



BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

290 Main Street
Millville, MA 01529

Monday November 1, 2021

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Town Website at:
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PRESENT:

Chairman 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Recycling and Energy Drive has been rescheduled to November 6, 2021 in Uxbridge.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- There will be a Capital School Committee meeting on December 9, 2021. This will be a joint meeting.

MINUTES:

- October 6, 2021 – tabled until next meeting
- October 20, 2021- tabled until next meeting

DEPARTMENTS:

- There were no updates from Departments.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fall Special Town Meeting November 22, 2021:

The Board of Selectmen are in receipt of the last draft of the warrant. This has been reviewed by Town Counsel.

The following articles were presented on warrant:

- Article 1: Monetary Increases
- Article 2: Bills of Prior Fiscal Year
- Article 3: Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Adjustments
- Article 4: Reimbursement of Reserve Fund Transfer from Public Safety Stabilization Fund for Fire Truck Repairs
- Article 5: Fund Other Post-Employment Benefits
- Article 6: Capital Stabilization Fund
- Article 7: General Stabilization Fund
- Article 8: Senior Center Van
- Article 9: Highway Department Salt Shed Storage Addition
- Article 10: NESHAP Inspection of Old Town Hall
- Article 11: Fire Department/EMS Chest Compression Machine
- Article 12: Amend Town of Millville Bylaws Chapter 20 Personnel
- Article 13: Cap on Senior Tax Work off and Veterans Tax Work Off

Article 1: Monetary Increases:

- This is a standard article requiring that any monetary changes to amounts addressed in the warrant include funding sources.

Article #2: Bills of Prior Year:

- There will be finalization of prior year bills at the next meeting.

Article 3: Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Adjustments:

- The budget adjustments were provided for the Selectmen to review. The monetary increases were submitted by the Finance Committee. There was a recommendation to strike the increase to the Council on Aging in the amount of \$5,000.00.

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

- This Article is to a transfer from the public safety stabilization fund in the amount of \$28,000 for the purpose of reimbursing the reserve fund for monies spent repairing the Firetruck.

Article #5, #6, #7:

- The Board of Selectmen were informed that Articles #5, #6, and #7 were placed ^{on} the warrant with the intent if there was some free cash available. This is doubtful and can be withdrawn on the town meeting floor.

Article #8 – Senior Center Van:

- The Board of Selectmen were informed that this article is to vote to transfer \$10,000 from the Millville Capital Stabilization account to be used to fund 20% of the cost of the van, provided the balance comes from a MASS DOT grant. This grant needs to be applied for before the end of the fiscal year. The grant requires that the ^{State} town needs to know the town has put aside the 20%. A representative from the Council on Aging explained why the need for the van. This new vehicle will cost \$50,000. The smaller van is more economical. It will also accommodate two wheelchairs.

• *no analysis was done; there was added quickly*

Article #9 Highway Department Salt Shed Storage Addition:

- This article is to see if the town will vote to transfer \$100,000 from Millville's Capital Stabilization account to build a storage addition to the salt shed for use by the Highway Department. There were two estimates provided with different design aspects. There will be follow-up discussion about this at the next meeting.

• *this article was added quickly*

Article #10 NESHAP Inspection of Old Town Hall:

- Article #10 is to see if the town will transfer \$10,000 from Millville Capital stabilization account to be used for a NESHAP Inspection of the Old Town Hall. It was explained that this is necessary prior to the altering or tearing down the building and to evaluate it for hazardous material and to identify appropriate options.

Article 11: Fire Department/EMS Chest Compression Machine:

- Article 11 is to transfer from the public safety stabilization fund \$15,000 for the purpose of purchasing an automatic CPR device for the town's ambulance. The town did request that this be paid for through the CARES funds, but the request was denied.

Article #12 Amend Town of Millville Bylaws Chapter 20 – Personnel:

- Article 12 is to rescind in its entirety Chapter 20 and inserting the noted language as drafted by the Town's compensation consultant.

Article #13 Cap on Senior Tax Work Off and Veterans Tax Work Off

- It was recommended by Town Counsel to withdraw this article.

On a motion made by Todd Trottier, seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board voted to remove Article #13 as prepared.

Old Business:

ARPA Administrator:

The ARPA administrator Sara Hoecker provided a presentation on ARPA. The presentation explained what the town can cover when looking at how to allocate the money. —There was a share screen which showed the possible distribution of funds for Massachusetts. The town awarded over \$950,000 in ARPA funds. To date, the town has received half of this funding. The

town must have an obligated amount within the statutory period between March 3, 2021, and December 31, 2024. The funds would need to be expended by December 31, 2026, or returned. There are some major categories with a broad spectrum on how to spend the funds. There was a recommendation to stay flexible with what could be included. All of the money spent is subject to an audit. The town would like to leverage some of the funds to apply for grant opportunities. The town needs to be smart about the spending of \$952,996.00.

There was a draft chart with examples of possible preliminary spending.

- Stormwater Infrastructure:
- Water solutions
- New town hall – former site
- Essential employee retro pay
- Specialized Consultant
- Administration

Public Forum:

- Resident Ouellette had a question about the budget and wanted to know if these were transfers or adjustments.
↳ additional detail here
- The Senior Center director wanted clarity about if the \$3,500.00 was pulled from the budget. It was explained that this was taken out of the budget and can be looked at in the Spring.

Selectmen Reports:

- The Halloween party was a success. Thank you to all who took part and volunteered to assist with the event.

Town Administrators Report:

Building Inspector Search Committee:

- There will be interviews started for the Building Inspector position.

Finance Committee Meeting:

- There will be further review of the budget and warrant on Wednesday, November 5, 2021

CARES ACT:

- The CARES ACT funds are almost finalized.

Next Meeting:

- November 15, 2021

Executive Session:

On a motion made by Jennifer Gill and seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board voted unanimously to enter executive session only to return to open session to adjourn under M.G.L. c.30A, Section 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 and also under M.G.: c.30A, Section 21 (f) and (g) to review assorted executive session minutes.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary



Chairwoman, Jennifer Gill

Vice Chairman, Andrew Alward

Member, Todd Trottier

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TOWN CLERK