



## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**290 Main Street  
Millville, MA 01529  
May 2, 2022**

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### **PRESENT:**

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

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Town Administrator, Peter Caruso

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

The agenda was taken out of order to go into executive session.

**On a motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board voted to go into executive session per M.G. L. c.30A, Section 21(a)(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value or real property if the Chair declares that an open session would be detrimental and will return to open session.**

### **Roll Call Vote:**

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| <b>Jennifer Gill</b>    | <b>aye</b> |
| <b>Andrew Alward</b>    | <b>aye</b> |
| <b>Richard Bremilst</b> | <b>aye</b> |

The members returned to open session at 7:31 pm.

Upon exiting executive session, the agenda was taken out of order by the Chairwomen since there were guests present at the meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Annual Town Meeting Planning:**

The Town Moderator Jackie Lima was present to discuss the annual town meeting. The meeting will take place on May 9, 2022 at 7:00 pm at MES. The room can accommodate the general public and there can be social distancing for those who would like this option. There is no requirement for masks. Copies of warrants will be available in the back of room at town meeting. The Finance Committee will be holding the public hearing on Wednesday, May 4,

2022. The Town Administrator will provide the final warrant recommendations at the next meeting.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

#### **School Committee:**

The Board of Selectmen are in receipt letters of interest for the school committee openings. Both interested candidates Erin Zimmerman and Edward Novio explained why they are interested in seeking this appointment.

On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint Erin Zimmerman as the BMR School Committee representative.

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint Erin Zimmerman and Edward Novio as the BMR School Committee representatives until the next election.**

The school committee representatives who were present also voted to recommend the appointment of Edward Novio and Erin Zimmerman.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The Finance Committee will hold their public hearing on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 7:00 pm.
- The BMR Family Fun Day will be held on May 15, 2022 from 1-4

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- TEC Associates PW2022 Vegetation Control Program.
- Algonquin Gas Transmission Line Maintenance during May.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

#### **March 21, 2022:**

**On a motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board voted to approve the minutes from March 21, 2022. (Member Bremilst abstained).**

#### **April 5, 2022:**

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted to approve the minutes from April 5, 2022 with noted amendments.**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Animal Control Officer Intermunicipal Agreement Approval:**

The Board discussed the intermunicipal agreement for the regional Animal Control Officer. This position will be serving six towns. The animals will continue to be housed in Blackstone. This position will be paid through Uxbridge. The town has the ability to get out of the agreement with a 60-day notice. There was a concern that there is no control in Millville. This will allow more coverage on the weekends. This agreement is for three years.

**On a motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the intermunicipal agreement for animal control services.**

### **Old Business:**

#### **Budget:**

The Board is in receipt of the budget. There was some minor tweaking of the OPEB for \$100,000.00. There was also an increase to the COA budget. The town has a modest surplus of \$9,300.00. The tuitions from vocational schools will be finalized July 1, 2022.

#### **Annual Town Meeting Warrant:**

The warrant was read and reviewed.

The warrant was reviewed by the Chairwomen.

#### **Article #1:**

**On a motion made by Jennifer Gill, seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board voted unanimously to recommend Article #1 as written.**

#### **Article #2:**

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted unanimously to recommend Article #2 as written.**

#### **Article #3:**

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted unanimously to recommend Article #3 as written.**

#### **Article #4:**

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted unanimously to recommend Article #4 as written.**

#### **Article #5:**

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted unanimously to recommend Article #5 as written.**

#### **Article #6:**

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted unanimously to recommend Article #6 as written.**

#### **Article #7:**

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted unanimously to take no action on Article #7 since there is not enough information to move forward.**

**Article #8:**

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted unanimously to approve Article #8 and the dollar amount will be filled in when free cash is determined.**

The Town Administrator informed the Board that the estimated free cash amount is \$350,000.00. The amount may not be determined by Town Meeting.

**Article #9:**

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted unanimously to approve Article #9.**

As above, the dollar amount will be determined with the motion if/when free cash is known.

**Article #10:**

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted unanimously to approve Article #10.**

As above, the dollar amount will be determined with the motion if/when free cash is known.

**Article #11:**

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted unanimously to approve Article #11.**

There will be no action required on this article if town meeting approves the amount budgeted for BMR OPEB in Article 6.

**Article #12:**

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted on a split decision to not approve Article #12. (Andrew Alward (nay), Jennifer Gill (nay), Richard Bremilst (yay))**

**Article #13:**

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted unanimously to approve Article #13.**

**Article #14:**

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted unanimously to approve Article #14.**

**Article #15:**

There was discussion on Article #15. There is a concern about the language regarding no input from the Finance Committee relative to salary. There was a suggestion to amend the Article to include language in two places to insert language “ approved by Board of Selectmen and reviewed by Finance Committee. This is in Section 21 and added language in 20.3

There were residents present asking if this language was reviewed by Town Counsel. The public was made aware that the town has worked with a consultant to complete a compensation study. The end result of this was the recommended article.

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted unanimously to approve Article #15.**

**Article #16:**

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted to approve Article 16 with the understanding that Article #15 needs to pass.**

**Old Business:**

- The Chairperson informed the Board that the survey will be mailed next week.

**Board of Selectmen Forum:**

- No Comments

**ARPA update:**

The Annual Report for ARPA was completed. There was some difficulty about submitting this into the treasury portal but after numerous attempts the Towns submission was properly made.

**Town Administrator Report:**

**Beavers – MES Water:**

There was discussion about the beaver situation with MES water. The Town Administrator does not believe the issue with the water is regarding the beavers. There was a recommendation from the Town Administrator to leave the beavers and clean the culverts to lower the water levels.

**North Smithfield:**

There was a meeting with the representative from North Smithfield about the getting water for the homes on Providence St. with well water quality issues in Millville. This will be no cost to the town.

**Kempton Road:**

There has been discussion with Senator Fattman and Representative Soter about possible water for Kempton Road, also for homes with well water quality issues.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- The old Town accountant will be sentenced May 4, 2022.
- Representative Soter will be earmarking \$25,000.00 for a police command vehicle.

- The Town wrapped up the MVP meetings and the town will be provided with a draft report of the hazardous mitigation plan.

**Next Regular Meeting:**

- May 16, 2022

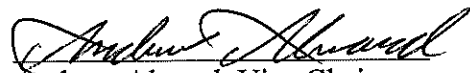
**Adjourn:**

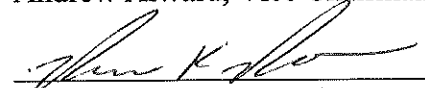
**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland  
Recording Secretary

  
Jennifer Gill, Chairwomen

  
Andrew Alward, Vice Chairman

  
Richard Bremilst, Member

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AM 9:32

TOWN CLERK