

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 2, 2015 6:00 PM
Middle School/High School Library
900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054**

CALL TO ORDER: Sel. Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The following persons were present: Chair Christopher Smith, Vice-Chair James Neville, Clerk James McCaffrey, Operations Support Manager Karen Bouret, Town Administrator Charles Aspinwall, and Town Counsel Ilana Quirk.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:00 pm

Motion by Sel. Smith 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; and the Chair does so declare.

By Roll Call Vote: Sel. Smith—aye, Sel. Neville—aye, Sel. McCaffrey—aye.

Motion by Sel. Smith to emerge from executive session to return to regular session at 6:35 pm.

Seconded by Sel. McCaffrey.

By Roll Call Vote: Sel. Smith—aye, Sel. Neville—aye, Sel. McCaffrey—aye.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

15-345 Election Machine Notice and Contract Award

Lisa Hardin, Town Clerk, presented two proposals that were submitted for the Request for Proposals for Precinct Scanner/Tabulators. Ms. Hardin said both proposals are for machines that will work in conjunction with existing equipment.

Sel. Neville made a motion to award the contract for precinct scanner tabulators to Election Systems & Software LLC for a total price of \$19,029.00. The motion was seconded by Sel. McCaffrey and passed unanimously.

Sel. Neville made a motion that the Town of Millis discontinue using Optech Eagle voter tabulators and purchase and begin using DS200 voter tabulators beginning with the Presidential Primary on March 1, 2016. The motion was seconded by Sel. McCaffrey and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sel. Smith said the Town would like to honor the Town's veterans with a proclamation.

Sel. McCaffrey made a motion to accept the following proclamation:

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the first Veterans Day proclamation calling on our nation to "pay appropriate homage to the veterans of all its wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of this nation."

Our nation has fought, and continues to fight, battles around the world. The words of that first proclamation still ring true: "Let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us

reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain.”

We remember with somber and grateful hearts those men and women who have served the United States of America with distinction and valor as sailors, soldiers, airmen and Marines, and offer our sincere prayers for those who continue to defend the principles on which our nation was founded.

The state of Massachusetts is home to thousands of our nation’s military families. We are proud to recognize our country’s veterans and extend the appreciation of our citizens to those who wear the uniforms of the United States Armed Forces and serve on the front lines preserving the freedom and liberty.

We, the Town of Millis Board of Selectmen, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2015, as VETERANS DAY in the Town of Millis and encourage all townspeople to observe and appreciate the sacrifices and contributions of our veterans who fought for peace and defended democracy in our land and abroad.

In the Town of Millis, given this 11th day of November, 2015: MILLIS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Sel. Neville seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

15-346 Ross Ave Water Main Easement Acceptance of Deeds

Mr. Aspinwall recommended that the Board of Selectmen do vote to accept the easements for the Ross Avenue Water Main project from Stoneybrook Village, LLC and Milliston Common as written so that the water main can be looped.

Sel. Smith made a motion that the BOS accepts the grant of easements as written from Milliston Common and Stoneybrook Village, LLC for the Ross Avenue Water Main Project. The motion was seconded by Sel. Neville, and passed unanimously.

15-347 BOS Warrant Article Recommendation

Sel. Smith said there are a three warrant articles the BOS was holding off on making recommendations on and asked Mr. Aspinwall to provide any available information on these articles.

Mr. Aspinwall said article 18, OPEB funding, was voted to be dismissed per the Finance Committee. Article 24, the DPW roof repair, was recommended. Mr. Aspinwall said there is additional research that needs to happen on the roof by a structural engineer due to the discovery of condensation on the underside of the deck. Article 23, Sewer Infiltration/Inflow was recommended by Fin Com from Sewer Surplus.

Sel. Smith made a motion that the BOS recommends dismissal of article 18, and approval of articles 23 and 24. The motion was seconded by Sel. Neville and passed unanimously.

15-348 Hidden Hill Farm Cows

Mr. Aspinwall said Dino D’Innocenzo came to the Town and said a cow and calf both died in relation to the noise from the fireworks display set off by the Town at Tangerini’s Farm in June of this year. Mr. D’Innocenzo asked the Town to move the fireworks in future years so they won’t be so close to his farm and said losing the cows is a financial burden. Mr. D’Innocenzo has asked the Town to cover his loss for a total of \$2,424.00. At a meeting that was held after the incident, the Town asked Mr. D’Innocenzo to

provide substantiation from a registered veterinarian saying that the fireworks caused the deaths of the cows. Mr. D’Innocenzo provided a letter from a farmer/livestock dealer but has not yet sent a letter from a vet. The BOS asked Mr. Aspinwall to write another letter again asking for a letter from a registered veterinarian making a strong case for the noise of the fireworks causing the deaths. The BOS will review the matter again when the letter has been received.

15-349 Contract Award LSP Services – Library Parking Lot Contamination

Mr. Aspinwall presented a contract from AMEC for the Library parking lot contamination remediation. Mr. Aspinwall said the funding will be voted at Town Meeting.

Sel. Smith made a motion that the BOS approves entering into an agreement with AMEC Massachusetts, Inc., in the amount of \$36,000.00 for Library parking lot contamination remediation subject to appropriation at the upcoming Town meeting. The motion was seconded by Sel. Neville and passed unanimously.

15-350 Award of Sidewalk Project – Unanticipated by Chair

Mr. Aspinwall said the bid submissions were received for the Sidewalk and Handicap Ramp Installation at the Veterans Memorial Building for the memorials and MJS Construction was the low bidder. Mr. Aspinwall said the contractor would like to begin as soon as possible while the weather is still conducive to installation.

Sel. Smith made a motion that the BOS approve entering into a contract with MJS Construction for \$22,360.00 for the sidewalk and handicap ramp installation for the memorials at the VMB subject to Town meeting appropriation. The motion was seconded by Sel. Neville and passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Sel. Neville, seconded by Sel. McCaffrey to approve and accept the Regular Session minutes of October 19, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Sel. McCaffrey, seconded by Sel. Smith to approve and accept the Regular Session minutes of October 22, 2015. Sel. Neville abstained. The motion passed.

Mr. Aspinwall did a quick review of the unpaid bills to be approved at Town meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sel. Smith to recess to attend Town Meeting at 7:15 pm and to adjourn at the close of Town Meeting, seconded by Sel. Neville.

By Roll Call Vote: Sel. Smith—aye, Sel. Neville—aye, Sel. McCaffrey—aye.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen M. Bouret