

TOWN OF MILLVILLE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS



Saturday, October 3, 2020
MILLVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
12:00 P.M.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF MILLVILLE**

**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020 – 12:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order at: 12:03 PM

Present: Town Moderator: Jackie Lima
Town Clerk: Diane Lockwood
Town Administrator: Peter Caruso
Town Counsel: Brian Riley, KP Law
Selectmen:
Erica Blake, Jennifer Gill, Jennifer Dean Wing, Kevin Surrence
Finance Committee:
Aubrey Buono, Adrienne Pettit, Gary Gill, Ken Tubman

of Registered Voters in Attendance: 57

Total # of Registered Voters: **2268**

ARTICLE 1. MONETARY INCREASES.

To see if the Town will 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. *Submitted by: Finance Committee*

Article #1.

Motion made and 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 sources that will be reduced by the same amount.

Moderator declared a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 2. BILLS OF PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c.44, §64 to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds such sums of money necessary for the purpose of paying outstanding bills from prior fiscal years, and/or take any other action relative thereto. *Submitted by: Town Accountant & Town Administrator*

Motion: **Article #2. Bills of Prior Fiscal Year**

Motion made and seconded to take no action on this Article.

Moderator declared a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 3. FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, to borrow, or to transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to adjust Town expenses from what was previously approved in Article 6 of the Millville June 22, 2020 Annual Town Meeting warrant for specific departments as identified, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021; or take any other action in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Town Administrator, Town Accountant & Finance Committee*

Motion: **Article #3. FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate an additional \$52,438 as deemed necessary to adjust Town expenses from what was previously approved in Article 6 of the Millville June 22, 2020 Annual Town Meeting warrant for specific departments as identified in the budget document presented to Special Town Meeting and to transfer the sum of \$52,438 from the FY 20 Free Cash amount.

Moderator declared a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 4. REIMBURSEMENT OF GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND FOR PAYMENT TO PURCHASER OF 20 DEPRAITRE STREET.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from any available funds a sum of \$183,000 to be placed in the General Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reimbursing the General Stabilization fund for monies spent reimbursing the purchaser of the lot identified as 20 Depraire Street. *Submitted by: Finance Committee*

Motion: **Article #4.**

A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$183,000.00) to be placed in the General Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reimbursing the General Stabilization fund for monies spent reimbursing the purchaser of the lot identified as 20 Depraire Street.

Moderator declared a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 5. FUND OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB).

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds a sum of money to the OPEB Liability Trust Fund for the purpose of reducing the unfunded actuarial liability of health care and other post-employment benefits of retired employees; or take any other action in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Town Administrator & Finance Committee*

Motion: **Article #5.**

A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$100,000.00) to the OPEB Liability Trust Fund for the purpose of reducing the unfunded actuarial liability for health care and other post-employment benefits of retired employees.

Moderator declared a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 6. CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from any available funds a sum of money to the Capital Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto. *Submitted by: Finance Committee & Town Administrator*

Motion: **Article #6.**

A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the amount of Two Hundred Forty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$245,000) to the Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund.

Moderator declared a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 7. GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from any available funds a sum of money to be placed in the Stabilization Fund; or take any other action in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Town Administrator & Finance Committee*

Motion: **Article #7.**

A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the amount of One Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Three and 00/100 Dollars (\$182,293.00) to be placed in the General Stabilization Fund.

Moderator declared a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 8. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FRONT LOADER/BACKHOE

To see if the town would vote to allocate \$45,000 from Millville's General Stabilization account to be used to purchase a used Front Loader/Backhoe for use by the Highway Department. *Submitted by: Highway Surveyor & Capital Program Committee*

Motion: **Article #8.**

A motion was made and seconded that the town vote to appropriate Forty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$45,000.00) to purchase a used Front End Loader/Back Hoe from the Capital Improvements Stabilization fund.

Moderator declared a unanimous vote.

Article 9. BMR Regional Agreement Revision

To see if the Town of Millville will vote to approve the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District Amended Regional Agreement as presented by the School Committee dated April 27, 2020, which are on file at the Millville Town Clerk's Office, Superintendent of Schools Office and the Millville Public Library. *Submitted by: Blackstone-Millville Regional School District*

Motion: **Article #9.**

A motion was made and seconded that the Town of Millville vote to approve the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District Amended Regional Agreement as presented by the School Committee dated April 27, 2020, which are on file at the Millville Town Clerk's Office, Superintendent of Schools Office and the Millville Public Library.

Moderator declared vote passes.

Article 10. SENIOR TAX WORK OFF PROGRAM

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MA General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5K, providing for the adoption by the Town of Millville for a Senior Volunteer Tax Relief Work-Off Program, in which persons over the age of 60 volunteer to provide services to the Town. In exchange for such volunteer services, the Town shall reduce the property tax bill by abatement in the amount of up to \$1,000.00 maximum. This program is to be capped at \$7,000.00. The hourly rate for such services shall be established by the Board of Selectmen and not exceed the current minimum wage of the Commonwealth, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Senior Center Director

Motion: **Article #10.**

A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to accept the provisions of MA General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5K, authorizing the Board of Selectmen to establish a program providing for a Senior Volunteer Tax Relief Work-Off Program, in which persons over the age of 60 volunteer to provide services to the Town. In exchange for such volunteer services, the Town shall reduce the property tax bill of a participant by abatement in the amount of up to \$1,000.00 maximum. The hourly rate for such services shall be established by the Board of Selectmen and not exceed the current minimum wage of the Commonwealth.

Moderator declared a unanimous vote.

Article 11. VETERAN TAX WORK OFF PROGRAM

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MA General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5N, providing for the adoption by the Town of Millville for a Veteran Volunteer Tax Relief Work-Off Program, in which a veteran, or the spouse of a veteran in the case where the veteran is deceased or has a service-connected disability, may volunteer to provide services to the Town. In exchange for such volunteer services, the Town shall reduce the property tax bill by abatement in the amount of up to \$1,000.00 maximum. This program is to be capped at \$3,000.00. The hourly rate for such services shall be established by the Board of Selectmen and not exceed the current minimum wage of the Commonwealth, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Motion: **Article #11.**

A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to accept the provisions of MA General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5N, authorizing the Board of Selectmen to establish a program for a Veteran Volunteer Tax Relief Work-Off Program, in which a veteran, or the spouse of a veteran in the case where the veteran is deceased or has a service-connected disability, may volunteer to provide services to the Town. In exchange for such volunteer services, the Town shall reduce the property tax bill of a participant by abatement in the amount of up to \$1,000.00 maximum. The hourly rate for such services shall be established by the Board of Selectmen and not exceed the current minimum wage of the Commonwealth.

Moderator declared a unanimous vote.

Article 12. PUBLIC WAY ACCEPTANCE OF HURTEAU ROAD.

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way Hurteau Road, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan entitled "Street Acceptance Plan of Land of Hurteau Road in Millville, Massachusetts (Worcester County)", prepared by Andrew Survey & Engineering, Uxbridge, Massachusetts, scale 1"=40', dated September 30, 2016, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the fee to or permanent easements in said roadway and any drainage, access, utility and/or other easements related thereto, or do or act anything in relation thereto.

Submitted by: Planning Board and Highway Surveyor

Motion: Article 12. PUBLIC WAY ACCEPTANCE OF HURTEAU ROAD.

A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way Hurteau Road, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan entitled "Roadway Acceptance Plans of Hurteau Road, Ronden Road & Albert Drive (STA 0+00-4+67.26) in Millville Massachusetts" dated 11/2/2017, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, and to accept the deed or deeds to the Town the fee to or permanent easements in said roadway and any drainage, access, utility and/or other easements related thereto.

Moderator declared a unanimous vote.

Article 13. PUBLIC WAY ACCEPTANCE OF RONDEN ROAD.

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way Ronden Road, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan entitled "Street Acceptance Plan of Land of Ronden Road in Millville, Massachusetts (Worcester County)", prepared by Andrew Survey & Engineering, Uxbridge, Massachusetts, scale 1"=40', dated September 30, 2016, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the fee to or permanent easements in said roadway and any drainage, access, utility and/or other easements related thereto, or do or act anything in relation thereto.

Submitted by: Planning Board and Highway Surveyor

Motion: Article 13. PUBLIC WAY ACCEPTANCE OF RONDEN ROAD.

A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way Ronden Road, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan entitled "Roadway Acceptance Plans of Hurteau Road, Ronden Road & Albert Drive (STA 0+00-4+67.26) in Millville Massachusetts" dated 11/2/2017, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, and to accept the deed or deeds to the Town the fee to or permanent easements in said roadway and any drainage, access, utility and/or other easements related thereto.

Moderator declared a unanimous vote.

Article 14. PUBLIC WAY ACCEPTANCE OF ALBERT DRIVE PARTIAL (CARRIAGE I).

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way Albert Drive, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan entitled "Street Acceptance Plan of Land of Albert Drive in Millville, Massachusetts (Worcester County)", prepared by Andrew Survey & Engineering, Uxbridge, Massachusetts, scale 1"=40', dated September 30, 2016, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the fee to or permanent easements in said roadway and any drainage, access, utility and/or other easements related thereto, or do or act anything in relation thereto.

Submitted by: Planning Board and Highway Surveyor

Motion: Article 14. PUBLIC WAY ACCEPTANCE OF ALBERT DRIVE PARTIAL (CARRIAGE I).

A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way the constructed portion of Albert Drive, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan entitled "Roadway Acceptance Plans of Hurteau Road, Ronden Road & Albert Drive (STA 0+00-4+67.26) in Millville Massachusetts" dated 11/2/2017, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, and to accept the deed or deeds to the Town the fee to or permanent easements in said roadway and any drainage, access, utility and/or other easements related thereto.

Moderator declared a unanimous vote.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve warrant:

Meeting adjourned at: 12:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane C. Lockwood
Town Clerk
Notary Public, Justice of the Peace