

## Finance Committee Meeting

October 9, 2013 7:30 PM  
Veterans Memorial Building, Room 229  
900 Main Street  
Millis, MA 02054

### In Attendance:

Peter Jurmain, Chairman  
Susan Vecchi, Vice Chairman  
Rich Molloy, Clerk  
Tom Krimmel  
Doug Riley  
Craig Schultze  
Jim Smith  
Charles Aspinwall, Town Administrator  
Charles Vecchi, Board of Selectmen  
Larry Bouret, Board of Assessors Chairman  
Brutus Cantoreggi, Planning Board  
Steven Catalano, School Committee  
Paula Dumont, Assessors Department  
Kathleen Lannon, Board of Health  
Nate Maltinsky, CPC  
Scott Moles, Board of Health

Peter Jurmain called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

### Minutes Approval:

Susan Vecchi made a motion to approve the September 18, 2013 meeting minutes as written invoking the rule of necessity; Rich Molloy seconded. Vote: 4/0 motion carries.

Jim Smith made a motion to approve the October 3, 2013 meeting minutes as written invoking the rule of necessity; Rich Molloy seconded. Vote: 3/0 motion carries.

### November Town Meeting Warrant Articles Presentations:

Article #17 Veterans Tax Work Program:

Larry Bouret:

This program mirrors the Senior Work Program for tax credit up to 100 hours. There are approximately 400 veterans in town and 5-6 have shown interest in the program. The maximum number of participants is 18 at \$800.00 per participant for a total of \$14,400.00.

#### Article #28 Rabies Prevention Revolving Fund:

Scott Moles:

This article would establish a revolving fund for the rabies clinic. The funds raised by the clinic now go in to the town's General Fund. Currently the Board of Health budget has a line item to cover the veterinarian cost. Their budget would be reduced by \$930.00 for FY15 if the revolving fund is approved.

#### Article #30 Special Needs Van:

Steven Catalano:

The quote for a 2014 Dodge Grand Caravan SE 29E Package is \$22,577.00 from Central Chrysler Jeep Dodge. The current SPED fleet consists of 25 vehicles. There are 21 vehicles in use and four spare. The plan is to replace 3 – 4 vehicles per year; some of the replacements would be funded through the revolving fund. Typical replacement is 5 – 7 years or 100,000 miles. Typically there is one student per vehicle due to behavioral issues and IEPs (Individual Education Plan). There are no legal requirements to use a grand caravan rather than a smaller sedan.

#### Article #1 Rezone I-P-2 District for Agricultural Retail Use:

Brutus Cantoreggi:

The Planning Board approved this article. There is no zoning for agricultural retail sales. With the approval of this article the designated district includes the area on Rt. 109 towards Medway (Black Cow area to Medway town line). This article would authorize agricultural retail use in that district.

#### Article #2 Adult Entertainment and Medical Marijuana Zoning:

Brutus Cantoreggi:

The town must provide an Adult Entertainment District and would recommend district I-P-2 to be designated for such use. The Planning Board approved this article. A Special Permit would be required for Adult Entertainment in the district.

The Planning Board recommended Medical Marijuana Zoning in the I-P-2 district. A Special Permit would be required for Medical Marijuana in the district.

#### Article #34 Urban Domesticated Fowl or Rabbit Regulations:

Brutus Cantoreggi:

Unless a property is considered a farm (5 acres or more) raising of chickens or rabbits is not permitted unless a waiver from the Zoning Board of Appeals is granted. The Planning Board is proposing the raising of chickens or rabbits be allowed with a permit issued by the Board of Health. The applicant must notify the abutting neighbors of the permit request and there are provisions on how to raise and house the animals, store the food and disposal of manure. If a neighbor objects to the application of a

permit the Board of Health may hold a hearing. The Board of Health and Animal Control Officer would be responsible for assessing the odor and noise if complaints were filed for a certain property.

November Town Meeting Warrant Articles Recommendations:

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend approval of Article #1 Rezone I-P-2 District for Agricultural Retail Use; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 7/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend approval of Article #2 Zoning Changes: Adult Entertainment and Medical Marijuana; Rich Molloy seconded. Vote: 7/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend at town meeting Article #3 Cedar Street/Farm Street Sewer Project; Rich Molloy seconded. Vote: 7/0 motion carries. The Board of Selectmen will vote on this article on Monday, October 21, 2013 to give Cedar Street residents another opportunity to voice their opinion on the project.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend approval of Article #4 Rescind a Portion of Chapter 90 Appropriation; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 7/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article #5 Rosenfeld Road Drain Modification:

Charles Aspinwall:

The roots have been cleared so the article is asking for design funds only, a price should be available next week.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend approval of Article #6 DPW Truck in the amount of \$63,587.00; Rich Molloy seconded. Vote: 7/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend approval of Article #7 DPW SCADA Computers & Software in the amount of \$21,473.98; Rich Molloy seconded. Vote: 7/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend approval of Article #8 Wells/Stations Heaters in the amount of \$22,545.00; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 7/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article #9 Veterans Memorial Building Boiler – Presentation October 16, 2013

Article #10 Veterans Memorial Building Flooring – Presentation October 16, 2013

Jim Smith made a motion to recommend approval of Article #11 Veterans Memorial Building Masonry Project – Design Services only in the amount of \$30,000.00; Susan Vecchi seconded. Vote: 7/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article #12 Veterans Memorial Building Gym Painting Project – Presentation October 16, 2013

Article #13 DPW Union Contract Settlement – Presentation October 16, 2013

Article #14 Police Union Contract Settlement, Article #15 Dispatch Union Contract Settlement & Article #16 Traffic Supervisors Union Contract Settlement – Contracts have not been settled; table to Town Meeting.

Article #17 Add to Stabilization Fund – Vote October 16, 2013 pending funding amounts.

Article #18 Add to OPEB Trust Fund – Vote October 16, 2013 pending funding amounts.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend approval of Article #19 Veterans Tax Work off Program in the amount of \$14,400.00; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 7/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article #20 Former Centennial Park Hazardous Waste Study/Abatement – Presentation October 16, 2013

Jim Smith made a motion to recommend dismissal of Article #21 Regional Energy Manager; Susan Vecchi seconded. Vote: 7/0 motion carries unanimously.

November Town Meeting Warrant Articles Presentations Continued:

Article #22 Former Dewey Property – Stone Wall Repair and Tree Line Cutting (CPC)

Nate Maltinsky:

There are overgrown trees at the intersection of Exchange and Middlesex Streets which have become a safety hazard. The removal of the trees would provide better site lines and retain the scenic vista. The CPC voted unanimously on September 19, 2013 in favor of this article in the amount of \$3,950.00.

Article #23 Ellice School Improvement and Matching Grants (CPC)

Nate Maltinsky:

The article was submitted to the CPC by the Historical Commission for Phase I of the restoration of the school. The state will match ½ of the funds raised. This article would fund a survey of the building, structural architectural plans and an estimated cost to restore the building. The project would commence in FY15. The CPC voted in favor of the article 6/1 on September 19, 2013 in the amount of \$12,500.00. The long term plan for the property is to integrate elementary school students into an “old school” day and expand the opportunity to surrounding town’s students. The Niagara Hall project should be complete by midsummer 2014.

November Town Meeting Warrant Articles Recommendations Continued:

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend approval of Article #22 Former Dewey Property – Stone Wall Repair and Tree Line Cutting in the amount of \$3,950.00; Rich Molloy seconded. Vote: 7/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend approval of Article #23 Ellice School Improvements in the amount of \$12,500.00; Rich Molloy seconded. Vote: 7/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend approval of Article #24 Designate Bullard Lane a Scenic Road; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 7/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article #25 Unpaid Bills – Vote October 16, 2013

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend approval of Article #26 Rabies Prevention Revolving Fund; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 7/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article #27 Council on Aging – Presentation October 16, 2013

Article #28 Reclassification – Presentation October 16, 2013

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend approval of Article #29 Community Notification System in the amount of \$4,500.00; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 7/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article #30 Special Needs Van – Vote October 16, 2013 pending available funding

Article #31 American Legion Heating System – Presentation October 16, 2013

Article #32 Petitioned Article Sports Field Complex – Presentation October 16, 2013

Article #33 Feasibility Study – Town Fields – Presentation October 16, 2013

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend approval of Article #34 Urban Domesticated Fowl or Rabbit Regulations; Rich Molloy seconded. Vote: 6/0 with one abstention, motion carries.

November Town Meeting Warrant Articles Assignments:

Susan Vecchi: Article #1, 2, 24 – 26 & 34

Craig Schultze: Article #3 – 8

Rich Molloy: Article #9 – 12

Peter Jurmain: Article #13 – 18

Doug Riley: Article #19 – 23, 32 & 33

Jim Smith: Article #27 – 31

Old Business/New Business:

Free Cash should be certified by October 16, 2013.

Upcoming Meetings:

October 16, 2013

October 23, 2013

October 30, 2013

Town Meeting: Monday November 4, 2013

Adjourn:

Susan Vecchi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 PM; Jim Smith seconded. Vote 7/0 motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deirdre Gilmore