chairperson Gill is planning on attending.
- There was a situation with the Chief of Police which will need discussion. A letter will be sent letting the Chief know this meeting can be in open session or executive session.
- The Jimmy Fund will be holding a fundraiser walk along the Blackstone Valley Bike Trail on October 3, 2021. There should be police present at the crosswalk area for this event.

NEXT MEETING:

- Monday September 20, 2021

On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Todd Trottier the Board of Selectmen voted by Roll Call to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Gill	aye
Andrew Alward	aye
Todd Trottier	aye

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary

Jennifer Gill
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TOWN CLERK