

TOWN OF MILLBURY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2022

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6 PM

Present: Mary Krumsiek, Katie McKenna, Scott Despres, Chris Naff, and David Delaney
Jayne Davolio

Zoom: Fran DeSimone, Bruce DeVault, arriordan, Maxine, cmarden, Judy Barrett, Pat's Ipad,
Zorro, Tom Ziccardi, Sandy

Regular Session 6 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Sean congratulated the two re-elected Board Members.

Selectman McKenna nominated Selectman Krumsiek for Chair of the Board, Selectman Naff seconded. Sean asked if there are any other nominations, there were none. Selectman Krumsiek stated "I accept".

Selectman Krumsiek entertained a nomination for Vice Chair.

Selectman Naff nominated Selectman McKenna for Vice Chair of the Board, Selectman Despres Seconded. Selectman Krumsiek asked if there were any other nominations, there were none. Selectman McKenna stated "I accept".

Selectman Krumsiek entertained a nomination for Clerk.

Selectman Delaney nominated Selectman Despres for Clerk of the Board. Selectman Despres stated "I accept".

Public Hearing

In conformity with the requirements of Section 22 of Chapter 166 of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held in the Millbury Town Hall, 127 Elm Street, Millbury on **Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 6 PM** on the Joint Petition NATIONAL GRID and Verizon New England, Inc requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public ways:

McCracken Rd- National Grid to remove 1 SO Pole on McCracken Rd beginning at a point approximately 45' feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of McCracken Rd and Greenwood St and continuing approximately 2800 feet in an east direction. Dot Road Project 605377-Remove SO pole along McCracken Rd

McCracken Rd- National Grid to install 5 JO Poles, remove 3 JO Poles, and relocate 21 JO poles on McCracken Rd, beginning at a point approximately 45 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of McCracken Rd and Greenwood St and continuing approximately 2800 feet in an east direction Dot Road Project 605377-Rem/Rep Poles along Greenwood St and McCracken Rd No. 18525348

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Tainter Hill Rd – National Grid to install beginning at a point approximately 65 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Tainter Hill Rd and continuing approximately 65' feet in a south direction. DOT Road Project 605377-Installing new UG switchgear and relocating UG transformer along Tainter Hill Rd. Existing Switchgear to get backfilled.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked-McCracken Rd-Millbury-Massachusetts and Tainter Hill Rd-Millbury-Massachusetts

Selectman Despres motioned to open the Public Hearing, Selectman Delaney seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Zylmar Garcia was the national Grid representative. Selectman Despres asked that are all the utilities for McCracken rd going under ground when the 21 poles are removed, Zylmar replied no they are just being relocated either down or across the street, the poles have been taken with the taking of the properties. Selectman Krumsiek added that one of the poles needs a state approval and the DPW director will be in contact with national grid regarding that pole.

Motion to close the public hearing by Selectman Naff, seconded by Selectman McKenna. Motion carried unanimously.

Terry Burke Dotson asked if there's a plan that shows where the poles will be and do people have the option to put their individual utilities underground if they want. Zylmar stated a sketch was submitted already and people can put in a request for it.

Motion to accept the pole relocations changes as written and read on the agenda by Selectman McKenna, seconded by Selectman Naff. Motion carried unanimously

Guest Presentation

Chapter 40 B Presentation-Barrett Planning Group LLC Judy Barrett

See attached

Judy explained Chapter 40 B is the commonwealth regional planning law, it ensures that every community in the common wealth provides affordable housing unit and have Fair Housing Laws. 10% of housing should be for subsidized housing. The Board would submit an application and plan with a developer. There are 30 days for application submission and 15 days to turn down plan. The Board can approve the process as is, deny it, or approve with conditions. The Local Initiative Program (LIP) was created along with 40 B. It allows subsidized housing to be created without a comprehensive permit.

Selectman Krumsiek asked how long after the Planning Board rejects a project can they apply for LIP, Judy said they can't go to the Board of Appeals for 12 months but they can apply for a Project Eligibility Letter. Selectman Naff asked in Judy's experience, if a developer does want to

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go the LIP route, what is the timeline for the BOS to engage with the LIP process, Judy replied it varies and the BOS can work with the developer anytime they want. Selectman Delaney asked if there's a time limit for the contractor to follow for the project. Terry Burke Dotson of 20 Salo Terrace asked if there's a time limit on the LIP once the Board accepts the plan or can further discussion can be done, Judy replied they don't have to start right away. Fran DeSimone of 1 Weldon Dr asked Does the Planning Board work with the ZBA and Judy said yes the ZBA can choose to agree or disagree with the Boards ideas. Harold Proodian from the Board of Appeals asked that if a developer gets denied and decides to go 40 B, could the Planning Board reconsider the development and pursue the original development, Judy said yes the developer can ask the Board and then the Board decides. The Board thanked Judy.

Old Business

Disbursement of ARPA funds to MPD personnel

Motion to take Motion off of the table by Selectman Delaney, seconded by Selectman McKenna. Motion carried unanimously.

Sean stated that law enforcement was under a lot of stress and hazardous conditions. The eminent duty premium is \$225/month for the military. Sean proposed that for the Millbury Police Depart the Covid-19 time period was 18 months, which comes out to \$4050 per officer. Total ARPA funds being used will be \$81,000. Other groups of municipal departments have come forward asking for compensation as well. Selectman Despres stated that he is also concerned about the other municipal departments. He felt annoyed that he got an email saying that the Board has an agreement with the MPD but he didn't know about it until the meeting and Sean technically doesn't need the Board's approval to go forward with this. Sean said there is no formal agreement, the Chair just met with the union. The Police makes the strongest argument. Sean stated that he wouldn't decide against the Boards decision. Selectman Naff stated that we need to look at the bigger picture as other departments and unions are also coming forward for funds. Selectman Despres stated that as a citizen of the town and taxpayer he is confused because police officers didn't lose their jobs during Covid-19 and got raises instead but ultimately it's the Town Managers decision. Keith Gasco of 6 Bill Graham lane stated that the government gave funds to companies to give to their employees and through unemployment funds therefore the Police deserves the funds as well. Selectman McKenna stated that ARPA funds have limited uses but they can be used towards paying employees. Sean stated that he wanted to include the Board and discuss it. Selectman Krumsiek stated that she agrees that the Police department deserves funds.

Selectman Delany amended his motion to have each officer of the MPD to receive \$4050 of ARPA funds, seconded by Selectman McKenna. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Authorize the Town Manager to execute IMA with the City of Worcester for Public Health Services

Motion to authorize the Town Manager to execute IMA with the City of Worcester for Public Health Services by Selectman McKenna, seconded by Selectman Delaney. Motion carried unanimously.

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Proposed Policy: Video Security on Municipal Property

Sean submitted the policy for a first reading. There will be cameras inside and outside the Town Hall and the Police Department. There will be cameras outside of senior center and the library. There will be signs notifying people about the cameras. The data will be maintained locally on physical servers for 30 days. There will be cameras at the DPW but haven't decided about the mansion. Selectman Naff asked how do we ensure the camera doesn't go on private property. Sean said we can't ensure it, but the data will be safe. We can add to the policy to limit the uses of the recording. Selectman Naff said we need to consider being a good neighbor and limit the view of the cameras.

Proposed Policy: Procedure for Filling Vacancies on the Board of Fire Engineers

Sean asked the Board about the proposed policy and they liked it. At the next meeting, there could be a third reading and possible adoption

Management Update

Sean stated he added the schedule for the Fire Station Construction. Notice to proceed will be issued on May 25th. Aquarion released their water restriction, they are posted on the website. McCracken Rd takings are done, we are waiting on checks to be picked up. We have one appeal of evaluation. There is some work that the Town is responsible for therefore we need to find some funds for it. The 3 bridges are in the design process, they will be put to bid around winter time. There have been 8 submission for the small business loan, board members have met with the chairman of the Millbury Credit Union for the evaluating process. One applicant has been approved and other applicants are still under review. The application has been modified to include further tax information and other documents. People are thankful for this loan. Selectman Krumsiek asked that can people who have received PPE loans also able to apply, Sean said yes they can. Selectman Naff added that their PPE loans weren't huge amounts and businesses have shown that they are still facing struggles. Sean stated he will be posting some jobs; Assistant Town Clerk, Tina Brady is leaving. Brian Gasco has retired as Fire Chief. Steve Kosiba has retired from the DPW and is the new Fire Chief, he is staying on for EMA. There will be an open meeting law training. The Fire Head Quarters and the Shaw School Project are both on time. The CARES Plan is giving the reimbursement. The Wellness Grant is working out great for the Planning Department. We are getting the generator put it in and get a new equipment shed. Fran DeSimone got his Ipad. Selectman Despres asked about the last Staff Meeting. He also brought up an abandoned house at Grove St., he asked for the house to be shut up or torn down because it is dangerous. He would also like to be updated on the ongoing Union Contract negotiations, why an ex-employee is working on them and getting paid. Sean stated he consulted a former employee because that employee was involved in the discussions, he would pay the ex employee out of his his own funds. He mostly needed to access the documents and emails, in order to correctly form the negotiations. Selectman McKenna stated that the rumor going around is that Sean's paying this employee because he didn't want to deal with the negotiations, Sean replied that was false. He said the negotiations have been delayed because of him and he is just consulting in order to catch up. The employee wasn't hired again and he is paying out of pocket. The Board agreed that the rumor is false. Sean stated that he doesn't mind talking about things on camera but the Board can email or call instead. Selectman Krumsiek and Naff agreed.

Review & Approve Previous Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of March 29th, 2022 by Selectman McKenna, 2nd by Selectman Delaney. Motion carried unanimously.

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Dates to Remember

- Robin Williams impersonator at Asa Waters Mansion 5/1
- Madam Secretary Francis Perkins at Millbury Library 5/31
- Millbury Food Truck Festival at MHS 5/22

Events at the Mansion

- “Your for Humanity-Abby” play and anti-slavery play 5/15
- Gary McKinstry, Psychic Entertainer 5/20
- Into the Garden series 6/2

Roundtable Discussion and Citizens Feedback

We received \$5000 from National Grid and the Tree Warden planted trees. The Little League Parade ceremony was a success. Residents wanted to save the cherry trees in front of the Shaw school, Selectman Despres asked tree experts and the trees can't be moved, therefore they have decided to build something memorable with the wood. Happy 36th Wedding Anniversary to Selectman Despres and his wife. Selectman Delaney added the Grease play at MHS was great.

8:46pm Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chairman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Delaney.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Fleming, Secretary

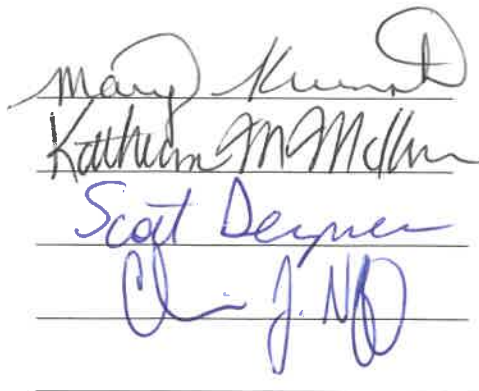
Mary Krumsiek

Katie McKenna

Scott Despres

Chris Naff

David Delaney



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