



BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

290 Main Street

Millville, MA 01529

Monday October 17, 2022

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Town Administrator, Peter Caruso

Parks and Recreation:

The Parks and Recreation member Kevin Delgizzi was present to discuss the options regarding the old playground at the police station. The last plan for this area was a basketball court. It was determined that there may be a leach field under this area. There has not yet been a determination about actual the leach field. The Town Administrator has engaged a septic company to assess the location and potential workarounds if an impermeable surface is installed over it. The Town would like to see a basketball court in this location. There is potential need of \$15,000-\$20,000 in ARPA funds. There was a discussion about the benefits for imperviable versus permeable surfaces. The Town Administrator will have try to have answers by the November 7, 2022 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There will be an event at the Millville Library October 19th from 6-9 pm for Pinterest Craft Night featuring Skeleton Door Hanger.
- October 25th from 6-8 pm is another event at library for paint night.
- MECC Recruitment Open Houses during October are continuing.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The town received a letter regarding the Millville MVP program.
- The town residents will be receiving a mailer about the Millville Energy Aggregation program.

52 Fisher Street:

The Board is in receipt of correspondence to the Selectmen and Town Administrator regarding a situation at 52 Fisher Street. The neighbor of 52 Fisher Street claims that the resident at 52 Fisher Street has rats coming from his site, is violating the wetlands, is placing animals and their housing within the setback areas, and is videotaping his home. The Animal Control Officer will be inspecting and providing a report. The Board of Health will also be proving an inspection of the site. The abutter indicated that the DEP was notified. The Zoning Compliance Officer has done an initial review of site and will be inspecting further. This will be put into a report. The Town would like to research the allegations and get facts on the situation. The owner at 52 Fisher Street Roland Barret was present. Mr. Barrett explained that he does have cameras on his property which are there to view his animals. The police department did view the videos and did not find that they were pointing into the abutter's windows. He responded that all members are welcome to visit his property. The DEP will be doing a site visit on Thursday.

The Board of Selectmen will be getting updates and reports from the various committees. This topic will be included on the November 7, 2022 agenda.

DEPARTMENTS:**BMRSD UPDATE: Superintendent of Schools:**

Superintendent Dr. DeFalco was present to provide an update to the Board of Selectmen. The School Administration has hired an interim business manager who comes with years of experience. The school had a successful summer offering summer programs to over 400 children. The district also served over 3,200 meals to children throughout the district. There was also an accelerated academy for graduated students. There is also a focus on how to remain staff. The school currently has 30 new teachers. The administration is trying to put together a mentoring program which will be part of the professional development sessions. The district will be beginning its budgeting sessions. This budgeting for the next fiscal year will be a challenge. The MSBA study was discussed. BMR is one of 22 schools accepted into the next phase of MSBA project evaluation. If the project is approved the next phase would be to have a feasibility study done. The funding for such a study would have to be approved at a future Town Meeting. The schools currently have too much space. The school has recently funded a resource officer.

Treasurer/Collector Update:

The Treasurer Collector provided an update on the following:

- The financing for the betterment loan program has been provided and the paperwork just needs signature of the Town Administrator.
- The demand notices have been sent out. The town continues to have great collection rates. To date the Town has received 69.9% of collections from FY2022.
- One of the projects being worked on is correcting those properties which change hands making sure the ownership information and address are correct.
- There continues to work on cleaning up some of the old balances.

- The office has a system in place for securing the records which are now under lock and key.
- There is a recommendation to review certain fund accounts since they are currently in low interest-bearing accounts. The goal is to see these accounts earning more without additional risk.
- The Unibank accounts have been put online.
- The online building permit program is continuing to be a work in progress. The goal is to have Unibank online with the permit payments.
- The motor vehicles refunds are working well.
- There is a meeting with the tax title attorneys later this month.

OLD BUSINESS:

66 Ironstone St.:

The Town Administrator provided an update on the actions taken so far with Ironstone Street. The Town Administrator does not feel that this needs to be considered a public nuisance at this time. There has been substantial progress. The Board of Health also communicated there has been progress. The tires on site are completely gone. The Town still needs to get permission to enter the site. There is no need for a public hearing. The Board of Health violation fees have been lifted.

Old Town Hall:

The Board was informed that the Building Inspector did seek quotes from engineers for the design engineering for the roof repairs. The quote received so far was for \$7,500.00. There were multiple quotes solicited. The Town is waiting to see if any others are received.

Approval of Minutes:

September 26, 2022:

On a motion made by Richard Bremilst, seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from September 26, 2022, as revised.

Election Warrant:

The Board is in receipt of the election warrant for November 8, 2022. There are seven copies which need approval and signature.

On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted unanimously to approve and sign the election warrant for November 8, 2022.

New Business:

Municipal Agreement Town Planner:

The Board was reminded that the town previously entered into an intermunicipal agreement (IMA) for the town planner services. Those services were to fund the town planner under the

IMA but services over the last year have been funded through a grant. The grant period has ended. The IMA is currently being revised with one or more shared employees of the Town of Uxbridge. The Board will be presented with a revised IMA for their approval at a future meeting.

ARPA FUNDS:

The Board will be presented with an ARPA spreadsheet at the next meeting. There was a quote which came in for the Senior Center Water System Upgrades for less than \$2,000.00.

On a motion made by Andrew Alward, seconded by Richard Bremilst, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Senior Center Water System Upgrades in the amount of up to \$2,000.00 to be paid by the ARPA funds.

NEXT MEETING:

- November 7, 2022

Executive Session:

On a motion made by Richard Bremilst, seconded by Andrew Alward, the Board voted by Roll call vote to enter into Executive Session per M.G.L. Section 30A 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 (police chief).

Roll Call Vote:

Andrew Alward	aye
Richard Bremilst	aye
Jennifer Gill	aye

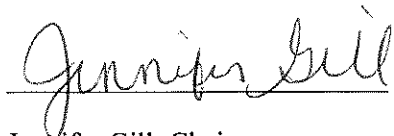
Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary

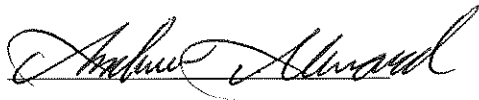
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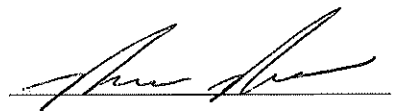
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Jennifer Gill, Chairwomen

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Andrew Alward, Vice Chairman

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Richard Bremilst, Member

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