

MINUTES
MILLIS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
2/26/14 6:00 PM ROOM 220
900 MAIN ST. MILLIS, MA 02054

ATTENDING:

Charles Vecchi, Chairman
Andrea Wagner, Vice-Chairman
Chris Smith, Clerk

Charles Aspinwall
Nathan Maltinsky
Meg Wilkes
Marc Prufer

Mr. Vecchi called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

ELLICE SCHOOL PROJECT

Mr. Vecchi explained that the purpose of the meeting was to determine if the Selectmen were willing to sign a commitment letter to accept a historical restriction on the Ellice School property. Ms. Wilkes explained that a condition of the survey grant we might receive is that if the grant is provided, a ten year historical preservation restriction must be approved by the Selectmen.

Mr. Smith commented that if we find out from the building survey that it is structurally unsound and it does not make sense to renovate, then we will be stuck for ten years without the ability to raze the structure.

Ms. Wilkes said she would call the state to see if in fact the scenario outlined by Mr. Smith is what would happen. She noted that the Ellice School has a special place in Millis' history as it was one of the first schools in Millis and Medway.

Mr. Maltinsky noted that while the outside looks terrible, the structure is sound, the foundation is good. The roof does not leak but was last replaced in 1993. It needs a new roof and new windows. Mr. Maltinsky said that the restoration grant program, allows construction costs up to \$100K, but the state usually caps the restoration grant at \$50K.

Mr. Smith said he would rather ask the CPC for 412,500, the amount of the grant, and forgo the grant so as not to implement the restriction. Mr. Vecchi said he was in favor of letting Town Meeting make the decision.

Mr. Maltinsky said the timeframe was to have s=construction done in 2016. There is \$2500 in the gift fund.

Ms. Wagner stated that it does not make sense to approve the restriction before we know the condition of the building. This is a material change from what was submitted to town meeting.

Ms. Wilkes said the building survey study would be complete by February 2015. Funds for the grant would be awarded in September 2014.

Mr. Prufer arrived at 6:37 PM.

Mr. Smith made a motion to add an article to the May 2014 Annual Town Meeting Warrant to appropriate \$12,500.00 for the Ellice School Project and not pursue the grant application, seconded by Ms. Wagner, vote 2-1 in favor, Mr. Vecchi not in favor.

VILLAGE ST. SEWER PROJECT

Mr. Aspinwall reported the receipt of a petition from Village St. property owners to install sewer in Village St. from #341 to Pleasant St. He asked the Board if they wished to pursue the matter at this late date. The previous options for sewerage the area were discussed. Ms. Wagner said if we have time to pursue the study we should do so. Mr. Aspinwall said he would go forward with hiring GCG Associates to conduct the study.

ARCHITECT CONTRACT AWARD – VMB MASONRY PROJECT

Mr. Aspinwall said that he reviewed the proposals of several firms for the work and interviewed two firms for the job. He recommended that CBI Consulting Inc. of Boston, who was the highest rated firm, be awarded the contract in the amount of \$42,000.00. A motion was made by Ms. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Smith, to award the contract to CBI. Vote : 3-0 in favor.

DISPATCHER APPOINTMENT

Mr. Aspinwall reported that he may have a conflict of interest relative to the appointment of a new dispatcher in the police department and would be recusing

himself from the process. Town Counsel suggested that a Board Member be appointed temporary appointing authority. Ms. Wagner made a motion to appoint Mr. Smith as appointing authority for the dispatcher position, seconded by Mr. Vecchi, vote 3-0 in favor.

At 7:28 PM Ms. Wagner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Smith, vote – 3-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles J. Aspinwall