

Select Board Meeting Minutes 06/15/2020.

Chair Barnes called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

The following persons were present via ZOOM Chair Loring Barnes, Vice Chair Jim McCaffery, Clerk Pete Jurmain, Town Administrator Mike Guzinski, Operations Support Manager Karen Bouret.

Announcements

The Transfer station will be closed on July 4th, 2020. It will be open on Friday July 3rd from 8:00-11:00am and then 12:30-3:30pm.

The Town Administrator recommends all Town staff working in the VMB building not directly working the election work from home on election day.

The Town Administrator recommends the VMB building open to the public by appointments only on June 23rd and the earliest phase 3 can begin is June 29th.

The pickleball courts reopened on June 5th and will remain open to the public.

The Independent Millis Business Task Force Update: "Make it in Millis" will sell loyalty cards for customers to earn 10 % off every Tuesday at Millis Local Businesses.

The Spring Election Ballot deadline is Friday 6/19/20.

The Election and Annual Town Meeting Warrants are posted on the Town website.

20-113 Charter Review Committee Progress

Police Chief Christopher Soffayer states that the Charter Review Committee will continue reviewing the Town Charter and meet over the Summer and plan to present any recommended changes to the Town Charter for the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

20-114 Tree Warden Report

Tree Warden Robert Cantoreggi reviews the update on the numerous removals of dead trees in Town which are results of extreme drought and the multiple species of invasive bugs. The DPW has worked closely with Eversource to help with this process. There are still areas where Hazard Trees need to be removed including Forrest Road, Birch Street, Dover Road, Norfolk Road, Middlesex Street, Orchard Street, and Ridge Street. Mr. Cantoreggi is asking for more money to help finish this project and make the Town safer, approximately \$50,000-\$60,000.

20-115 Economic Development: Review and Approval of Temporary License to Enter & Use Town Owned Land for Napper Tandy's

Economic Development Director Bob Weiss discusses the request for Napper Tandy's for a temporary License to enter and use Town owned land for an outdoor seating area. The ABCC will allow this temporary license depending on the Select Boards decision.

Sel. McCaffery made a motion to approve a temporary License to enter and use Town owned land for Napper Tandy's until November 1st. Sel. Jurmain seconded the motion. Chair Barnes polled the Board, Barnes – yay, McCaffery – yay, Jurmain – yay. The motion passed unanimously.

20-116 Town Administrator Performance Review

Town Counsel Kate Feodoroff reviews the process of reviewing the Town Administrator which included evaluating his general duties, support to the Select Board, financial and resource management, economic development, etc. She stated it was a very positive review with a lot of ideas for how to continue to build on the progress made. The final review would be posted on the Town website for the citizens to review.

The Board is happy to announce a new contract with the Town Administrator Mike Guzinski from July 1st, 2020 – June 30th, 2023.

20-117 Pre-Meeting Postings of Select Board Public Meeting Materials & Post Meeting Zoom Recordings

The Board discusses the posting of Select Board meeting materials prior to the meeting to be available to the public to review.

Sel. Barnes made a motion to vote on a policy with regards to public meeting materials. No second.

They also discussed the immediate posting of Zoom recordings after the meeting is complete to make sure the information is out there because minutes have falling behind due to all the immediate challenges the Town is facing.

20-118 Ratify SEIU Memorandum of Agreement

Sel. McCaffery made a motion to ratify the SEIU Memorandum of Agreement as presented and authorize the Town Administrator to sign on the Towns behalf. Sel. Jurmain seconded the motion. Chair Barnes polled the Board, Barnes – yay, McCaffery – yay, Jurmain – yay. The motion passed unanimously.

20-119 Request Department of Revenue Approval for Deficit Spending

Sel. McCaffery made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Town Administrator and the Finance Director to authorize in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 section 31 a deficit spending amount up to \$300,000.00. Sel. Barnes seconded the motion. Chair Barnes polled the Board, Barnes – yay, McCaffery – yay, Jurmain – yay. The motion passed unanimously.

20-120 Chair Community Address: State of the Town & Thank you

Chair Barnes reviewed all of the accomplishments the Select Board has made and thanked her fellow Board members, the Town Administrator, and Operations Support Manager for the last 3 years while serving on the Millis Select Board.

Chair Barnes made a motion to adjourn at 7:50pm. Sel. McCaffery seconded the motion. Chair Barnes polled the Board, Barnes – yay, McCaffery – yay, Jurmain – yay. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Victoria Schindler