

**SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday October 12th, 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, Assistant Town Administrator/HR Manager Karen Bouret DeMarzo.

Announcements

The Mass DEP has awarded the Town of Millis Recycling Dividends Program under the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program and will receive \$7,200.00.

There will be a Tri-County Presentation and Ice Cream Social Event held at the Millis Senior Center on Tuesday October 17th, 2023, at 11:30am.

The Flu Clinic will be held on Saturday 10/28/23 from 10am-12pm in the VMB Memorial Gym.

Lisa Hardin, Town Clerk stated the Tri-County Vote will be on October 24th from 12:00pm-8:00pm. Voter registration will be available online or in person in the Town Clerks office.

The Friends of the Millis Public Library event will be held on Saturday 10/14/23 from 10am-2pm with lots of fun games and events.

The Millis Fire Department Blood drive will also be held on Saturday 10/14/23 from 9:00am-2:30am at the Millis Fire Department.

The Millis Fire Department is having their annual Fire Prevention Open House on Sunday 10/15/23 from 10:00am-2:00pm.

DPW Director Jim McKay gave a brief paving update, stating it is complete except for line painting.

23-198 Appointments

- *School Committee Member*
Sel. Rosenfeld made a motion to appoint Ana Hurley as a nonvoting member to the School Building Committee. Sel. Underhill seconded the motion. Sel. Schultze polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

23-199 Hearing: Special Permit 1375 Main Street

Sel. Rosenfeld made a motion to open a Hearing for 1375 Main Street at 7:10pm. Sel. Underhill seconded the motion. Sel. Schultze polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

Ted Cannon spoke on behalf of his client, Joint Venture LLC, who is looking for a Special Permit for the Property of 1375 Main Street. His client would be re-purposing a 46,648 square foot facility for the processing and treating of raw material including grading, drying, sorting, crushing, grinding, and milling operations. This will not be a retail facility.

Tony Ma from GCG Associates reviewed the peer review which is summed by GCG believes that there should not be any major adverse impacts to this developed site due to the change of use and the addition of the dust collector system, based on presented material. However, the certification of the base flood elevations and the proposed works shall be certified by the project engineer.

Sel. Rosenfeld made a motion to open a Hearing for 1375 Main Street. Sel. Underhill seconded the motion. Sel. Schultze polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

Sel. Rosenfeld made a motion to approve the Special Permit and site plan approval application for 1375 Main Street to be re-purposing a 46,648 square foot facility for the processing and treating of raw material including grading, drying, sorting, crushing, grinding, and milling operations, subject to the restrictions stated in the letter of recommendation by GCG. Sel. Underhill seconded the motion. Sel. Schultze polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

23-200 Presentation of Capital Planning Committee Report

Jonathan Barry Chair of the Capital Planning Committee presented the Fall 2023 Report. The Committee approve all 6 projects proposed including Well #3 PFAS Treatment Plant, Communications equipment and antenna for Public Safety, Library system upgrade, HVAC repair for VMB and Fire Buildings, new pickup truck for DPW, and a Vactor truck for the DPW.

23-201 Approval of Extension of Contract with Stump's Tree Service

Sel. Rosenfeld made a motion to approve and authorize the Town Administrator to sign a contract extension with Stumpy's Tree Service for a term of 1 year from November 1, 2023 – November 31, 2024, with Tree service rates are bound to the unit prices listed in the MAPC bid, executed on November 22, 2022.

23-202 Approve & Sign 11/6/23 FATM Warrant

Sel. Schultze made a motion to add \$2,520.00 for a Substance use therapist using opioid funding. Sel. Underhill seconded the motion. Sel. Schultze polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Sel. Rosenfeld made a motion to approve and sign the Fall 2023 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Sel. Underhill seconded the motion. Sel. Schultze polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

23-203 Discuss Tri-County Regional Vocational High School Building Project

Chair Schultze discussed his concerns regarding the Tri-County School Building project including the funding issues from the state and the lack of vocational representation on the MSBA. He urges residents of Millis to Vote on 10/24/23 and to understand to properly fund the project, residents must vote on an override to pay for it.

Vice Chair Rosenfeld urges Millis residents to come and vote regardless of if it's a yes or no, she states every vote counts.

Clerk Underhill stated the current Tri-County building has numerous repairs and renovations needed, even if the new school does not pass the renovations will still be needed and that will come to a substantial cost to the Town.

23-204 Approval of Field of Flags Event for Veterans Day – Millis Lions

Sel. Rosenfeld made a motion to approve the Field of Flags event for Veterans Day 2023. Sel. Underhill seconded the motion. Sel. Schultze polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

23-205 Board/Committee Liaison Updates

Sel. Schultze attended the Capital Planning Committee where they reviewed the capital planning requests and report.

Sel. Rosenfeld attended the cemetery committee where they are redoing their rules.

23-206 Approval of DRAFT Minutes 8/14/23, 8/31/23, 9/25/23

Sel. Rosenfeld made a motion to approve the draft minutes from 8/14/23, 8/31/23, 9/25/23 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), only emerging to adjourn. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded the motion. Sel. Schultze polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Victoria Schindler