

Select Board Meeting Minutes 02/07/22

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

The Following persons were present: Chair Pete Jurmain, Vice Chair Erin Underhill, Clerk Craig Schultze, Town Administrator Mike Guzinski, Operations Support Manager Karen Bouret DeMarzo.

Announcements

Herman 'Buz' Downing died, he was a proud member of Millis. The Board thanks him for his service. Lions club is holding a fundraiser for a new sign in front of the VMB.

22-016 Municipal Response to the CCC for Advesa

Sel. Schultze made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign and complete on behalf of the Board the Municipal Response Form to the Cannabis Control Commission. Sel. Underhill seconded this motion. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

22-017 Ratification of Ambulance and Fire Truck Contracts

Sel. Jurmain made a motion to ratify the vote of the Select Board to approve the contract from the purchase of an Ambulance In the amount of \$339,51.00. Sel. Underhill seconded this motion. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

Sel. Schultze made a motion to ratify the vote of the Select Board to approve the contract from the purchase of a Firetruck In the amount of \$639,013.00. Sel. Underhill seconded this motion. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

22-018 Valuation Update Agreement for Taxable and Exempt Real Property

Sel. Schultze made a motion to approve the contract with Vision government solution for \$28,000 and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign on the Boards behalf. Sel. Underhill seconded this motion. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

22-019 Discuss Proposed Sewer Bylaw

The Select Board reviewed the proposed Sewer Connection Bylaw.

1) Connectors

- a.) The Select Board extended the "one year" to "18 months".
- b.) The Select Board discussed what an appropriate amount for a fee would be per hookup. Jay Talerman from Town Counsel stated that waiving or reducing the fee could cause issues in the future and set a precedent. Sel. Schultze stated with all the new tie-ins that would cover the lost revenue to the sewer system.

2) Enforcement

- a) The Board agreed accept what is written and to keep the fines in pace.

3) Exemptions

- a) The Board agreed to change the date to when the bylaw is passed instead of when the Board started talking about this bylaw. The Board agreed to change the connection period from 10 years to 15 years of when a new septic system was installed.
- b)

4) Regulations

- a) No changes

5) Developers and Builders

- a) Jay Talerman from Town Counsel recommended that this is to be a regulation and not included in the bylaw. He will look at sewer permitting to see if we can limit it to a date/time.

22-020 Discuss proposed Sewer Moratorium

Sel. Jurmain stated he doesn't want to discourage new businesses from coming into Town and since the Board can override it at any time it's more of an advisory.

Sel. Schultze stated the moratorium gives notice and lets developers know we are over capacity.

A discussion ensued about the pros and cons of the moratorium.

Sel. Underhill voiced concerns about missing opportunities because builders won't come with a moratorium.

Jay Talerman from Town Counsel suggests a 6-month moratorium in order to get policies in place and rescind the moratorium sooner rather than later to not miss out on a 40B development opportunity.

Sel. Schultze made a motion to pass a moratorium on sewer connections from 3/1/22 ending 7/31/22. With special permits or plan approval on or before 3/1/22. Sel. Underhill seconded this motion. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

Sel. Jurmain made a motion to enter executive session at 9:00pm to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with union personnel. (Massachusetts Coalition of Police Local 171, Millis Police Association Dispatchers, SEIU). Sel. Underhill seconded this motion. Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Victoria Schindler