

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

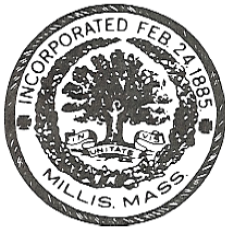
FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013 ANNUAL FALL MEETING
Containing the Recommendations of the Finance Committee

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO ANNUAL TOWN MEETING



ANNUAL FALL TOWN MEETING – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012 AT 7:30 PM
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

PRE-TOWN MEETING – NOVEMBER 1, 2012 AT 7:30 PM
VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING – ROOM 229



Millis Finance Committee Fall 2012 Town Meeting Finance Committee Report

To The Citizens of Millis:

Executive Summary/ Chairman's Report:

Millis has two scheduled Town Meetings each year. The May Town Meeting is predominately budget related; the November Town Meeting is used to fund projects and departmental needs that arose subsequent to the May Town Meeting.

This November, we will be addressing 27 articles. These articles range from the annual Unpaid Bills to articles that will dramatically alter the Town's infrastructure; such as a design study for a new Police Station and funding for a new Town Playground. We will also be addressing several water and sewer issues, culvert repairs, zoning bylaw changes, adding funds to our Stabilization Fund and addressing new state mandates. Most articles were submitted by Town Boards, there are articles that were placed on the Warrant by Citizen Petition.

For those articles that require funding, we will be using a combination of State Aid, Free Cash, prior years article surpluses and Water/ Sewer fund retained earnings. The Finance Committee has met regularly to consider these articles and has included their recommendations (as they stand on October 22, 2012) in this report. All recommendations are subject to reconsideration prior to Town Meeting.

On Thursday, November 1st, we will hold Pre-Town Meeting. This meeting will be held at 7:30 PM in the Veteran's Memorial Building and is open to the public. I urge everyone to attend this meeting. And finally, on Monday, November 5th, Town Meeting begins. This meeting will take place in the High School/ Middle School Auditorium beginning at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully,
Craig Schultze; Chairman Millis Finance Committee

Role of Finance Committee:

The function of the Finance Committee is to act as an advisor to the voters of the town of Millis, with whom, ultimate appropriating authority rests. The Town Administrator, who reports to an elected Board of Selectmen, administers municipal functions. The Superintendent of Schools, who reports to an elected School Committee, administers the operation of the School Department. The Finance Committee is not elected but is appointed by the Town Moderator. Because of this fact, the Finance Committee functions on an advisory basis and avoids setting policy. Finance Committee is not part of either of the two general functions: (a) Municipal Operation and (b) Education, and therefore remains objective in its recommendations. Our job is to study the budget and each warrant article in detail and make recommendations to Town Meeting. Your vote is what causes the actions to be taken, not the Finance Committee recommendations.

Questions:

Please email the Millis Finance Committee at FinComm@millis.net with questions on the content of this report. Please include your name, address, and phone number.

Respectfully submitted by the Millis Finance Committee

Craig Schultze (Chairman)	Peter Jurmain (Vice Chairman)	Richard Molloy (Clerk)
Bud Drummey	Rick Manburg	Doug Riley
Chris Smith	Jim Smith	Susan Vecchi

#	Article	Amount	Finance Committee Recommendation
1	Amend Operating Budget: Debt Budget Debt Budget Veteran's Benefits	\$1,450.00 \$23,471.34 \$12,915.00	Approve Approve Approve
2	Expedited Permitting for 1073 Main Street Site	N/A	Approve
3	Zoning Bylaw Amendment Refuse Facilities	N/A	Approve
4	Zoning Bylaw Amendment Mixed Use Facing Main Street	N/A	Approve
5	Public Safety Data Processing System	\$18,094.00	Approve
6	Police Vehicles: 2013 Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicle 2013 Ford Taurus	\$35,400.00 \$29,735.00	Approve Dismiss
7	Police Station Design & Decontamination	\$97,500.00	Approve
8	Town Hall A/C Compressor or Replacement	\$65,000.00	Approve
9	DPW Heating System	\$51,700.00	Made at TM
10	Well #3 Water Main	\$43,649.00	Approve
11	Irving Street Water Main	\$219,610.00	Approve
12	Sewer I/I Program	\$15,000.00	Approve
13	Sewer Manhole/Drain Manhole Repairs	\$25,000.00	Approve
14	DPW Equipment: (2) Sanders (1) One Ton Dump Truck	\$11,900.00 \$41,120.00	Approve Made at TM
15	Needle and Syringe Disposal Program	\$3,950.00	Approve
16	Geographic Information System:	\$42,900.00	Approve
17	Recreation Position		Dismiss
18	SEIU Contract Settlement	\$32,500.00	Made at TM
19	Unpaid Bills	\$3,001.40	Approve
20	Main Street Culvert Repairs	TBD	Made at TM
21	CPC Project - Playground Rehabilitation	\$60,000.00	Approve
22	CPC Project - Daniels Street Housing	\$117,000.00	Approve
23	CPC Project - Library Local History Room	\$8,500.00	Approve
24	Recreation Fields Evaluation (Petitioned)	N/A	Dismiss
25	Citizens United/Election Spending Resolution (Petitioned)	N/A	Dismiss
26	Add to Stabilization Fund	\$82,000.00	Approve
27	Town Building Improvements	\$35,000.00	Approve



WARRANT

2012

FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF MILLIS COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

NORFOLK, SS.

GREETING:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Millis in said county, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Millis qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet on Monday, the fifth day of November, AD 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle-Senior High School Auditorium in said Millis:

FOR THE BUSINESS MEETING, THEN AND THERE,
TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES, VIZ

TOWN OF MILLIS NOVEMBER 5, 2012 FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 6 of the May 14, 2012 Annual Town Meeting relative to the Operating Budget, by changing lines #8 Debt Service, Line #2 Public Safety (police wages), and Line #6 Health & Human Services (Veterans Service expenses), and by changing revenue sources by adding Overly Surplus, Taxation, Free Cash or other available funds as funding sources therefor, or take any action relating thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 43D of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 205 of the Acts of 2006, and to approve the filing of an application with the Interagency Permitting Board of the designation of land at 1073 Main St., Millis, MA as shown on Assessors map 22 parcel 10, and map 23 parcel 89 as a Priority Development Site, or act in any manner relating thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law as set forth below:

1. To amend Zoning By-law Section II Definitions by adding the following new definitions:
 - Refuse Facility with a Site Assignment – This shall include a “facility” as defined under G.L. c.111, §150A and that has a “site assignment” under G.L. c.111, §150A.
 - Refuse Facility without a Site Assignment - This shall include a “facility” as defined under G.L. c.111, §150A, but which does not have a “site assignment” under G.L. c.111, §150A.

2. To amend Zoning By-law Section V. Use Regulations. D. Table of Use Regulations, Table 1. Use Regulations. Principal Uses. Community Facilities by deleting ¶15 and inserting the new ¶15 as follows, in order to remove the phrase “refuse facility”:
 15. Public utility including water filter plant and sewage treatment plant.

3. To amend Zoning By-law Section V. Use Regulations. D. Table of Use Regulations. Table 1. Use Regulations. Principal Uses. Wholesale, Transportation and Industrial by adding the following new use provision:

16. Refuse Facility without a Site Assignment.	R-T	R-S	R-V	C-V	V-B	I-P	I-P-2
	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

16A. Refuse Facility with a Site Assignment,	R-T	R-S	R-V	C-V	V-B	I-P	I-P-2
	N	N	N	N	N	SPB*	SPB*

*Except that no special permit shall be issued for such a facility in the following areas: (i) recharge areas of surface drinking water supplies as defined by the rules and regulations of the department of environmental protection; (ii) areas subject to G.L. c.131, §40 and

regulations promulgated thereunder; and (iii) areas within the zone of contribution of existing or potential public supply wells as defined by the department of environmental protection;

or act in any manner relating thereto. (Submitted by Planning Board)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning By-law §XIII.P.Millis Center Economic Opportunity Overlay District (MCEOD).2. General Regulations (b) Uses Permitted. by deleting the following subsection therefrom:

1. Apartment houses or buildings. Residential uses are restricted to second floor and above, where facing *the Main Street*.

and substituting therefore the following new subsection:

1. Apartment houses or buildings. Residential uses are restricted to the second floor and above, where facing Main Street/Route 109;

or act in any manner relating thereto. (Submitted by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, or by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, a sum of money for a new data processing system for the police and fire departments; or act in any manner relating thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, or by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, a sum of money for new police vehicles; or act in any manner relating thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, or by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, a sum of money for the design of a new police station; or act in any manner relating thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, or by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, a sum of money for Veterans Memorial Building Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) repairs; or act in any manner relating thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, or by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, a sum of money for a DPW HVAC repairs; or act in any manner relating thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, or by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, a sum of money for water production well # 3 repairs; or act in any manner relating thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, or by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, a sum of money for water main improvements; or act in any manner relating thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, or by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, a sum of money for sewer infiltration and inflows repairs and studies; or act in any manner relating thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, or by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, a sum of money for sewer manhole and drain manhole repairs; or act in any manner relating thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, or by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, a sum of money for DPW vehicles and equipment; or act in any manner relating thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, or by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, a sum of money for a needle and syringe disposal program; or act in any manner relating thereto.
(Submitted by Board of Health)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, or by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, a sum of money for a Geographic Information System (GIS); or act in any manner relating thereto.
(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, or by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, a sum of money for a part-time position in the Recreation Department; or act in any manner relating thereto. (Submitted by Recreation Commission)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, or by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, a sum of money to fund the contract between the Town of Millis and the Service Employee International Union Local 888, effective July 1, 2012 or act in any manner relating thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, or by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, a sum of money to pay unpaid bills; or act in any manner relating thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, or by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, a sum of money for Main St. culvert repairs; or act in any manner relating thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve and/or the Community Preservation Fund Budgeted Reserve and/or the Undesignated Fund for the Millis Town Park Playground Rehabilitation Project, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Submitted by Community Preservation Committee)

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing for the Millis Housing Authority Project/Daniels Street or take any other action in relation thereto. (Submitted by Community Preservation Committee)

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resource Reserve Fund and/or the Community Preservation Fund Budgeted Reserve and/or the Undesignated Fund for the Preservation of Millis Historical Artifacts in the Millis Public Library's Local History & Archives Rooms Project, or act in any manner relating thereto. (Submitted by Community Preservation Committee)

ARTICLE 24. That the Town appropriate funds (Final cost to be provided at TM) for the evaluation of Town owned land for the possible construction of athletic fields. The two areas that are being considered are:

(1) The "Cassidy Land" located off of Exchange St and Island Rd, Map 11, Parcel 26 #1 consisting of +/- 36 Acres and Map 16, Parcel #116 consisting of .92 Acres.

(2) The "Life Course site" located off of Village St. Map 41, Parcel 5 consisting of 5.11 Acres and Map 42, Parcel 8 consisting of +/- 29 Acres. (Submitted by Petition)

ARTICLE 25. " I move that the Millis Town Meeting adopt the following resolution:

We, the Town Meeting of Millis, Massachusetts, declare that:

1. The United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights were adopted to protect the free speech and other rights of people, not corporations.

2. People create corporations under the laws of the State, subject to regulation by the people through the legislative process; and

3. The Supreme Court decision, Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission allows unlimited election spending from undisclosed sources that is a threat to our democracy and to individual participation in the government process; and

therefore, we urge our municipal, state and federal elected officials to support a constitutional amendment to reverse Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission. (Submitted by Petition);

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation or by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for The Stabilization Fund; or act in any manner relating thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation or by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for town building improvements; or act in any manner relating thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen);

and, you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies hereof fourteen days before time of said meeting as directed by the vote of the Town. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

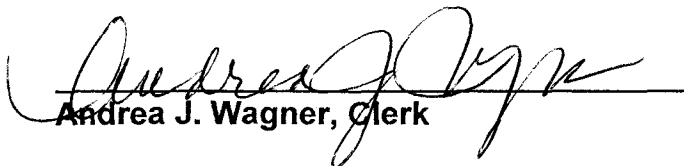
Given under our hands this 15th day of October in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twelve.

**TOWN OF MILLIS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Donald A. Hendon, Chairman

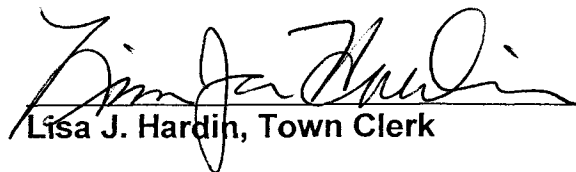


Charles V. Vecchi, Vice-Chairman



Andrea J. Wagner, Clerk

A True Copy, Attest



Lisa J. Hardin, Town Clerk

ANNUAL SPRING TOWN MEETING

Middle/High School Auditorium

Monday, November 5, 2012 – 7:30 PM

PRE-TOWN MEETING

Veterans Memorial Building – Room 229

Thursday, November 1, 2012 – 7:30 PM

MILLIS BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Donald Hendon, Chairman

Charles V. Vecchi, Vice Chairman

Andrea J. Wagner, Clerk

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