

TOWN OF MILLVILLE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMAN
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
October 6, 2021 (1 of 2)

Board Members Present: Chairperson, Jennifer Gill; Vice Chairperson, Andrew Alward; Selectman, Todd Trottier

Board Members Absent: None

The Board of Selectman was joined by Peter Caruso, Millville Town Administrator and Town Attorney Brian Maser to discuss the following items:

Mr. Maser extended another offer of a \$100,000 lump sum payment to Chief Landry for his retirements.

- There was discussion of the impact of this payment to the budget.
- Cannabis revenues will total roughly \$84,000 and mitigation costs will add another \$84,000 to the budget for an additional \$168,000. This will more than cover the costs. Mitigation revenues should also go to Public Safety so this works out well for Millville.
- Discussion around appropriating money to ensure we have individuals in the proper roles – this will have to be a Town Meeting Article.
- Vice Chair Alward voiced objections to the payment. His main concern was he preferred an investigation.

On motion by J. Gill, second by T. Trottier, the Board votes (2 - 1) to accept this agreement with Chief Landry - \$100,000 for his retirement. Vice Chair Alward noted in the discussion of the motion that this was a significant amount of money for Millville. Chair Gill stated that from a monetary perspective this most likely is the path of lowest cost for Millville.

On motion by J. Gill, second by T. Trottier, the Board votes (3 – 0) unanimously to appoint Sgt. William Coupe to Acting Police Chief.

On motion by J. Gill, second by A. Alward, the Board votes (2 - 0 – 1, T. Trottier abstained) to appoint Deputy Chief Roy Liard to Acting Fire Chief.

With approval from the Town's Counsel, Chair Gill drafted this statement to make upon exit from executive session.

Chief Ronald Landry has retired effective Friday, October 8, 2021 from his position of Fire Chief, Police Chief and MEMA Director.

Sgt William Coupe is the Acting Police Chief.

Deputy Fire Chief Roy Liard is the Acting Fire Chief and MEMA Director.

These positions will be ratified at the next scheduled Board of Selectman Meeting.

The Board has no further comment on this matter.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT

On motion by A. Alward, second by T. Trottier, the Board votes (3-0) unanimously to adjourn the Executive Session meeting at 7:47 pm.

Approved By Board of Selectmen:



Jennifer Gill, Selectman and Chairman

Andrew Alward, Selectman and Vice Chairman

Todd Trottier, Selectman

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