

RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.

Town Moderator, Les Davis, recessed the Special Town Meeting at 7 pm in order to open the Annual Town Meeting on time at 7 pm. He then immediately recessed the ATM to resume the STM which finished at 7:10 pm and was dissolved.

The Annual Town Meeting then was resumed at 7:10 pm.

ARTICLE 1: MONETARY INCREASES.

Motion made by the Finance Committee and duly seconded that the Town vote to authorize that any motion or amendment to increase any monetary articles or line items as recommended by the Finance Committee, presented at this Town Meeting, shall be Out of Order unless such motion or amendment states the source of funding as being from available free cash, or the line item, article, or other funding source that will be reduced by the same amount; or take any other action in relation thereto.

MODERATOR DECLARES UNANIMOUS VOTE, MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 2: AUTHORIZE LOANS.

Motion made and duly seconded that the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of revenues of the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2014, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, , §4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, §17; or take any other action in relation thereto.

MODERATOR DECLARES UNANIMOUS VOTE, MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 3: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – CHAPTER 90.

Motion made and duly seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate, to borrow, or to transfer from any available funds, or any combination thereof, a sum of money for the Highway Department to be used for engineering, construction, reconstruction and/or repair to Town roads and bridges with said funds to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under M.G.L. c.90; or take any other action in relation thereto.

MODERATOR DECLARES UNANIMOUS VOTE, MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 4: REVOLVING FUNDS.

Motion made and duly seconded that the Town vote to create and/or continue authorizing revolving funds for certain Town departments pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, as indicated in the Warrant article.

MODERATOR DECLARES UNANIMOUS VOTE, MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 5: CABLE LICENSE FEES.

Motion made and duly seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the lesser amount of either Fifty percent (50%) of any fees collected in the Cable License fund, as returned from the Cable License holder to the Town, or Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00), and forward said funds to the Superintendent of Schools of the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District for use by the Director of Library and Media Services to enhance the curriculum offerings that are available in the School District, and further to authorize the Cable Access Committee to forward said funds on or before June 1, 2015; or take any other action in relation thereto.

MODERATOR DECLARES A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 6: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT/POLICE - FY 2015-2017.

Motion made by Roland Barrett and duly seconded by John Laura that the Town vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from any available funds a sum of money to fund salary increases and other cost items associated with implementing the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Millville and Teamsters Local 170 Police Officers Union, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017; or take any other action in relation thereto.

MODERATOR DECLARES UNANIMOUS VOTE, MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 7: BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – DEBT AUTHORIZATION.

Motion made by Gerry Finn and duly seconded by Les Davis that the Town vote to approve the total \$2.9 million debt authorized by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee on April 17, 2014 for costs of adding to, equipping, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the regional school, including all costs incidental and related thereto, with the Town's apportioned share to of debt payments computed in accordance with

the Regional Agreement and commencing in fiscal year 2016. (The average cost per year for the Town of Millville over the next 20 years will be approximately \$7,535.00)

MODERATOR DECLARES UNANIMOUS VOTE, MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 8: FUND CAPITAL BUDGET.

Motion made by Roland Barrett and duly seconded by Joe Rapoza that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$25,000.00 from Ambulance Receipts Reserved-Government and the sum of \$48,000.00 from Ambulance Receipts Reserved-Public Safety to the Capital. Budget Account. (This annual article allows for funding the Capital Budget as part of the Town's ongoing goal to create a 5-year capital plan in order to address the numerous capital improvement projects/equipment that exceed the operating budget.)

MODERATOR DECLARES UNANIMOUS VOTE, MOTION CARRIES

Before any action was taken on this Article, Les Davis the Town Moderator, asked the members of the Board of Registrars who were checking in the registered voters for the Town Meeting to give him the count of voters in attendance at that time. He was told by Pat Finn that she had a total of 246. This information was given to him at 7:20 pm.

ARTICLE 9: FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET.

Motion made and duly seconded to approve all the line items not being held for discussion.

MODERATOR DECARES UNANIMOUS VOTE, MOTION CARRIES.

Budget Line Items On Hold:

HOLD on Total Highway Maintenance is released.

A HOLD was called for by Christina Dugas on the \$2,288,361.00 line item for the BMR Regional School that was made by the Finance Committee. A motion was made by Steve Tringali and duly seconded by Jane Reggio (both members of the BMR School Committee) to amend (increase) the line item for the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District by the amount of \$158,192.00.

There was much discussion and debate re this article and Town Moderator agreed to a Secret Ballot after more than seven voters present requested it.

ARTICLE 13: TOWN CLERK.

Motion was made by Roland Barrett and duly seconded by John Laura, pursuant to M.G.L. c.41, §1B, to have the elected position of Town Clerk become an appointed position, subject to the approval of an official ballot question on the Election Warrant at the next Annual Town Election.

Several people came forward who disagreed with this Article including current Town Clerk, Marcia Lancot. She said that this Article has been put in the Warrant several times now and has always been voted down by the voters. The Town Clerk said that the Office of Town Clerk has been an elected office since colonial times and she said that she would like to remain that way and asked those present to vote down this article.

MODERATOR DECLARES A MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, MOTION FAILS

ARTICLE 14: HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

A motion was made by Roland Barrett and seconded by Erin Vinacco to Strike this Article.

MODERATOR DECLARES MOTION TO STRIKE UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 15: TREE WARDEN.

A motion was made by Roland Barrett and seconded by Jennifer Dean-Wing to Strike this Article.

MODERATOR DECLARES MOTION TO STRIKE UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 16: QUORUM OF VOTERS – BY-LAW AMENDMENT.

A Motion was made and duly seconded to Strike this Article.

MODERATOR DECLARES MOTION TO STRIKE UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 17: CAPITAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE – BY-LAW AMENDMENT.

A motion was made by Roland Barrett to move in the words of the Article to amend the Millville By-Laws, Part I – Administrative Legislation, Chapter 5 – Administration, Article 1 –

Committees, Boards and Councils, Section 5-3 - Capital Program Committee, Paragraph A – Members, by deleting the following language: “none of whom shall be a Town office holder or employee.”; or take any other action in relation thereto. This motion was seconded by John Laura.

MODERATOR DECLARES MAJORITY VOICE VOTE, MOTION CARRIES

At 10:35 Jennifer Dean-Wing made a motion to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. This was seconded by Paul Ouellette.

MODERATOR DECLARES UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE, MOTION CARRIES

A true copy attest,

Marcia T. Lancot
Town Clerk of Millville