

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 15, 2014 7:00 PM
Veterans Memorial Bldg. Room 229
900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054**

CALL TO ORDER Sel. Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following persons were present: Vice-Chair Christopher Smith, Clerk James Neville, Operations Support Manager Karen Bouret, and Town Administrator Charles Aspinwall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:00 PM

Motion by Sel. Wagner to enter in to Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's bargaining or litigating position. Also, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel; to actually conduct collective bargaining and contract negotiations with non-union personnel, and the Chair does so declare. (Donovan v. Town of Millis). By Roll Call Vote: Smith—aye, Neville—aye, Wagner—aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Aspinwall said there have been complaints regarding traffic congestion due to the Millis Wonderland light display on Causeway Street and asked Chief Edison to speak about the Millis Police Department's plan to help alleviate some of the issue. Chief Edison said they will have two extra detail officers on busy nights to help control the traffic flow.

14-349 Authorization to Sign Contract for New Police Cruiser

Chief Edison reviewed a quote to replace the department's unmarked vehicle per approval at the Fall Annual Town Meeting in November. Chief Edison said he is additionally requesting a second vehicle to be purchased out of the asset forfeiture funds to replace his existing vehicle. The Chief explained that he got quotes for both a brand new Ford Taurus as well as a demo model. After some discussion, the Selectmen agreed that purchasing the new Taurus would be more beneficial for the Town.

Sel. Smith made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a contract with MHQ Vehicles Equipment and Gear to purchase a 2015 Ford Interceptor Utility VG in the amount of \$35,139.00. The motion was seconded by Sel. Neville and passed unanimously.

Sel. Smith made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a contract with MHQ Vehicles Equipment and Gear to purchase a 2014 Ford Taurus V6 SE in the amount of \$27,367.00. The motion was seconded by Sel. Neville and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

14-339 Appointment of Associate Planning Board Member

Sel. Wagner said the member was already appointed in the fall and no action was needed.

14-340 Deer Management Program Discussion with BOH

Sel. Smith spoke about the success of the Town of Dover's active deer management program and explained that members of the Board of Health were invited to the meeting to present their thoughts regarding initiating the program in Millis. Kathy Lannon, Chairperson for the Board of Health, spoke

about the relationship between deer management and a decrease in incidence of Lyme disease. Ms. Lannon said she will post a study on the matter on the Town website. Ms. Lannon spoke on behalf of the Board of Health saying that she is in favor of making an effort to control the excessive deer population through a controlled hunting program. Sel. Smith asked Ms. Lannon if she would work with the BOS to get the program underway and she agreed to help. Mike Giampietro, Building Commissioner, spoke extensively about his experience with hunting and also offered to help get the program started.

14-341 Kensington Place LIP

Mr. Aspinwall explained that he had a conference call with Mr. McDonough, the developer for the proposed Kensington Place LIP project, and there are still a few points of contention in the draft MOA. These include the type of landscaping screening, the configuration of the site plan regarding setback requirements, fee waivers, the connection from Van Kleeck to Daniels Street, and an unwillingness by the developer to record the MOA against the property. The Selectmen agreed that the developer needs to come speak to the BOS regarding these remaining issues so that a resolution can be reached if at all possible. A few residents voiced concerns regarding the project including the possibility of a regular 40b project, possibly apartment buildings, being built if the LIP project isn't approved due to outstanding issues. Sel. Wagner said the Town needs to meet with Mr. McDonough again in the near future.

14-342 Stormwater Discussion

Mr. Aspinwall said the Assistant DPW Director, James McKay, attended meetings regarding new EPA requirements for stormwater management permitting. Mr. McKay said that the new requirements will affect everything from new buildings to paving roads and will cause a significant expense increase for these projects in order to comply. Mr. McKay presented a Draft MS4 General Permit IDDE Program Flow Chart which reflected some of the changes. Mr. McKay suggested inviting a representative from all the major Boards in Town to a meeting with Kleinfelder, the engineering firm that created the Draft MS4, to review all of the upcoming changes. The Selectmen agreed that a meeting should occur. Mr. Aspinwall asked that an invitation be sent to Representative Kennedy's office as well since this is a federal issue.

NEW BUSINESS

14-355 Street Opening Permit at Main Street for JOPA

Since Mr. McKay was present, Sel. Wagner moved to item 14-355. Mr. McKay said John Kazis of JOPA would like to get a trench permit on behalf of Columbia gas.

Sel. Smith made a motion to approve a street opening/trench permit on behalf of Columbia Gas for the property owned by John Kazis at 979 Main Street to install a new gas service. The motion was seconded by Sel. Neville and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

14-343 Advanced Life Support Staffing Plan

Fire Chief Barrett discussed the differences between ALS (Advanced Life Support) and BLS (Basic Life Support). The Chief said they currently use Events EMS so that they have the correct number of certified paramedics but transitioning to ALS would keep things in house. Per Mr. Aspinwall, the department currently has nine firefighter/EMTs certified in BLS but they would like to hire three more certified paramedics and send two firefighters per year to school to get certified. The cost is approximately \$500,000.00 and possible funding options are an operating override or borrowing

through special legislation. Chief Barrett explained that although the initial transition will be expensive, eventually they will be able to bill out at a higher rate and revenue will cover the expense. Sel. Wagner asked Chief Barrett to research the difference between the rates to calculate out how long it would take to recoup the funds.

NEW BUSINESS

14-345 Review and Approval of Annual License Renewals

Sel. Wagner suggested that the Class II and III licenses be addressed first and Mr. Aspinwall asked that any violations regarding conditions that were on these licenses be discussed. Mr. Giampietro said properties owned by Mr. Valchius had a few violations such as cars being parked in front of a fence when they should be behind. Mr. Valchius was present and explained that he addressed the violations and all were either corrected or would be the following day.

Sel. Wagner read the list of licenses to be renewed along with any conditions that were listed.

Sel. Smith made a motion to approve and renew the following licenses with any conditions that were listed:

AM Vets Post #495 Millis, MA, Inc.	AM Vets Post #495	62	Entertainment
		61	Pool Table
		071600 007	Veterans Club
Bethany House Ministries, Inc.	Bethany House	32	Junk Collector
Frank Mar, Inc.	Bob's Auto Body	9	Class II
Bob's Family Restaurant	Bob's Family Restaurant	2	Common Victualler
Budabings, Inc.	Budabings 50's Café	39	Common Victualler
		071600 018	Restaurant - All Alcohol
The Charles Café, Inc.	The Charles Café	071600 021	Restaurant - All Alcohol
Millis Donuts, Inc.	Dunkin Donuts	46	Common Victualler
		80	Entertainment
East Side Restaurant	East Side Restaurant	10	Common Victualler
Noel Hourihan	Export Auto of Millis	15	Class II
Farm Street Auto Sales	Farm Street Auto Sales	1	Class III
Morganti's, Inc.	Fifth Avenue Wine & Spirits	071600 011	Package Store - All Alcohol
Fin, Fur & Feather Club, Inc.	Fin, Fur & Feather Club	31	Skeet and Trap Shooting
Foreign Car Repair	Foreign Car Repair	8	Class II
Club Management, LLC	Glen Ellen Country Club	12, 53, 54	Common Victualler
		74	Entertainment
		071600 005	Restaurant - All Alcohol
GGM, Inc.	Gold's Gym	75	Common Victualler

		76	Entertainment
Millis Package Store Corp.	Harkeys	071600 010	Package Store - All Alcohol
Isabella's SMMC, LLC	Isabella's	90	Common Victualler
Kostas Pizza & Wings, Inc.	E&A Roast Beef & Wings	89	Common Victualler
Yuan Shen, Inc.	Lilac House Restaurant	071600 016	Restaurant - Wine and Malt
		36	Common Victualler
St. George & St. Mary, Inc.	Louie's Pizzeria	35	Common Victualler
Highland Wine & Spirits, Co.	Lumpy's Liquors	071600 012	Package Store - All Alcohol
Main Street Mobil, Inc.	Main Street Mobil	071600 022	Package Store - Wine and Malt
Elkarma, Inc.	Marinho's Pizza	7	Common Victualler
Sellia Group, LLC	McDonald's	13	Common Victualler
		64	Entertainment
Millis Car Care Center	Millis Car Care Center	6	Class II
		3	Class III
AJRK, Inc.	Millis House of Pizza	18	Common Victualler
PICK-n-PULL	PICK-n-PULL	4	Class III
		33	Junk Collector
New England Auto Salvage	New England Auto Salvage	7	Class II
		2	Class III
Primavera, Inc.	Primavera Ristorante	20	Common Victualler
		66	Entertainment
		071600 006	Restaurant - All Alcohol
Roche Brothers Supermarket	Roche Brothers Supermarket	21	Common Victualler
Ryan Family Amusements, Inc.	Ryan Family Amusements	65	Automatic Amusement (37)
		17	Bowling Alley (22)
		79	Entertainment
		071600 020	General on Premises - Wine & Malt
Saigon Restaurant	Saigon Restaurant	24	Common Victualler
Sportsmen's Lounge of Millis, Inc.	Sportsmen's Lounge	68	Automatic Amusement
		28	Common Victualler
		69	Entertainment
		071600 004	Restaurant - All Alcohol

Dharti Subway Inc.	Subway of Millis	83	Common Victualler
The Black Cow	The Black Cow	37	Common Victualler
Barrett & Johnson Enterprises, Inc.	Victory Lane	73	Automatic Amusement
		41	Common Victualler
		72	Entertainment
		071600 001	Restaurant - All Alcohol
W.T. Holmes Transportation Co., Inc.	W.T. Holmes Transportation Co., Inc.	5	Class III
Jalapa Mexican Grill, LLC	Jalapa Mexican Grill	300740 209	Restaurant - All Alcohol
		293	Common Victualler
Twist Bakery & Café, Inc.	Twist Bakery & Café	243	Common Victualler

The motion was seconded by Sel. Neville and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

14-344 Wheelabrator Contract Amendment

Mr. Aspinwall reviewed the Wheelabrator contract amendments including new pricing, a CPI adjustment, and Guaranteed Annual Tonnage provision changes. Mr. Aspinwall recommended that the BOS do authorize entering a contract amendment with Wheelabrator as written.

Sel. Smith made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a contract amendment with Wheelabrator Technologies, Inc., for a period of ten years starting January 1, 2015. The motion was seconded by Sel. Neville and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

14-350 Recreation Committee Appointment

Sel. Wagner said a letter from William Schulz expressing interest in joining the Recreation Committee.

Sel. Smith made a motion to appoint William Schulz to the Recreation Committee effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Sel. Neville and passed unanimously.

14-351 Sewer Study Appointment

Mr. Aspinwall said Barbara Thissell, Board of Health Director, has agreed to be on the Sewer Study Committee.

Sel. Smith made a motion to appoint Barbara Thissell to the Sewer Study Committee effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Sel. Neville and passed unanimously.

14-352 Reject Niagara HVAC Bids

Mr. Aspinwall explained that the bids for the Niagara Fire House HVAC project came in over budget. Mr. Aspinwall went on to say an alternative design will be researched and the project will be rebid.

Sel. Smith made a motion that the BOS reject the bids for the Niagara Fire House HVAC project. The motion was seconded by Sel. Neville and passed unanimously.

14-353 Final Water Bills and Special Commitments November 2014

Sel. Smith made a motion to approve the final water bills and special commitments for November 2014 in the amount of \$747.72. The motion was seconded by Sel. Neville and passed unanimously.

14-354 Ambulance Fee Abatement Request

Sel. Wagner said no new information is available.

14-348 BOS Meeting Dates for Winter/Spring 2015

The Selectmen decided on the following dates for future BOS meetings:

1/5/15, 1/26/15, 2/9/15, 2/23/15, 3/9/15, 3/23/15, and 4/6/15

In addition, it was decided that a Public Sewer Study Forum will be held on 1/14/15 or 1/21/15, whichever date the Millis Middle/High School Auditorium can be reserved.

14-346 Budget Priorities

Sel. Wagner said the Selectmen hadn't discussed specifics for budget related items yet. The group did agree that moving to Advanced Life Support, addressing some Council of Aging issues, and developing a Fields Maintenance Plan are all items they would like to prioritize.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by Sel. Smith, seconded by Sel. Neville to approve and accept the Regular Session minutes of December 1, 2014 and December 3, 2014 and the Executive Session minutes of November 17, 2014 and December 1, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

The next Regular Session meeting will be held on December 15, 2014.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen M. Bouret