

Select Board Meeting Minutes 05/11/20

Chair Barnes called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

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, and Finance Director Carol Johnston.

Announcements

COA Director announced Millis Town resident Josephine Pieler turned 100 years young!

Board of Health Director John McVeigh gives a brief update on the Town's COVID numbers and reviews the State COVID number. He states he is still waiting for more reopening information.

Emergency Management Director, Fire Chief Rick Barrett gives a brief update regarding the "downward trend" of case numbers, thanks to social distancing guidelines and mask wearing.

20-097 Memorial Day Proclamation

Sel. Jurmain reads the 2020 Memorial Day Proclamation.

Sel. McCaffery made a motion to approve the Memorial Day Proclamation as written. Sel. Barnes seconded the motion. Sel. Barnes polled the Board, Barnes – yay, McCaffery – yay, Jurmain – yay. The motion passed unanimously.

20-098 FY21 Budget Discussion Follow-up

Sel. Barnes reviews the current budget proposals.

Town Administrator, Mike Guzinski voiced his concerns regarding the substantial cuts to the Town's FY21 budget without firm knowledge of what actual reductions in revenue were likely to have in FY21.

A discussion ensued regarding the proposed budget cuts and their need to review each line item and consider if they are being too extreme or not. They asked the Town Administrator and the Finance Director to put together a 5% reduction and a 10% reduction. The Board continues discussing the potential cuts to the Municipal and School budget.

The Board agreed to continue this discussion at their next meeting.

20-099 Approval of DPW Bond Anticipation Note

Sel. Jurmain made a motion to adopt the votes prepared by bond counsel in connection with the Town's \$500,000 bond anticipation note that was sold on May 5th, 2020. Sel. McCaffery seconded the motion. Sel. Barnes polled the Board, Barnes – yay, McCaffery – yay, Jurmain – yay. The motion passed unanimously.

20-100 Approval of Transfer of Surplus Funds to Pay Principal & Interest for Debt Service Account

Sel. Barnes made a motion to approve in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44 Section 10 the sum of \$84,331.00 representing the aggregate amount of surplus borrowed funds for projects that are now complete, and for which no further financial liability remains, is hereby transferred to the debt service account to pay principal of and interest on indebtedness of the Town. Attached as Exhibit A is a schedule listing each of such completed projects and the surplus amount of borrowed funds

associated with each such project making up this transfer. We confirm that the total amount remaining unexpected for each of such projects is not in excess of \$50,000 as required by MGL Chapter 44 Section 20. Sel. McCaffery seconded the motion. Sel. Barnes polled the Board, Barnes – yay, McCaffery – yay, Jurmain – yay. The motion passed unanimously.

20-101 Wells 1 & 2 Status Update

DPW Director Jim McKay discussed his most recent meeting with the DEP. They discussed the PFAS testing and the current online status of Wells 1 & 2. Wells 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be tested later this week. He suggests having a joint meeting with the Select Board and Finance committee to discuss the results of the tests with potential remediation costs.

20-102 DPW Appointments:

Sel. Barnes made a motion to ratify the Town Administrators appointment of David Rachmaciej as Department of Public Works Superintendent. Sel. McCaffery seconded the motion. Sel. Barnes polled the Board, Barnes – yay, McCaffery – yay, Jurmain – yay. The motion passed unanimously.

Sel. Barnes made a motion to ratify the Town Administrators appointment of Ronald McKenney as Water and Sewer Superintendent. Sel. McCaffery seconded the motion. Sel. Barnes polled the Board, Barnes – yay, McCaffery – yay, Jurmain – yay. The motion passed unanimously.

Sel. Barnes made a motion to ratify the Town Administrators appointment of Kevin Kandola as Facilities Manager. Sel. McCaffery seconded the motion. Sel. Barnes polled the Board, Barnes – yay, McCaffery – yay, Jurmain – yay. The motion passed unanimously.

20-103 Appointment of DPW Summer Help

Sel. McCaffery made a motion to ratify the Town Administrators appointment of Dan Geraci and Benjamin Butensky as DPW Summer Helpers subject to funding for a period from May 12, 2020 – September 30th, 2020, contingent upon a successful physical and drug test. Sel. Jurmain seconded the motion. Sel. Barnes polled the Board, Barnes – yay, McCaffery – yay, Jurmain – yay. The motion passed unanimously.

20-104 Appointment of ZBA Members

Sel. Barnes made a motion to appoint Bonnie MacDonald to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Sel. Barnes seconded the motion. Sel. Barnes polled the Board, Barnes – yay, McCaffery – yay, Jurmain – yay. The motion passed unanimously.

20-105 Appointment of MBTA Advisory Member

Sel. Barnes made a motion to accept the resignation of Mike Guzinski as the representative to the MBTA Advisory Committee and to ratify the Town Administrators appointment of Bob Weiss to represent the Town of Millis to the MBTA Advisory Committee. Sel. Barnes seconded the motion. Sel. Barnes polled the Board, Barnes – yay, McCaffery – yay, Jurmain – yay. The motion passed unanimously.

20-106 Vote to Approve and Sign Town Election Warrant for 6/15/20

Sel. Barnes made a motion to approve and sign the June 15th, 2020, Town Election Warrant. Sel. Jurmain seconded the motion. Sel. Barnes polled the Board, Barnes – yay, McCaffery – yay, Jurmain – yay. The motion passed unanimously.

20-107 Approval of Water/Sewer Department Commitment for April 2020

Sel. McCaffery made a motion to approve the Water/Sewer Commitment to the Collector in the amount of \$2186.68 for April 2020. Sel. Jurmain seconded the motion. Sel. Barnes polled the Board, Barnes – yay, McCaffery – yay, Jurmain – yay. The motion passed unanimously.

Sel. Barnes made a motion to adjourn at 6:45pm. Sel. McCaffery seconded the motion. Sel. Barnes polled the Board, Barnes – yay, McCaffery – yay, Jurmain – yay. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Victoria Schindler