

**SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 25, 2023
Veterans Memorial Building Room 229
900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054**

Chair Schultze called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

The following persons were present Chair Craig Schultze, Vice Chair Ellen Rosenfeld, Clerk Erin Underhill, Town Administrator Mike Guzinski, Assistant Town Administrator/HR Manager Karen Bouret DeMarzo.

Announcements

The Friends of Millis Public Library are celebrating 40 years and 10 years in the new building. Please join them on Saturday October 14th, 2023, from 10am-2pm at the Millis Public Library.

The Millis Recreation Department is hosting a Prospect Hill Cemetery Stroll with Steve Main on Saturday 10/14/23 at 12:00pm.

Robert Weiss Economic Development and Planning Director announces the 3A MBTA Survey will be available online for the public tomorrow 9/26/2023.

23-190 Vote to Approve and Sign Community Aggregation Energy Letter

Sel. Rosenfeld made a motion to approve and sign the Community Aggregation Letter dated 9/25/23 as written. Sel. Underhill seconded the motion. Sel. Schultze polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

23-191 Appointments

- *Recruit On Call Firefighters*
Sel. Rosenfeld made a motion to ratify the Town Administrators appointment of Dean Kubacki, Ryan Smith, Damian Benitez as On Call Firefighter Recruits subject to successful physical examination results. Sel. Underhill seconded the motion. Sel. Schultze polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.
- *Acting Fire Lieutenant*
Sel. Rosenfeld made a motion to ratify the Town Administrators appointment of Brian Polimeno as Acting Fire Lieutenant effective immediately. Sel. Underhill seconded the motion. Sel. Schultze polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

23-192 Tri-County School Building Project Presentation/Discussion

Dan Hayes Business Manager of Tri-County, Brian Mushnick Chair of the Tri-County School building Committee and Jane Hardin the Millis Representative on the Tri-County Board, discuss the Tri-County School building Project.

Dan Hayes states they have been working on this project since 2019 when they were accepted in to the MSBA. He reviews the plans for the new school which will include more classroom space and dedicated entrances for the customers to use to utilize the vocational services (e.g., cosmetology, culinary, etc.). The new building will be completed in September 2027. He reviewed the District Vote process which includes a District Ballot Election – Chapter 71 Section 16(n) that will be held on October 24, 2023. The debt issue is a 30-year bond, debt repayment assessment based on October 1 enrollment annually with an assumed 5 pupil minimum for capital debt assessment.

Sel. Schultze questioned the need for the track and fields being rebuilt knowing they are not reimbursable. Brian Mushnick discusses the non-reimbursable costs of the new school including the needed vocational technology that is not needed at a traditional school. He states the reason for the new fields is that is where they will be storing everything to save money having it be on site and not transported on and off location.

23-193 Vote to Approve and Sign 10/24/23 Election Warrant

Sel. Rosenfeld made a motion to approve and sign the election warrant for Tuesday, the 24th of October 2023 as written. Sel. Underhill seconded the motion. Sel. Schultze polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

23-194 Review/Approval of 10 Acorn Street Sewer Connection

Sel. Rosenfeld made a motion to approve the sewer extension permit application for 10 Acorn Street subject to the technical modifications listed by the Town's peer review engineer to provide a written statement from the applicant stating the existing and proposed building uses to justify the assumed three employees. Sel. Underhill seconded the motion. Sel. Schultze polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

23-195 Approval of One-Day Alcohol License – Bryce McCarthy Liaison Updates

Sel. Rosenfeld made a motion to approve the One-Day Special Alcohol License submitted by Rich McCarthy for Bryce Matthew McCarthy Memorial Foundation fundraiser to be held at Oak Grove Farm on Saturday, October 28th from 1:00-5:00pm subject to proof of liquor liability insurance naming the Town as insured in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. Sel. Underhill seconded the motion. Sel. Schultze polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

23-196 Board/Committee Liaison Updates

Sel. Underhill attended a School Building Committee meeting where they discussed the building timeline.

Sel. Rosenfeld attended the Charles River Pollution Control District meeting where they discussed their budget.

Sel. Schultze attended the Capital Planning Committee where they discussed the proposed list of Capital item requests.

23-197 Approval of DRAFT Minutes

Sel. Rosenfeld made a motion to approve the draft minutes from 9/14/23 meeting as written. Sel. Underhill seconded the motion. Sel. Schultze polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

Sel. Schultze made a motion to enter Executive Session at 9:10pm to discuss strategy with respect to potential litigation (Dangerous Dog Decision Appeal) and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and contract negotiations (Millis Police) only emerging to adjourn. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded the motion. Sel. Schultze polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Victoria Schindler