

SELECT BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 28th, 2025, 7:00 PM

Veterans Memorial Building, Room 229

900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rosenfeld called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The following persons were present Chair Ellen Rosenfeld, Vice Chair Erin Underhill, Clerk Craig Schultze, and Town Administrator Mike Guzinski.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Middle/High School Project Update:

On Thursday May 1st there will be a public forum held at the Middle School/ High School Auditorium, this meeting will cover the latest and greatest updates of the school building project. The community is encouraged to join the forum, ask questions and get involved in this school building project.

- Town Meeting/Town Election Dates:

Monday May 5th is the date for the spring 2025 annual town meeting; it will be held at 7:30 PM in the Middle School /High School Auditorium. The following Monday May 12th there will be town elections held from 7AM until 8PM at the Veterans Memorial Building. It is encouraged that all residents attend both events to ensure the best outcomes for the Town.

- DPW Updates:

Watering Ban effective May 1st, this will essentially limit watering to two days a week in every household, and it will be determined by odd or even numbers. There will be one day when no watering is allowed. This information will be mailed out to residents as well as posted on the town website, and in the newspaper.

Mr. McKay also mentioned that they have submitted their first requisition to the federal government regarding the PFAS plant and they have gotten the money back in their bank already.

He also mentions that earlier in the day they had met with JH Lynch, the company that will be paving Route 109. Construction could begin any day now; the milling and paving will be done at night to limit heavy traffic and delays.

III. SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS & HEARINGS

25-086: High School Senior Project Presentation

Daneil Sparks, an MHS Senior, took time to present his senior project to The Board, his project involves improving the school grounds by aiding the illegal parking issue on campus. He has worked alongside DPW Director Jim McKay over the last few months to widen the road near the tennis courts to allow for both student and emergency vehicle parking, without blocking the roadway to on-coming traffic.

25-087: Appointment of Building Commissioner

Sel. Underhill motioned the Board vote to ratify the Town Administrator appointment of Robert Fogarty as the Building Commissioner for the Town of Millis. Sel. Schultze seconded the motion, Chair Rosenfeld polled the Board, Schultze- yay. Underhill- yay, Rosenfeld- yay. The motion passed unanimously.

25-088: Approval of BAN for PFAS Plant Construction Project at Well #3

DPW Director Jim McKay and Treasury Collector Jenn Scannell ask the board to authorize the town to enter into a loan agreement with the Mass Clean Water Trust, this is to pay for capital expenditures related to the PFAS plant, which addresses the excessive levels of PFAS identified in Well #3.

Sel. Underhill motioned the Board approve the BAN for the PFAS plant Construction Project at Well #3 as detailed in the Select Board Meeting Packet. Sel. Schultze seconded the motion, Chair Rosenfeld polled the Board, Schultze- yay. Underhill- yay, Rosenfeld- yay. The motion passed unanimously.

25-089: Hearing: Package Store License- Transfer of License, Change of Manager, Change of DBA 915 Main Street

Sel. Underhill moved that the board continue the hearing to Monday May 5th at 6:30 at the Millis Middle/High School Library. Sel. Schultze seconded the motion, Chair Rosenfeld polled the Board, Schultze- yay. Underhill- yay, Rosenfeld- yay. The motion passed unanimously.

25-090: A Municipal Moment

Brutus Cantoreggi, the Town Moderator, spoke about the history of the Town Meetings in Millis. It is an open town meeting, one of the oldest forms of government, and it gives the residents an opportunity to get up and voice their concerns, ultimately being able to shape and change the government as they see fit.

Resident Joyce Boiardi took a moment to speak about how important it is for the moderator to make sure residents feel welcomed and encouraged to speak at town meeting, this is their time to be involved, and it is important that message

IV. OPEN SESSION ITEMS

25-091: Discuss Preparation for Annual Town Meeting

The Town Administrator has been working closely with Millis Community Media to prepare for the live streaming of the town meeting. He explains that they are in transition phase for this upcoming town meeting, and that it will not be on live cable, but live streamed via internet connection.

25-092: Review/ Approve of MYB Batting Cage Project

Pete Berube of Millis Youth Baseball presented the idea of reconstructing the batting cages, something used by both Millis Youth and Millis Varsity Baseball and Softball. The cages are in poor condition and have long been overdue for some repairs, now that they have adequately fundraised, they are requesting the DPWs assist in the demolition and disposal of the cages so that they can rebuild in their existing location.

Sel. Underhill motioned the board vote to authorize the Department of Public Works to assist Millis Youth Baseball with the demolition and disposal of the old batting cages and concrete foundations at Majors Field, and to allow Millis Youth Baseball to install new batting cages and concrete pads at the same location. Sel. Schultze seconded the motion, Chair Rosenfeld polled the Board, Schultze- yay. Underhill- yay, Rosenfeld- yay. The motion passed unanimously.

25-093: Vote to Award Contract for Lansing Millis Train Station Renovation

The town received two proposals for the Lansing Millis Building Restoration Project, the low bid was Aqua Barriers Inc. The winning base bid for the project was \$230,690, the Permanent Building Committee is also in agreement that the bid should be awarded to Aqua Barriers.

Ellen recuses herself from the vote.

Sel. Underhill moved that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Permanent Building Committee, award the contract for the Restoration of the Lansing Millis

Building to Aqua Barriers Inc., and to authorize the Town Administration to sign the “letter of award” to Aqua Barriers, Inc. Sel. Schultze seconded the motion. All those in favor, Sel. Underhill-Yay, Sel. Schultze- Yay, the motion passed unanimously.

There was a brief discussion regarding the wording, and that the project is a restoration of the exterior of the envelope of the building, not a renovation to bring the building up to new standards.

25-094: Review/Approval of Outdoor Seating:

Sel. Underhill motion the board approve outdoor seating for Napper Tandy’s and Kravings as requested and descried in the materials in the meeting packet. Sel. Schultze seconded the motion, Chair Rosenfeld polled the Board, Schultze- yay. Underhill- yay, Rosenfeld- yay. The motion passed unanimously.

Sel. Underhill moved that the Board vote to approve the use of a portion of the town owned parking area by Napper Tandy’s and Kravings for a one year period effective May 1, as shown on in the photo and/or drawing. Sel. Schultze seconded the motion, Chair Rosenfeld polled the Board, Schultze- yay. Underhill- yay, Rosenfeld- yay. The motion passed unanimously.

25-095: Board/ Committee Liaison Updates

No updates to share

25-096: Review/Approval of Water/Sewer Commitment

Deferred

25-097: Review/Approval of DRAFT Minutes

Deferred

V. ADJOURNMENT

Sel. Underhill motioned to adjourn, Sel. Schultze seconded the motion, Chair Rosenfeld polled the board, all were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Samantha Beaudry