



BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**290 Main Street
Millville, MA 01529**

Monday May 16, 2022

Zoom Meeting

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

PRESENT:

Chairman Jennifer Gill, Vice Chairman, Andrew Alward and Member Richard Bremilst.

ALSO PRESENT:

Town Administrator, Peter Caruso

The Chairwoman opened the zoom meeting at 7:00 p.m. then the Board went into executive session.

Executive Session:

On a motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board voted by Roll call to enter into executive session per M.G.L. c. 30 A, 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 nonunion personnel (police chief and fire chief).

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Gill	aye
Andrew Alward	aye
Richard Bremilst	aye

The meeting was resumed at 8:20 pm in open session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There are no announcements

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The town is in receipt of the National Grid Vegetation Management Plan Letter
- Letter to the town regarding the Algonquin gas maintenance
- Audit Engagement Letter Robert Brown II CPA – FY 22-FY24

Audit Engagement Letter:

On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the letter for the services for audit engagement letter for \$22,000.00 for FY 2023-2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Gill	aye
Andrew Alward	aye
Richard Bremilst	aye

MINUTES:

- No minutes to accept

DEPARTMENTS:

- There were no updates from Departments.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Town Meeting Review:

The Town Moderator was present to discuss the annual town meeting review. The meeting went smoothly and there were no holds on the budget. There needs to be consideration of a special town meeting to act on the free cash and stabilization allocation. The four articles which were passed over need to be acted upon to use the money prior to June 30, 2022. The Town Moderator did not recommend lessening the quorum due to COVID so it will remain at 40.

Opening of Warrant:

On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted by roll call vote to hold the special town meeting on June 6, 2022 with an alternative date of June 14, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Gill	aye
Andrew Alward	aye
Richard Bremilst	aye

The Chairwomen read the noted articles which will be placed on the special town meeting warrant article.

On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted to approve Articles 1-4 as noted.

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Gill	aye
Andrew Alward	aye
Richard Bremilst	aye

Close Warrant:

On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted to close the warrant.

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Gill	aye
Andrew Alward	aye
Richard Bremilst	aye

Discussion of Hiring Process of Public Safety Chiefs:

The Board of Selectmen would like to bring in Acting Police Chief Coupe and Acting Fire Chief Liard for an interview. There will be a list of questions provided to them prior to the interviews. The Chairwomen will provide her list of questions to the Town Administrator to provide to the applicants. A question was asked why the two positions were not openly posted. Those employees are acting in those current positions.

Board of Selectmen Agenda Item Calendar:

The Chairwomen would like to have a calendar of events for the Board of Selectmen. This was shown on a share screen. This will be used to add and delete items for the Board of Selectmen to work on such as policies and procedures. It would be beneficial to consult with the Finance Committee Chair.

ARPA Update Spending Requests:

The APRA spending to date is \$76,000. A breakdown of what was spent was provided and reviewed. There has been a request to adjust the senior center van request from \$10,000 to \$13,000 since the cost increased since last estimate provided.

On a motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board voted by roll call to amend the van estimate from \$10,000.00 to \$13,000.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Gill	aye
Andrew Alward	aye
Richard Bremilst	aye

COA Carport:

Gerry Finn presented a request from ARPA funding for a carport. There were two bids presented. This will include free shipping. The amount in estimate is \$5,746.00. The recommendation is for \$6,000.00.

On a motion made by Richard Bremilst, seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board voted by roll call to use the ARPA funds in the amount of \$6,000.00 for the senior center carport.

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Gill	aye
Andrew Alward	aye
Richard Bremilst	aye

BVT Fusion Laser:

School Committee representative Gerry Finn provided a presentation on the request for a Fusion Laser for BVT students funded through the ARPA funds. The description and need for the fusion laser was provided. This equipment will be used by the regional student body at BVT. This was tabled and will be taken up later in the agenda. No official vote was taken.

Council on Aging: Richard Hurteau:

The Board of Selectmen have received an email from resident Richard Hurteau of concerns about actions by the Council on Aging. The email was read into the record. Resident Richard Hurteau was present to express his concerns. The Council on Aging representative Pat Finn was also present. She explained that all the meeting minutes are posted and is in the process of answering the questions raised in the email. The Board of Selectmen will be looking into this further to see if there was any wrongdoing. This item will be on the next regular meeting.

Vote on the Fusion Laser:

On a motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted by roll call to use the ARPA funds in the amount of \$22,000.00 for the Fusion Laser.

Roll Call Vote:

Jennifer Gill	aye
Andrew Alward	nay
Richard Bremilst	aye

Old Business:**Continuation of Policies and Procedures:**

- There were no updates at this time.

BOS Survey Update:

- The survey was sent to the residents.

Public Forum:

- No residents spoke.

Selectmen Reports:

Town Administrator Report:

Appointment Letters:

The town appointment letters were sent out last week.

Aggregate Energy Rates:

- The aggregate energy rates have been set until 2024 at .11 kw. This information will be placed on the town website.

Next Meeting:

- June 6, 2022

Adjourn:

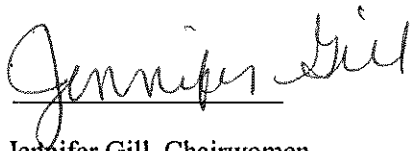
On a motion made by Richard Bremilst, seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board voted by roll call to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 pm

Roll Call Vote:

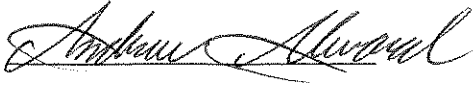
Jennifer Gill	aye
Andrew Alward	nay
Richard Bremilst	aye

Respectfully Submitted,

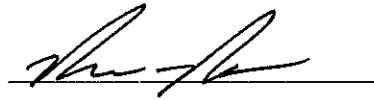
Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary



Jennifer Gill, Chairwomen



Andrew Alward, Vice Chairman



Richard Bremilst, Member

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