



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

Monday November 15, 2021

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Town Website at:
www.millvillema.org**

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Town Administrator, Peter Caruso

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

On a motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Todd Trottier, the Board voted unanimously to go into executive session under per M.G.L chapter 30, M.G.L. 21(a)(2) to discuss strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel.

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Gill	aye
Todd Trottier	aye
Andrew Alward	aye

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The residents were mailed information regarding the energy aggregation and the rates which are being provided to the town.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- There was no correspondence received.

MINUTES:

October 6, 2021:

On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Todd Trottier, the Board voted by roll call to accept the minutes from October 6, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

Andrew Alward	aye
Todd Trottier	aye
Jennifer Gill	aye

DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES:

- There were no department updates.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fall Special Town Meeting November 22, 201 Votes on Support Warrant Articles:

The Board of Selectmen are in receipt of the warrant and voted on the recommendations.

Article 1: Monetary Increases:

On the motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Todd Trottier, the Board voted unanimously to recommend the monetary increases.

Roll Call Vote:

Andrew Alward	aye
Todd Trottier	aye
Jennifer Gill	aye

Article 2: Bills of Prior Fiscal Year:

The Board is in receipt of two bills from prior fiscal year.

- Assessor's Software: \$6,965.00
- CMRCP: \$898.00 .

On the motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Todd Trottier, the Board voted unanimously to recommend Article 2 as written.

Roll Call Vote:

Andrew Alward	aye
Todd Trottier	aye
Jennifer Gill	aye

Article 3: Budget Adjustments:

The Board of Selectmen was in receipt of the budget adjustments.

On the motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Todd Trottier, the Board voted ~~unanimously~~ to recommend Article 3 as written.

majority
Roll Call Vote:

Andrew Alward	nay
Todd Trottier	aye
Jennifer Gill	aye

Article 4: Reimbursement of Reserve Fund Transfer from Public Safety Stabilization Fund for Fire Truck Repairs

On the motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Todd Trottier, the Board voted ~~unanimously~~ to recommend Article 4 as written.

majority
Roll Call Vote:

Andrew Alward	nay
Todd Trottier	aye
Jennifer Gill	aye

Article 5: Fund Other Post-Employment Benefits:

- Recommend to skip

Article 6: Capital Stabilization Fund:

- Recommend to skip

Article 7: General Stabilization Fund:

- Recommend to skip

Article 8: Senior Center Van:

On the motion made by Todd Trottier, seconded by Jennifer Gill, the Board voted ~~unanimously~~ to recommend Article 8 as written.

majority
Roll Call Vote:

Andrew Alward	nay
Todd Trottier	aye
Jennifer Gill	aye

Article 9: Highway Department Salt Shed Storage Addition:

The Board of Selectmen were informed that Representative Fattman will be able to hopefully secure \$75,000 for this project. This money needs to be spent by the end of the fiscal year.

On the motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Todd Trottier , the Board voted ~~unanimously~~ to recommend Article 9 as written.

majority
Roll Call Vote:

Andrew Alward	nay
Todd Trottier	aye
Jennifer Gill	aye

Article 10: NESHAP Inspection of Old Town Hall:

On the motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Todd Trottier , the Board voted ~~unanimously~~ to recommend Article 9 as written.

majority
Roll Call Vote:

Andrew Alward	nay
Todd Trottier	aye
Jennifer Gill	aye

Article 11: Fire Department/EMS Chest Compression Machine:

On a motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Todd Trottier, the Board voted by Roll Call vote to recommend Article 11 as written.

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Gill	aye
Todd Trottier	aye
Andrew Alward	aye

Article 12: Amend Town of Millville Bylaws Chapter 20 Personnel

On a motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Todd Trottier, the Board voted by Roll Call vote to recommend Article 12 as written.

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Gill	aye
Todd Trottier	aye
Andrew Alward	nay

Article 13: Cap on Senior Tax Work off and Veterans Tax Work Off:

- The Board of Selectmen voted to remove this from the warrant.

Town Meeting:

The Town Meeting will be held on November 22, 2021 at the MES School at 7:00 pm. There will be COVID safety precautions put in place and also social distancing.

Appointments:

Town Accountant:

On a motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Todd Trottier, the Board voted by roll call vote to appoint Tara Bibeault as Town Accountant through June 30, 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Gill	aye
Todd Trottier	aye
Andrew Alward	nay

Treasurer/Collector:

On a motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Todd Trottier, the Board voted by roll call vote to appoint Samantha Chatterton as Treasurer/Collector through June 30, 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Gill	aye
Todd Trottier	aye
Andrew Alward	nay

Building Inspector Search Committee:

The Board of Selectmen were provided an update about the Building Inspector Search Committee. There have been eight meetings of the committee. There will be interviews started.

OLD BUSINESS:

ARPA Updates and Discussion:

- There will be an update on ARPA in January.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- No Comments

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS:

- There was a complaint from a citizen about a streetlight ~~aimed toward~~ *turned on in front* their home. It was suggested that a shield put on the light. There was a discussion on how the town should handle complaints such as this. This will be placed on a further agenda for discussion.
- The Board discussed is there is a town mask mandate. Should there be a specific policy instituted? This will also be placed on the next agenda.
- There was a question if the town is still in the State of Emergency.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Metacomet Meeting:

There was a meeting with Metacommet about the emergency communications. There continues to be work on integrating into this new system.

Animal Control:

There was a meeting about the regional animal control officer being an intermunicipal position serving throughout surrounding towns. This negotiation is still ongoing.

Intermunicipal agreement with Planning Board and Town Planner:

The Board was informed that there has been difficulty filling the shared planning services for the Planning Board and Town Planner for the surrounding towns. There will be meetings to rethink this arrangement.

Audit and Management Letter:

The Town has received the draft of the FY2020 audit and associated management letter. These letter will be provided to the Board of Selectmen at a future meeting.

Tax Classification Hearing:

The Tax Classification Hearing will take place on December 6, 2021.

NEXT MEETING:

- December 6, 2021

On a motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board of Selectmen voted by Roll Call Vote to move into Executive Session per M.G.L. c.30A Section 21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Teamsters Union Local 170 (Town of Millville Firefighters Unit), and Session per M.G.L. c. 30A 21 (a)(7) to discuss compliance with M.G.L. Chapter 149 Section 52 regarding former employee personnel file, and act under authority of any general law, specifically M.G.L. c.30A Section 21 (f) and (g), to review assorted executive session minutes and will return to open meeting to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Gill	aye
Todd Trottier	aye
Andrew Alward	nay

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary

Jennifer Gill

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TOWN CLERK