

Select Board Meeting Minutes 01/10/22

Sel. Jurmain Called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

The following persons were present via Zoom: Sel. Peter Jurmain, Sel. Erin Underhill, Sel. Craig Schultze. Town Administrator Mike Guzinski and Operations Support Manager Karen Bouret Demarzo.

Announcements

Fire Chief Rick Barrett remembered former Fire Chief Warren Champagne and Veterans Services Officer John Moore remembered volunteer Mark Slayton. Both men passed away recently. Chair Pete Jurmain asked for everyone to have a moment of silence to honor these men.

22-001 Board of Health COVID-19 Update

John McVeigh, Board of Health Director, spoke about the current COVID situation with the new omicron variant spreading rapidly. Mr. McVeigh said the vast majority of Millis is vaccinated at this point, but the positivity rate is now at 13% with considerable transmission ongoing. Mask mandates have been extended in schools by the state. Mr. McVeigh reiterated that masks are required in all municipal buildings per order of the Select Board and strongly advised at other businesses in town. A discussion ensued about possibly mandating masks at other town businesses and the Board decided to continue to watch the situation closely. The Board strongly recommended that all public board and committee meetings are held virtually for the time being.

22-002 Approval of Senior Project for AED

Colin Christie, a senior at Millis High School, stated that his senior project will be to have a CPR training class to raise money for an AED at town park. Chief Barret said an AED is an automated external defibrillator. He asked the Board to approve the location

Sel. Schultze made a motion to approve Colin Christie's senior project including locating a new AED near the tennis courts at Town Park. The motion was seconded by Sel. Underhill. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

22-003 Appointment of Department Assistant II – BOA

Sel. Schultze made a motion to ratify the Town Administrator's appointment of Elizabeth Rand as Department Assistant II at the Board of Assessors. The motion was seconded by Sel. Underhill. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

22-004 Appointment of Regional Animal Control Officer

Sel. Schultze made a motion to ratify the Town Administrator's appointment of Erin Mallette as Regional Animal Control Officer pending a successful CORI, physical and drug screening. The motion was seconded by Sel. Underhill. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

22-005 Appointment of Assistant Animal Control Officer

Sel. Schultze made a motion to ratify the Town Administrator's appointment of Kelley Ward as Assistant Animal Control Officer pending a successful CORI, physical and drug screening. The motion was seconded by Sel. Underhill. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

22-006 Hearing: Stormwater/Land Disturbance at 2 Frontier Lane

Chair Jurmain made a motion to enter a stormwater and land disturbance hearing for 2 Frontier Lane. The motion was seconded by Sel. Underhill. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

Dan Merrikin of Legacy Engineering reviewed the stormwater plans at 2 Frontier Lane. Melissa Recos, the Town's consultant at BETA, said she reviewed the plans and draft decisions. The Board had no comments or questions.

Chair Jurmain made a motion to close the stormwater and land disturbance hearing for 2 Frontier Lane. The motion was seconded by Sel. Underhill and passed unanimously.

Sel. Underhill made a motion to grant a Stormwater Management Permit and a Land Disturbance Permit for 2 Frontier Lane based on the findings identified in the draft decision dated January 7, 2022, subject to the conditions enumerated therein and including the grant of a waiver to not require the location of trees larger than 12 inches. The motion was seconded by Sel. Schultze and passed unanimously.

22-007 Appointment of Police Academy Recruit Officer

Police Chief Chris Soffayer asked the Board to ratify the Town Administrator's appointment of Colby Zitoli as a Recruit Officer to begin attending the Police Academy in Randolph.

Sel. Underhill made a motion to ratify the Town Administrator's appointment of Colby Zitoli as a Millis Police officer recruit at that Randolph Police Academy. Sel. Jurmain seconded this motion. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

22-008 Appointment of Full Time Public Safety Dispatcher

Chief Soffayer said Max Moran has been a great Part-Time Dispatcher and will move into the Full-Time role to fill in Colby Zitoli's slot.

Sel. Schultze made a motion to ratify the Town Administrator's appointment of Max Moran as a Full-Time Public Safety Dispatcher. The motion was seconded by Sel. Underhill. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

22-009 Appointment of a Library Assistant

Sel. Underhill made a motion to ratify the Town Administrator's appointment of Fatima Neville as a Library Assistant with a Teen Services Focus. The motion was seconded by Sel. Schultze. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

22-010 Enterprise Funds Advisory Committee (EFAC) Sewer Bylaw Recommendations

Cathy MacInnes, Chair of the EFAC, reviewed a proposed Sewer Bylaw Proposal (see attached) put forth by the EFAC. Sel. Schultze asked for the actual number of homes that this will affect with is approximately 300 homes. A discussion ensued about what that means. A possible moratorium and getting this on the Annual Town Meeting this coming spring. It was decided that this is to be prioritized within the next two meetings.

Sel. Underhill said she is working on a PowerPoint presentation that can be shared with the public in advance of the ATM to help inform residents about this important issue.

The Board asked the EFAC to get as much detailed information as guidance to the Select Board and to focus on Section 5. Ms. MacInnes implored the Board to consider putting a moratorium in place until a bylaw is approved.

22-011 Appointment of Energy Committee Member

Sel. Schultze made a motion to appoint Cullen Ward as a member of the Energy Committee through June 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Sel. Underhill. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

22-012 Presentation of New MBTA Community's Zoning Requirement

Bob Weiss, Economic Development Director, gave an overview of the Draft Guidelines of the state's new legislation under MGL Ch. 40A, s. 3A. This legislation is a zoning act for MBTA Communities. Mr. Weiss said Millis will be required to adopt a zoning district to allow the development of multi-family housing by right, but Millis' zoning is already well on the way to complying.

22-013 Review/Approval

Sel. Underhill made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign two leasing documents as co-signers of the documents, along with the Millis Public School Board, for the leasing of rooftop space to Solect Energy Development, LLC in order to erect a solar energy generation system at the Clyde F. Brown Elementary School. The motion was seconded by Sel. Schultze. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

22-015 Approval of License Renewals -Tangerini's

Karen Bouret explained that during the annual renewal inspection for licensing by the Fire Chief and Building Commissioner it was discovered that there are zoning-related issues regarding the use of the existing greenhouse for things other than the primary use as a greenhouse. The owners of Tangerini's will need to follow the instructions of the Building Commissioner and work with an architect to comply with existing zoning. Ms. Bouret asked the Board to approve the renewal of the 2022 Common Victualler, Entertainment and All Alcohol licenses with the caveat that the owners will file for an Amendment of Premises in order to comply with zoning.

Sel. Underhill made a motion to approve the renewal of the 2022 Common Victualler, Entertainment and All Alcohol licenses for Tangerini's Farm. The motion was seconded by Sel. Schultze. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

22-016 Approval of Water/Sewer Commitment

Sel. Underhill made a motion to approve the Water/Sewer commitment in the amount of \$1,104.26. Sel Schultze seconded this motion. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

Sel. Underhill made a motion to move into Executive Session at 9:05pm to discuss a strategy in preparation for negotiations with union personnel. (Massachusetts Coalition of Police 171 and Millis Police Association Dispatcher). Sel Schultze seconded this motion. Sel. Jurmain polled the board and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Victoria Schindler

9:05 PM

Executive Session included Chief Soffayer

Mr. Guzinski reviewed the proposals put forth by the Police union and suggested responses from the Town for the Board to consider. Mr. Guzinski noted that there will be a proposal from the Town to respond to all of these as one package that will be accepted or not.

Move to exit ES

EU Then CS at 9:40 pm

EU then CS adjourn at 9:41 pm