

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Veterans Memorial Building Room 229
900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054**

CALL TO ORDER: Sel. McCaffrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following persons were present: Sel. Catherine MacInnes and Town Administrator Michael Guzinski.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS AND SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

17-205 Appointment of (2) Full Time Police Officers

Chief Soffayer introduced the candidates for Full Time Police Officers: Robert Afienko and Farrah Gray. The Chief noted that the Town is no longer under Civil Service and was able to move quickly to find qualified candidates for the open positions.

Town Administrator Michael Guzinski asked the BOS to ratify the appointment of Robert Afienko as a Full Time Police Officer.

Sel. McCaffrey made a motion to approve the Town Administrator's appointment of Robert Afienko as a Full Time police officer. The motion was seconded by Sel. MacInnes and passed unanimously.

Town Administrator Michael Guzinski asked the BOS to ratify the appointment of Farrah Gray as a Full Time Police Officer.

Sel. McCaffrey made a motion to approve the Town Administrator's appointment of Farrah Gray as a Full Time Police Officer. The motion was seconded by Sel. MacInnes and passed unanimously.

17-206 Appointment of (1) Part Time Reserve Officer

Chief Soffayer introduced the Candidate for Part Time Reserve Officer: Paul Kearns. The Chief said Mr. Kearns is currently a full time dispatcher and will continue in that role.

Town Administrator Michael Guzinski asked the BOS to ratify the appointment of Paul Kearns as a Part Time Reserve Officer.

Sel. McCaffrey made a motion to approve the Town Administrator's appointment of Paul Kearns as a Part Time Reserve Officer. Sel. MacInnes seconded and passed unanimously.

17-207 Town Counsel Update on Marijuana Legislation

Sel. McCaffrey noted that the Legislation was signed by the Governor and that there were some changes to the law.

Town Counsel Attorney Katherine Laughman, with KP Law, addressed the BOS and noted the changes and what is the Town's local control. She explained how municipalities will go about regulating local access to dispensaries and any other number of recreational marijuana establishments. Also, she explained, in detail, the terminology of the law.

17-208 Discussion of Temporary Moratorium for Millis

Attorney Laughman explained that the implementation of a Temporary Moratorium would buy the town some additional time in which to undergo a planning process to engage in a ballot, bylaw referendum passing or any kind of law that may need to be passed.

Attorney Laughman is recommending a short-term moratorium for the town to explore possibilities with respect to zoning, prohibiting or limiting in some capacity and the opportunity to enact the laws or have the electing vote necessary to go forward with what the course would be for Millis. She also noted what the laws would be for medical marijuana establishments to convert to recreational marijuana establishments. Attorney Laughman answered questions from the BOS with regards to the process of implementing moratorium.

Sel. McCaffrey stated that at the August 14, 2017 meeting they will have a warrant article discussion on a moratorium provision and as a Board act upon it.

17-209 Citizen Input Regarding Sale of Recreational Marijuana in Town

There were no comments or input by citizens in attendance.

CONSENT ITEMS

There were no Consent Items to review.

ADJOURNMENT

Sel. MacInnes motioned to adjourn at 7:08 pm. The motion was seconded by Sel. McCaffrey and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Maureen Canesi