

## Finance Committee Meeting

October 3, 2012 7:30 PM  
Veterans Memorial Building, Room 229  
900 Main Street  
Millis, MA 02054

### In Attendance:

Craig Schultze, Chairman  
Peter Jurmain, Vice Chairman  
Rich Molloy, Clerk  
Bud Drummey  
Rick Manburg  
Doug Riley  
Chris Smith  
Susan Vecchi  
Charles Aspinwall, Town Administrator  
Charles Vecchi, Board of Selectmen  
Kris Fogarty, Recreation Department  
Brutus Cantoreggi, Resident  
Lisa Hardin, Resident & Town Clerk

Craig Schultze called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM,

### Article #18 Recreation Position:

Kris Fogarty:

The department is requesting the restoration of a ten hour a week position. The position was cut several years ago and was not funded by taxation. The approximate cost of the position is \$7,000.00 per year and would be funded by excess funds in the revolving account. The committee will be looking at the \$20,000.00 funding of the department by taxation during the FY14 budget presentation season in the spring.

### Article #27 Recreation Field Consultant:

Kris Fogarty:

Millis is in dire need of field space. Field use is at its maximum. The high school uses the Town Park for sports and all fields are rented on the weekends. Building new fields would turn a profit. The \$22,000.00 proposal from Steven Cosmos was part of the original plan to consider fields at Cassidy Farm. The proposal consists of \$14,500.00 for design and \$7,500.00 for an engineering survey.

### Article #28 Recreation Fields Evaluation:

Brutus Cantoreggi:

The town of Millis has a lot of open space. Cassidy Farm and a parcel of land off of Village Street are ideal properties to build playing fields. Both parcels have easy access, good soil and gravel parking lots could be built. The properties are already leveled and cleared of trees. He estimates the cost of building playing fields is \$200,000.00 - \$250,000.00. This article is requesting a sum of money, approximately \$7,500.00, to research potential properties to build playing fields. The evaluation would be presented to the Millis residents in May 2013 to vote on the project. Fees for use of the fields could be used for field maintenance or to pay down the debt of the construction. The \$7,500.00 would be used for site surveys, etc.

Discussion: The committee felt it was premature to appropriate funds until the Field Committee meets and presents a plan of viable options. Budgeted funds in both the DPW and Selectmen's FY13 budgets could be used to offset any costs for the field study.

Charles Aspinwall:

It is a priority of the Board of Selectmen to evaluate the fields at Oak Grove Farm as an option to fill the need for additional fields and to identify parcels that would make good playing fields.

### Article Recommendations:

Chris Smith made a motion to dismiss Article #27, Recreation Field Consultant; Rich Molloy seconded. Vote: 8/0, motion carries.

Chris Smith made a motion to dismiss Article #28, Recreation Fields Evaluation; Rich Molloy seconded. Vote: 8/0, motion carries.

### Article #6 Public Safety Data Processing System: Postponed

### Article #29 Citizens United/Election Spending Resolution:

Chris Smith does not feel the committee should make recommendations on political issues. The discussion was limited to the reasons why a political issue should be recommended by the Finance Committee as it is not town business. The town's moderator, James McCaffrey, will research if the Finance Committee can not recommend or not not recommend this article, in other words not take a position on the article either way.

### Article Recommendation:

Chris Smith made a motion to dismiss Article #29 Citizens United/Election Spending Resolution; Doug Riley seconded. Vote 5/3, motion carries. Members voting to dismiss the article include Richard Molloy, Bud Drummey, Rick Manburg, Doug Riley and Chris Smith. Members voting not to dismiss the article include Craig Schultze, Peter Jurmain and Susan Vecchi.

Lisa Hardin:

Town Meeting is the perfect place to take a vote on this article. It is her understanding that the Finance Committee must address/recommend every article on the town's Annual Town Meeting Warrant. As Town Clerk, she requested the Finance Committee include a list of articles on the town's warrant that is mailed to the town's residents.

Article #13 Sewer Infiltration and Inflow Program & Article #14 Sewer and Drain Manhole Repairs:

Charles Aspinwall:

<u>Sewer and Drain Manhole Repairs:</u>	<u>Required:</u>	<u>Recommended:</u>
Manhole Casting Repair:	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00
Manhole Casing Repair & Adjustments:	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Manhole Casting Repair & Replacement:	<u>\$13,300.00</u>	<u>\$13,300.00</u>
Total Article #14:	<u>\$24,600.00</u>	<u>\$24,600.00</u>
<u>Sewer I/I Costs:</u>	<u>Required:</u>	<u>Recommended:</u>
Clean Grease by Treatment:	\$ 4,068.00	\$ 4,068.00
Root Removal:	\$ 4,275.00	\$ 4,275.00
CCTV Inspection of Services from the main:	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 6,900.00
CCTV Inspection of Services from the buildings:	<u>\$ 11,250.00</u>	<u>\$11,250.00</u>
Subtotal:	<u>\$ 26,493.00</u>	<u>\$26,493.00</u>
Repairs to services:	\$ 98,400.00	\$10,000.00
Farm Street Easement:		
Estimate to clear:	\$ 10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Estimate to clean:	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,546.00
Estimate to camera:	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,080.00</u>
Subtotal:	<u>\$118,400.00</u>	<u>\$30,626.00</u>
Engineering:	\$ 12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Total:	\$181,493.00	\$93,719.00

Source of Funding:

Existing I/I Article:		\$ 78,719.00
Surplus:	\$104,220.00	
GIS Article:	(\$14,300.00)	
Surplus:	(\$50,000.00)	
Manhole Article:	(\$25,000.00)	
Balance (Article #13)	\$ 14,920.00	~\$15,000.00
Total:		\$ 93,719.00

Article Recommendations:

Chris Smith made a motion to recommend Article #14, Sewer and Drain Manhole Repairs, in the amount of \$24,600.00 funded by Retained Earnings; Peter Jurmain seconded. Vote: 8/0, motion carries.

Chris Smith made a motion to recommend Article #13, Sewer I/I Program, in the amount of \$15,000.00 funded by Retained Earnings; Susan Vecchi seconded. Vote: 8/0, motion carries.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

October 10, 2012 7:30 PM  
Veterans Memorial Building, Room 229

October 17, 2012 7:30 PM  
Veterans Memorial Building, Room 229

October 24, 2012 7:30 PM  
Veterans Memorial Building, Room 229

Pre-Town Meeting/Public Hearing:

Thursday, November 1, 2012 7:30 PM  
Veterans Memorial Building, Room 229

Annual Fall Town Meeting:

Monday, November 5, 2012 7:30 PM  
Middle/High School Auditorium

Minutes Approval:

Susan Vecchi made a motion to accept the September 26, 2012 meeting minutes, with the addition of Chris Smith in attendance, as written; Rich Molloy seconded. Vote: 8/0 motion carries.

Adjourn:

Chris Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM; Susan Vecchi seconded. Vote 8/0 motion carries

Respectfully submitted,  
Deirdre Gilmore