



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

**290 Main Street  
Millville, MA 01529**

**Monday, August 15, 2022**

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### **PRESENT:**

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

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Town Administrator, Peter Caruso

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Representative Soter was present to provide an update to the Board on some of the happenings at the State level. There continues to be the finalizing of the fiscal budget. The economic package he was hoping for did not get approved to date. There continues to be work on the agreement for the earmarking of the funds. The Chapter 70 monies was finalized. The Town will be receiving \$25,000 for a police vehicle. The town will hopefully receive the \$50,000.00 for the repair and renovation of the old town hall. He will be checking if this has been moved to the economic development bill. There will be money requested for road work to be done on Lincoln Steet and Chestnut Hill Rd. Representative Soter continues to work on the water situation at Kempton Road. Due to redistricting, the Town of Millville will have a new representative, Congressman Jake Auchincloss. It was suggested to have him introduced at an upcoming Board of Selectmen meeting. There will need to be some decisions made by the towns of Millville and Blackstone on how they want to proceed with the high school. There has been a change to the education reform funding. It has been communicated to the town that the FY 2024 budget for school will be challenging. Representative Soter would like to set up a meeting to assist the town on what can be spent for ARPA money. The town is looking to address the recurring issues with the internet and charter. For any residents seeking fuel assistance there will be more information provided to the town in October. Please contact Representative Soter if interested to see if you qualify for the program.

The town can take part in a recycling day on September 18, 2022 at the Uxbridge High School. There will be a charge for the high demand items. A mailer will be sent with more information.

## **APPOINTMENTS:**

### **Treasurer/Collector:**

The Board is in receipt of a letter and resume from Jane Snellman in application for the open position of Treasurer/Collector. Ms. Snellman explained a list of her accomplishments. She explained the variety of goals she has for the department.

Some of the tasks she has completed to date while working as a finance assistant for the town over the last few months include the following:

- Fixed the non-functioning online excise tax payment system.
- Caught up the motor vehicle refunds in town. Those abatements are going out in a timely manner. Working with deputy collector.
- The general ledger has been caught up and funds have been settled.
- FY23 budget has been set up. There has been work done to streamline the turnover verification process.
- She is currently taking classes and courses on betterments, land of low value, and tax collector best practices.
- The free cash should be ready by the May 2023 Annual Town Meeting.

### **Appointment:**

#### **Treasurer/Collector:**

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint Jane Snellman as the Treasurer/Collector through June 30, 2023.**

### **Resignation:**

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Samantha Chatterton as the Treasurer/Collector effective immediately.**

### **Veteran's Memorial Park Appointment:**

Members of the Trustees of Veterans Memorial Park were present to support the appointment of Richard Hurteau replacing previous member Norman Thuot. John Hadley spoke on his behalf. Selectman Alward would like to see a letter of support from the Trustees and the resident in the future to be consistent with BOS appointment policies.

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Richard Hurteau as a Trustee of Veterans Memorial Park through June 30, 2023.**

### **Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment:**

The Board is in receipt of the request for reappointment of Jeff Sutherland to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The appointment of Joanne Mulvey may be needed in order to act on an executive session issue the Board is facing.

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint Jeff Sutherland as a member of Zoning Board of Appeals through June 30, 2025.**

After some discussion the Board took no action on the appointment of Joanne Mulvey.

### **Cable Advisory Committee:**

The Board is in receipt of a presentation from the Chairman of the Cable Advisory Committee. Jack Moran. An overview of the committee and cable contract negotiations was provided. The town is currently operating under the current agreement but there is drafting of a new agreement in process. The town needs to continue to create competition for services. Fios will be coming to the town. The town needs to also replace some of the equipment since it is obsolete. Mr. Moran stated the town would benefit by 10 additional towers to provide better reception. There will be surveys done to see what services people are using. There will also be research done to see if there may be any additional benefits or services to consider.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- The Board was in receipt of a memo from KP Law informing the town that Remote meetings will be extended through March 31, 2023.
- The Board also received written confirmation from the Attorney General regarding an open meeting law violation complaint. The office of Attorney General found there to be no violation.

### **MINUTES:**

- The minutes will be tabled until the next meeting.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

#### **Election Police Detail:**

The Board is in receipt of a letter from the Town Clerk regarding the appointment of police officers for the elections.

**On a motion made by Jennifer Gill , seconded by Andrew Alward the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to approval the election police detail and constables as noted in the letter from the Town Clerk.**

#### **State Primary Warrant:**

The Board is in receipt of the State Primary Warrant.

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the 2022 State primary warrant and sign the 7 copies.**

**Full Circle On-Line Permitting:**

The town is looking into an on-line permitting system. There is a one-time set up cost which would include the annual licensing fee. This annual license fee would need to be included in the building department budget yearly. There was a suggestion to have the contract modified to reflect only 9 months of license fees in FY 2023. The total cost of set up and nine months license fee is \$12,330.00. This will be covered through ARPA funds.

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to approve Full Circle On-Line Permitting to be funded up to \$12,330 through ARPA funds.**

**Ratification of Local 170 Police Union Contract MOU:**

The Board is in receipt of the teamster's police union contract Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) which needs to be voted for ratification.

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the ratification of the local teamster police union contract memorandum of agreement.**

**ARPA FUNDS for Millville Police Officer Bonus Opportunity Policy:**

There was a letter presented regarding the various positions receiving bonuses from the ARPA funds.

**On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the bonuses as noted in the policy letter, which will be funded through the ARPA funds.**

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

**Old Town Hall Renovation:**

The town is in the process of seeking engineering quotes for services to repair the old town hall. The town is obligated to solicit three bids.

**Street Lights:**

The recommended changes to the streetlights which were discussed at the last meeting were provided to the National Grid representative.

**Meeting Protocol:**

There will be a creation of a meeting schedule with updated policies. This will be discussed at the second meeting in September.

**BMR Regional High School:**

There is a site study meeting regarding the BMR Regional High School on September 15, 2022 at 1:00. The statement of interest will be discussed along with the next steps.

**Massachusetts Municipal Association Cannabis Legislation:**

The Board was informed that the Governor is signing an expansion of the Cannabis legislation. There will be revisions and broadening of host agreements with towns. There is discussion about restricting the impact fee of 3%. When there is more information provided, there will be an update.

**Infrastructure Bill:**

The Town was informed that there has been \$11.5 billion allocated to the state from the recent federal infrastructure bill. How these funds will be utilized and distributed is yet to be determined.

**Animal Control:**

The agreement for the regional animal control officer is underway. The Police Chief in the Town of Uxbridge is the administrator of the program. There are interviews being done for a second animal control officer.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

- There were no comments during public forum.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN FORUM:**

- There was a movie event held on August 4, 2022 at the Millville Elementary School.

**Next Meeting:** September 6, 2022

On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted by roll call vote to enter into executive session per M.G.L c.30A, section 21 (a)(3) to discuss strategy relative to pending litigation (Carlisle versus Town of Millville), returning to open session only to adjourn.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Andrew Alward	aye
Richard Bremilst	aye
Jennifer Gill	aye

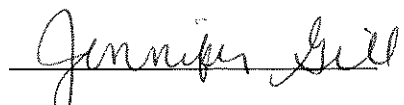
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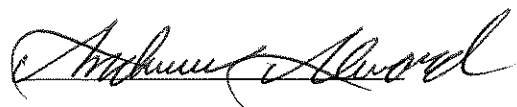
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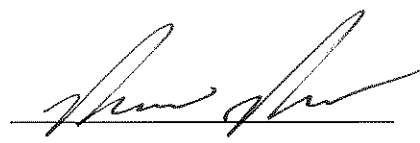
TOWN CLERK

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland

  
Jennifer Gill, Chairwomen

  
Andrew Alward, Vice Chairman

  
Richard Bremilst, Member