

TOWN OF MILLBURY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 2022

6 PM

Present: Mary Krumsiek, Katie McKenna, Scott Despres

Zoom: ariordan, Fran Desimone, Chris Naff, National Grid, Bob Simmler

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, September 27, 2022 at 6 PM** on the Petition Massachusetts Electric Company dba NATIONAL GRID and Verizon New England requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures along and across the following public way: South Main St-National Grid to relocate 1 JO Pole on South Main St beginning at a point approximately 5 feet east of the centerline of the intersection of Rice Rd and continuing approximately 15 feet in a northern direction. Relocating pole 28 at the highway superintendent's request approximately 15 feet from existing location. Rice Rd National Grid to install 1 JO Pole on Rice Rd beginning at a point approximately 115 feet east of the centerline of the intersection of South Main St and continuing approximately 15 feet in a northern direction. Installing 1 40 Class 2 Pole on Rice Rd The relocation of the pole on South Main St will create an excessively long span to P-1 on Rice Rd. A mid span pole P 0-50 will be installed to fix the span issue. 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- Rice Rd -Millbury Massachusetts and South Main St Millbury Massachusetts No# 30616356. **Vote To Follow**

Motion to open the Public Hearing by Selectman Despres, seconded by Selectman McKenna and on a roll call vote with Selectman Krumsiek, Selectman Despres, Selectman McKenna, Selectman Naff, Selectman Delaney all in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Laura from National Grid participated in the meeting. Selectman Naff asked since this is at the Rice Rd and South Main St is it an independent need or part of the proposed project there. This is an independent need. Selectman Delaney asked if moving of the pole going to be a public safety issue. Sean stated the DPW and National Grid reviewed the map and they didnt see any issue, it will be a T intersection.

Motion to close the Public Hearing by Selectman Despres, seconded by Selectman McKenna and on a roll call vote with Selectman Krumsiek, Selectman Despres, Selectman McKenna, Selectman Naff, Selectman Delaney all in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the National Grid and Verizon pole petition as read into the record by Selectman Despres, seconded by Selectman Delaney and on a roll call vote with Selectman Krumsiek, Selectman Despres, Selectman McKenna, Selectman Naff, Selectman Delaney all in favor, motion carried unanimously

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First read of proposed Federal Grants Policy and Procedures

Jennifer Barrett created this policy. It applies to all grants and is specific towards smaller grants. It includes equipment purchases and disposition because things purchased with federal money need to be tracked. The list covers everything that is being covered in the warrant process. It includes work travel and subrecipient monitoring and management such as ARPA, procurement policies and period of performance for federal funds. Selectman Despres asked if this policy supersedes or voids any existing policies, it doesn't

FY2022 Finance Director recap (budget, OPEB, audit)

On Hold

Management Update

The McGrath School construction is going on and is progressing. Recently someone hit another barrier and Sean asked for more cones and barrels to be put up to reduce the risk. For Downtown Phase II, the sidewalks are being removed where the granite needs to be replaced and keep the other ones due to the shortage of granite. There are 2 opioid settlements and the annual award is similar to \$17,000 but the distributor settlement will give a check for the next four years right now. 23 Grove Street is being cleaned up, the next move is to go inside and once that is done then the Health Agent will take a look at whether the house needs to be demolished. 118 West Main St is under new ownership but it will be demolished first before any new developments. FY 22 audit is looking good. Hopefully Free Cash will be certified soon. There is a program administrator at the Senior Center. The Assistant Planner, Assistant Town Accountant, Town Engineer and DPW Head Clerk positions are open. The prep work for the Town Hall generator is done. The Public Outreach meeting was done by Wonderland Cannabis dispensary. The Planning Board has their application and the Host Community Agreement is being executed. The dispensary at Latti Farm has met the obligations as well. ARPA funds may not be needed for bridges. Sean is redirecting ARPA funds to the basketball court on Washington Street. The lights for Armory Village Phase I are being worked on as well as the lights on the common. The preconstruction for McCracken Rd will take place on Thursday. Sean's focus will be on restoration and public safety. He stated that he plans of having the Employee Recognition and Christmas Dinner again this year. He thanked town employees for stepping up to help to keep things running smoothly. The Special Town Meeting will be November 15th, the deadline for citizen petition warrant article is 9/29 and needs 100 verifiable signatures. Selectman Despres asked if we have a street sweeper because the Downtown needs some, Sean stated he will talk to Keith. Sean stated that maybe we could have a Millbury Business Association to be able to maintain sidewalks and street cleanliness. Selectman Naff stated there is an informal group that we could work with and thanked the Manager for the report. Selectman Delaney asked there is a property near Millbury Ave and Wilson Rd that is like Grove St. The 40 U statute should potentially be adopted. This will be addressed during the next meeting. Chairman Krumsiek asked for a report of the Dog Park because it's over budget. For future projects, we should take public comments and concerns into consideration. There will be a yield sign on Howe Ave and Millbury Ave.

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Review & Approve Previous Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of August 9, 2022 by Selectman Despres, 2nd by Selectman Delaney. Motion carried unanimously.

Dates to Remember

- Bees Knees Bash 7pm-10pm 9/29 at Asa Waters Mansion
- Best Years of Our Lives 6:15pm 10/7 Moonlit Movies Asa Waters Mansion
- Yard Sale 9am-1pm 10/8
- State Election 11/8 at MHS
- Town Meeting 11/15 at 7pm MHS

Roundtable Discussion and Citizens Feedback

Terry Burke Dotson of 20 Salo Terrace stated that yesterday at the Planning Board meeting it was brought up that the moratorium wasn't placed before a public hearing during the town meeting and it was stated that they only need 10 signatures to get an article out on a warrant. Sean stated he never said that and Chairman Krumsiek stated that its always needed 100 signatures. She added that the Planning Board wasn't involved in Phase I and Phase II. Selectman Naff stated that the Planning Board approved Phase II. Selectman Delaney stated that the plans have been done for 2 and ½ years. Fran Desimone of 1 Weldon Dr asked is the Host Community Agreement not valid anymore for Marijuana businesses. Sean stated they are valid, it's just the impact fees that were changed. Bob Simmler of 8 Grove St stated that he has been complaining about the design of the parking lot for a year, Chairman Krumsiek stated that she can't change that past or control what the state wants.

8:20 Adjourn Meeting

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Fleming, Secretary

Mary Krumsiek

Katie McKenna

Scott Despres

Chris Naff

David Delaney

