



BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**290 Main Street
Millville, MA 01529**

Tuesday January 18, 2022

Zoom Meeting

**Residents and meeting participants can also follow the Zoom Technology directions on the
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 Chairwoman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Building Inspector:

The Board of Selectmen invited the new Building Inspector, Joe Fitzpatrick to the meeting. Mr. Fitzpatrick explained that he has started the position and it is going well. He is available to residents. If someone wants to set up an appointment his information is available on the town website. Mr. Fitzpatrick is available mornings and afternoons. Inspections are also done on the weekend.

ARPA Update:

The ARPA representative Sarah Hoecker was present by zoom. Ms. Hoecker explained that the Final Rule was released by the US Treasury on January 6, 2022. The town is looking into how to best allocate the funds. The town is looking to use the funds for personnel, administration, public health/safety and infrastructure needs. The town has been allocated approximately \$950,000.00. After discussion on the benefits of adopting the Standard Allowance now allowed under the Final Ruling, the Board was asked to adopt and apply for the standard allowance, which allows use of ARPA fund for a broad range of government services. At this time, the Board of Selectmen would like to be informed of, with ability to review, all uses of ARPA funds and the methodology of review was discussed. The Town will need to record and document all the expenditures. The funds will need to be committed to be expended by December 31, 2024.

On a motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board of Selectmen voted by roll call to adopt the election of standard allowance.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Jennifer Gill | aye |
| Andrew Alward | aye |
| Todd Trottier | aye |

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Thank you to Representative Fattman for moving forward with securing the \$75,000.00. The Board will be looking into the timeframe for spending the money.
- Residents were informed that there will be drones flying around the town doing inspections for Eversource.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- There is no new correspondence received.

MINUTES:

January 4, 2022:

On a motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Todd Trottier, the Board of Selectmen voted by roll call to accept the minutes from January 4, 2022 with revisions.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Jennifer Gill | aye |
| Andrew Alward | aye |
| Todd Trottier | aye |

Departments/Boards:

Board of Health:

There was no representative from the Board of Health present at the meeting. The Board of Health will be invited to the next meeting. The Chairperson will attend the Board of Health meeting on January 26, 2022. There has been no update to the COVID numbers.

OPIAD Settlement:

The Board of Health is not interested in participating in the OPIOID Settlement and will not take any action.

Mask Mandate Policy:

There has been no change to the Mask Mandate Policy.

State of Emergency:

The Board of Selectmen will take no further action at this time regarding the Town's current State of Emergency and its continuation.

BMR Capital Update and Discussion:

The Chairperson informed the members that she will continue attending the BMR meetings regarding the school capital projects. There is a project to pave sections of the Middle School driveway. There is also another project which addresses remediation of the asbestos existing at the High School. The Board expressed concerns regarding the cost of the major renovation project for the High School and Middle School currently being contemplated. The Board would like the district to review other possible options. The Town will likely need to consider funding the feasibility study at a future date. The feasibility study is estimated to cost the town approximately \$191,850.00 for its share of the cost. The next Capital meeting will be February 1, 2022. The Town Administrator will be meeting with the school representatives tomorrow.

Appointment:

Part-Time Police Officer:

On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Todd Trottier, the Board voted by roll call vote to appoint Jeffrey Beckwith as a part-time police officer for the Town of Millville through June 30, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Jennifer Gill | aye |
| Andrew Alward | aye |
| Todd Trottier | aye |

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board was informed that Mr. Crivello has drafted a Master Facilities Plan. This document includes recommended courses of action. It was suggested to appoint Mr. Crivello as a Capital Program Committee Advisor.

On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Todd Trottier, the Board of Selectmen voted by roll call vote to appoint Rich Crivello as a Capital Program Committee Advisor through June 30, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Jennifer Gill | aye |
| Andrew Alward | aye |
| Todd Trottier | aye |

OLD BUSINESS:

48 Hour Agenda Items:

The Board of Selectmen are in receipt of an email from Town Counsel regarding the items anticipated after the 48-hour notice. Town Counsel recommended that it is not advisable to act until another evening when posted but can if so choose.

PUBLIC FORUM:

- No comments

SELECTMEN REPORT:

- There will be a Capital Planning Committee meeting on February 1, 2022.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Budget:

The Departments/Board received the budget guidance letter. The Town Administrator will be meeting with the Superintendent of Schools this week to discuss budget issues and process.

Municipal Association:

The Mass Municipal Association annual in person meeting this month has been cancelled but the meeting will be held remote.

Metacomet Center:

There have been recent concerns about the Metacomet services. It was recommended to have a meeting with the Chiefs to discuss some of the issues.

There was a motion for the Board to enter executive session.

On a motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board voted by Roll Call to enter executive session per M.G.L.c. 30A, Section 21(a) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Teamsters Union Local 170 (Town of Millville Firefighters Unit) and to discuss strategy relative to pending litigations (DeToma V. Millville) where discussions of these matters in open session would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the town and will only go into open session to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call:

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| Andrew Alward | aye |
| Jennifer Gill | aye |
| Todd Trottier | aye |

FUTURE MEETING:

- February 7, 2022

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Roll Call Vote:

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| Jennifer Gill | aye |
| Andrew Alward | aye |
| Todd Trottier | aye |

The regular meeting ended at 8:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary

Chairwoman, Jennifer Gill

Vice Chairman, Andrew Alward

Member, Todd Trottier

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TOWN CLERK

Jennifer Gill

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