

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTS
September 23, 2013
Veterans Memorial Building, Room 229
900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054

CALL TO ORDER: Sel. Vecchi called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following persons were present: Chairman Charles Vecchi, Vice Chairman Andrea Wagner, Clerk Christopher Smith, Town Administrator Charles Aspinwall, Operations Director Jennifer Cederberg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Library grand opening; openings on the Finance Committee.

1465 MAIN STREET: There was some question as to whether or not the hearing was properly advertised. Hancock Associates represented the property owner. It was noted that the site has always maintained the stormwater on the parcel but the current plan is to upgrade the design plan. The work was begun without having the proper permits in place so a cease and desist was ordered. The plan is to do some grading in the southwest area of the parcel and get water into a new catch basin and pipe it to the northern portion of the site.

The second component of the system is on the westerly portion of the property where customers go and employees obtain parts for sale. It was noted that with recent rainstorms, it was proven that the system in place is working.

Town Engineer Barbara Thissell questioned whether this is redevelopment or new construction. She noted that the calculations show that there is an increase in the impervious surface area. She stated she reviewed the project as new construction. She noted that a lot of the site will be flooded by a 100 year storm and that part of the project has not yet been approved by the DEP.

Joseph Peznola from Hancock Associates explained the detailed maps, pointing out the concrete pads. He noted that he does not even consider this project as redevelopment. Sel. Vecchi stated that it first needs to be determined whether or not this is redevelopment or new construction.

Motion by Sel. Wagner, seconded by Sel. Smith, to continue the stormwater management hearing for 1465 Main Street until October 7th. The motion passed unanimously.

POSTING MINUTES AND AGENDAS: Mr. Vecchi reviewed the Board's current policy of posting agendas and minutes on the website. Kathy Lannon expressed concern that her Board has not had access to the website for over two years. She further expressed hesitation to post the meeting minutes due to the content that is discussed including infectious diseases. Sel. Vecchi gave a suggestion as to how to limit the amount of detail in the meeting minutes while staying in compliance with the Open Meeting Law. Town Clerk Lisa Hardin expressed privacy concerns with discussions with the Board of Assessors. Tricia Perry stated that the Library agendas and minutes are now being posted.

Sel. Smith expressed concerns about other committees not present who have not been posting their meeting minutes and asked that this topic be continued to the next meeting. He also suggested that Ms. LaPlant follow up with the Board of Health and Sel. Vecchi stated that we will follow up with Town Counsel as to privacy concerns.

TREASURER APPOINTMENT: Mr. Aspinwall reviewed the recruitment process. He went on to describe Jennifer Scannell's background. Ms. Scannell went on to describe her work and family history.

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Motion by Sel. Wagner, seconded by Sel. Smith, that we do appoint Jennifer Scannell of Millis as the Treasurer/Collector for the Town of Millis effective 10/4/13 subject to a CORI and a physical. The motion passed unanimously.

NIAGRA HALL REPAIRS: Mr. Aspinwall reviewed the advertisement process and noted that the quote came in higher than expected. He noted that there were some changes made in the specifications which saves over \$5,000. Nathan Maltinsky of the Historical Commission described the scope of the project.

Motion by Sel. Wagner, seconded by Sel. Smith, that we award a bid to Treeline Construction in the amount of 103,859 and at the same time approve a change order in the amount of 5,859 which would make the net cost 98,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Sel. Wagner, seconded by Sel. Smith, to waive the building permit fee for Treeline Construction for the work being done at Niagra Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

BOS MEETING PACKETS: Sel. Smith suggested that the Board consider going to a more virtual type of packet utilizing tablets made by Microsoft. He asked if the Board would be interested in piloting this project which would save time and effort. Sel. Vecchi asked if he could use his personal machine as part of the pilot program. Sel. Wagner stated that she has her own iPad and would prefer using this as part of the pilot program. Sel. Vecchi authorized the purchase of two Microsoft tablets.

MILFORD CASINO IMPACT PROJECT: Mr. Aspinwall stated that staff have been attending meetings organized by MAPC to discuss the impact a casino in Milford would have on the Town of Millis. He recommended the Board sign a letter indicating that the Town will continue to work with MAPC to study the impact the casino would have on the Town of Millis and ask the casino to consider Millis as one of the impacted communities. It is anticipated that the Town of Millis will see a traffic impact as well as a housing impact.

Motion by Sel. Wagner, seconded by Sel. Smith, that we ask the Town Administrator to send a form for assistance to MAPC on behalf of the Town of Millis. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN: At 9:00 p.m.,

Motion by Sel. Wagner, seconded by Sel. Smith, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer G. Cederberg, Operations Director