

**TOWN OF MILLBURY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**

June 14, 2022

6 PM

Present: Mary Krumsiek, Katie McKenna, Scott Despres, Chris Naff, David Delaney
Senator Mike Moore and Representative Frost

Zoom: Bruce DeVault, ariordan, Sean Judge, Scott Temple, Danielle, Cody Mathieu, Arthur
Iphone, Connor, Pam Allard, Cara, Fran, Jay's Iphone

Regular Session 6 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizens Speak

The Quilts of Valor and the Freedom Quilters of Millbury honored Sean Hendricks for his service in the Armed Forces. He served in the 17 years in the Army National Guard. They presented Sean with a Quilt of Valor.

Logan Huffman from Eastland Partners of 997 Millbury St Worcester MA stated that things are going well at Clearview. He stated that inspectors were having a tough time completing inspection due to lack of resources. He asked for guidance from the Board to resolve this issue and thanked them.

Terry Burke Dotson of 20 Salo Terrace came in to talk about the 40B Project on Rice Rd. The sidewalk and road aren't wide enough. If more houses are built then the road would need to be wider. Terry suggested that we need to build housing for senior residents in Town. Selectman Krumsiek told her to talk to the Housing Authority.

Plaque for Brian Gasco

Senator Moore and Rep. Frost came to present Brian Gasco a plaque for Retirement. They thanked him for his over 35 years of service to the town.

Plaque for Allison Ulfves

The Board presented Allison Ulfves with a plaque on receiving the Girl Scout Silver Award.

Clock on the Common Project Wrap-up

Len Mort, the Chairman of the Redevelopment Authority talked about the Clock on the Common project. The display was installed earlier this year. Len presented the instructional manual, photo album of the construction and the key to the clock to the Board.

The Board of Selectman presented certificates of appreciation to the Redevelopment Authority for their work to beautify the Town.

Good Energy

John O'Rourke presented the history and renewal of the Town's contract with Good Energy. The current rate for aggregation is 0.10316 per kilo watt an hour. People in town can leave the program whenever they'd like. Their rates have been usually below National Grid's rate. The rate will change at the December meter read, we will know that rate will be the third week of

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September. If the townsfolk third party stops supplying them energy, they can opt into the program. Selectman Delaney asked if this information on the town website, Sean said yes.

Approve Automatic Amusement License- Blackstone Valley 14 Cinema De Lux-70 Worcester Providence Turnpike

Scott Temple from the Cinema stated that they are adding 10 video games in the game room, \$30 per machine. They will also be adding new electrical outlets as well.

Motion to approve the automatic amusement license by Selectman Despres, seconded by Selectman Delaney. Motion carried unanimously.

BYOB for Classes & Events at TAJ Tropicals & Trinkets Inc-4 S Main St-Tiana Diaz

Tiana Diaz stated they have a gift shop and local artist can sell their stuff, they do as pottery and painting as well. They would like to give the option for BYOB during these classes. Selectman Krumsiek asked if it is just inside and Tiana said yes.

Motion to approve BYOB for Classes & Events at TAJ Tropicals & Trinkets Inc-4 S Main St by Selectman Despres, seconded by Selectman Delaney. Motion carried unanimously

Execute a grant of easement at Elm St for the EV stations at the municipal lot

We will be putting 3 EV stations

Motion to execute a grant of easement at Elm St for the EV stations at the municipal lot by Selectman Despres, seconded by Selectman McKenna. Motion carried unanimously

Warrant for the Special Town Election, June 28, 2022

Selectman Despres read the following:

“In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Millbury, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at their respective voting places to wit: Precinct No. One (1); Precinct No. Two (2); Precinct No. Three (3) and Precinct No. Four (4) at the Millbury Memorial JR/SR High School on **TUESDAY the 28th day of June, 2022 at 12:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.** then and there to bring their votes for the following ballot question:

Question 1:

Shall the Town of Millbury be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to construct a new Fire Headquarters Building at 130 Elm Street, including design, engineering, permitting, equipping, acquisition, and any other costs related or incidental thereto?

YES _____ NO _____

Given under our Hands this 14th day of June Two Thousand Twenty Two.

By virtue of the Warrant, I have this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Millbury, herein described, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned by posting up an attested copy of this Warrant at the Post Office, Library, and Senior Center in said Town and in addition at available public places in West Millbury, Bramanville, Dorothy Pond and East Millbury Seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said Election”.

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Motion to approve the Warrant for the Special Town Election, June 28, 2022 by Selectman Despres, seconded by Selectman McKenna. Motion carried unanimously.

Final reading/adoption of draft Video Security Policy

Sean stated he addressed concerns expressed at the last reading. He added that facial recognition won't be used. This policy will be presented to the Board of Library Trustees. Any additional surveillance will be for outside of municipal buildings.

Motion to adopt the Town of Millbury Video security policy as written and placed in the Selectman's Policy Handbook by Selectman Despres, seconded by Selectman McKenna. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of initiation of 40B LIP negotiations with Rice Rd developer

Selectman Krumsiek expressed her concerns, its not a good spot for residents and the wildlife present there. She stated that it's a 50/50 shot, with LIP they will be able to present concerns and ideas to the developer. Sean stated that this Board has no authority over the project and they can just try to reach out to the developer. Selectman Krumsiek stated the developer wants to sit down with the board. Selectman McKenna added that this is an unprecedented project, housing is needed but this plan isn't the best. There are a lot of concerns but we don't have much choice. Selectman Delaney and Naff added that LIP will allow room for talking. Sean stated that you can write a letter to the State expressing all the concerns but sitting down and talking seems like a good idea.

Motion to nominate Chairman Krumsiek and Selectman Delaney to initiate 40B LIP negotiations with the Rice Road Developer by Selectman Naff seconded by Selectman Despres. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Sterns stated that the moratorium may or may not be honored, it is up to the ZBA. Chairman Krumsiek and Selectman Delaney added that residents can reach out to them with concerns.

Approve FY 23 Meeting Schedule

*See Attached

Motion to approve the FY23 Selectman meeting schedule by Selectman Despres, seconded by Selectman Delaney. Motion carried unanimously.

Management Update

Sean addressed the open meeting law complaint form that was filed before this meeting. He stated that there are town employees who work as advisors to update the zoning bylaws. Those type of meeting don't fall under open meeting laws because they are not open to the public body. There will be more public hearings for people to share their concerns. In addition, we have received a couple more grants. We received the Shared Spaces grant. For Downtown Phase II, we cut the construction cost and are about \$300,000 short right now. McCracken Road went out to bid and the state awarded the project. There were \$100,000 for sewer work but \$650,000 is the Towns money, Sean will talk to the Sewer Commission to make a contribution out of their retained earnings. The opioid settlement amounts have been reached. The Elvis concert is cancelled for next week. There are a couple of positions available for municipal employees. Sean asked if two members of the Board would like to participate in the Assistant Town Manager selection, Chairman Krumsiek and Selectman McKenna accepted the offer. Sean stated they cut more checks for the ARPA Grant, recipients will be signing an agreement stating

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that the information they provided was real and the money will be used appropriately. Sean edited the application for the grant so that more businesses can qualify to apply.

Motion to allocate \$250,000 additional funds for the ARPA Small Business Recovery Grant made by Selectman Naff seconded by Selectman Delaney and on a and on a roll call vote with Chairman Krumsiek, Selectman McKenna, Selectman Naff, Selectman Delaney all in favor and Selectman Despres opposed, the following vote was approved 4-1

Selectman Naff thanked the Town Clerk and Town Manager for volunteering to help set up for a wedding at the mansion.

Review & Approve Previous Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of May 3, 2022 by Selectman McKenna, 2nd by Selectman Despres. Motion carried unanimously.

Dates to Remember

Special Town Election 6/28 at MHS 12pm-8pm

Transfer Station sticker 6/1 at Town Hall, no stickers available on 6/17

Butler Farm Dog Park will be closed 6/9-7/1

Roundtable Discussion and Citizens Feedback

Selectman Krumsiek stated that people can't just pick the vegetables out at the Community Garden. H&H recital was this weekend, it went great. Fran DeSimone of 1 Weldon Drive asked what is the difference between a working group and a committee? Sean answered committees are elected, a working group was put together by staff therefore the Open Meeting Law don't apply to the group. Fran stated that people need to know what the zoning bylaw and what they are being changed to. The Board said there will be a public hearing regarding that. Sean added that the group will not be changing anything, they will just discuss the possible changes. Employees meeting to discuss Town Business isn't public information. Fran stated townsfolk need to know what they are voting on. Selectman Krumsiek stated that she didn't know about the group until the complaint, therefore how is it a public entity if it isn't known to the public. Fran said people will vote on it, but people didn't know about the group, which is the issue. Chairman Krumsiek stated that's how staff works. Chairman Krumsiek asked if the postcard about the Fire Station was sent out and Sean stated no they mail them, but we will have an article written in the paper for it.

On a Good Note: Community Events & positive stories about Millbury

Selectman Despres thanked Amy Riordan, Amy Fleming and Sean Hendricks for the Memorial Day Ceremony. He thanked Sean for purchasing the picnic tables. Selectman Delaney then thanked the police department for their service and handling the possible dangerous situation at the mall

8 pm Executive Session

Executive session in accordance with the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Section 21(a)(3): To discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body, as declared by the Chair. Topic: Retiree health insurance claim

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8:40 pm Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Selectman McKenna, seconded by Selectman Despres. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Fleming, Secretary

Mary Krumsiek

Katie McKenna

Scott Despres

Chris Naff

David Delaney


The block contains four handwritten signatures, each written on a horizontal line. From top to bottom, the signatures are: Mary Krumsiek, Katie McKenna, Scott Despres, and David Delaney. The signatures are written in cursive and are somewhat stylized.

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To: Jayne Davolio, Town Clerk

Re: Updated Fiscal 2023 Selectmen meetings

The Board of Selectmen meets at 6:00 pm the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month in the Large Conference Room at the Municipal Office Building which falls on the following dates:

July 12, 2022

April 11, 2023

July 26, 2022

May 2, 2023

August 9, 2022

May 9, 2023

August 23, 2022

May 23, 2023

September 13, 2022

June 13, 2023

September 27, 2022

June 27, 2023

October 11, 2022

October 25, 2022

November 22, 2022 - ?

December 13, 2022

December 27, 2022 - ?

January 10, 2023

January 24, 2023

February 14, 2023 - ?

February 28, 2023

March 14, 2023

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