



TOWN OF MILLVILLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

290 Main Street
Millville MA 01529

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Monday, July 10, 2023

Location of Meeting: Millville Town Hall, 290 Main Street, Millville MA 01529

Name	Title	Attendance
Jennifer Gill	Chairperson	<i>present</i>
Andrew Alward	Vice Chair	<i>present</i>
Richard Bremilst	Member	<i>present</i>
Roland Barrett	Member	<i>present</i>
Matthew Maille	Member	<i>present</i>
Peter Caruso	Town Administrator	<i>present</i>

OPEN MEETING:

At 7:01 PM Selectman Jennifer Gill opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Appointment of Roland Desjarlais as Associate Planning Board Member Through June 30, 2024

Mr. Roland Desjarlais addressed the Board and described his interest in the role and his qualifications.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Andrew Alward, seconded by Selectman Matthew Maille, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Roland Desjarlais to the Planning Board as Associate Planning Board Member through June 30, 2024.

2. MES Water Update

Town Administrator Peter Caruso updated the Selectmen on a report from the operator, Mr. Bob Ferrari of Northeast Water Solutions. Mr. Bob Ferrari claims that the beavers are a significant impact on the surface water issues, chlorine use issues, and tannic acid issues but the town, its consultant, and Mas DEP do not believe those claims are supported by the facts.

3. Additional Appointments/Reappointments Effective 7/1/23

a. Lynne Foley

On a motion made by Chairperson Jennifer Gill, seconded by Vice Chair Andrew Alward, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Lynne Foley to the Cultural Council through June 30, 2026.

b. Amendments to Previous Vote

On a motion made by Vice Chair Andrew Alward, seconded by Chairperson Jennifer Gill, the Board voted unanimously to amend the one year terms to three year terms for the following persons:

*Jeffrey Pettit, Conservation Commission
Pamela Maloney, Conservation Commission
Kristin Alves, Cultural Council
Nicole O'Brien, Cultural Council
Richard Bremilst, Green Community Committee
Matthew Maille, Green Community Committee
Richard Hurteau, Green Community Committee
William Coupe, Parks & Recreation
Kevin DelGizzi, Parks & Recreation*

c. Review of Board of Selectmen Appointment Policies

The Board of Selectmen discussed the one-year terms and whether, after a one- to two-year probationary period of good performance, the appointee would be able to be appointed to a three-year term at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen. Town Administrator Peter Caruso will make amendments to the Appointment Policies document to be reviewed before a future vote.

4. Discussion of New BOS Survey of Residents

Chairperson Jennifer Gill presented edits to the survey text for Board review.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Additional Discussion of Public Safety Committee

Chairperson Jennifer Gill described the purpose of the Public Safety Committee and its role in recruiting police personnel. The Committee is proposed to be made up of two Selectmen, the Police Chief, the Fire Chief, a "rank-and-file" police officer, a "rank-and-file" firefighter-EMT, and one member of the public. The Committee shall bi-annually make any recommendations that may impact the budget by the second meeting in October and the second meeting in January.

Chief William Coupe addressed the Board to give his recommendations on the Committee's role. The Board plans to advertise the position(s) on the Committee to begin appointing members.

A vote was made to appoint Richard Bremilst to the Public Safety Committee, but it was determined that the vote had not yet been made to form the Committee. The vote to form

the Committee was made, and the vote to appoint Richard Bremilst made again after said vote.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Andrew Alward, seconded by Selectman Roland Barrett, the Board voted unanimously to form a Public Safety Committee that will serve at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen for an undetermined amount of time.

On a motion made by Chairperson Jennifer Gill, seconded by Selectman Roland Barrett, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Richard Bremilst to the Public Safety Committee.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Andrew Alward, seconded by Chairperson Jennifer Gill, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Police Chief William Coupe Jr. to the Public Safety Committee.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Andrew Alward, seconded by Chairperson Jennifer Gill, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Fire Chief Roy Liard Jr. to the Public Safety Committee.

2. Update from Chief Coupe on National Night Out (August 1, 2023)

Police Chief William Coupe addressed the Board to describe the activities planned for the National Night Out (an annual community-building event that promotes police-community partnerships in many municipalities across the US).

DEPARTMENTS:

None.

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. David Maloney, Director of the Millville Free Public Library, addressed the Board to inform the community about the new "Library of Things" program where items such as tools, small appliances, games, musical instruments, and electronics can be borrowed in a similar fashion to library books. He also announced an upcoming "Book & Bake" where there will be food and a highlighted book on gardening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Senior Center July Events
Line Dancing, Oil Painting, Tri-Valley Lunch, COA Meeting, Movie & Popcorn Night, and additional events were announced. Details can be found on Facebook.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **Eversource Maintenance and Replacement of Transmission Line Structures**
On Kempton Road and Forest View Drive, Eversource will be replacing some of their wooden structures with metal structures. This work will continue through winter of 2024.

MINUTES:

Minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS:

Selectman Barrett had nothing to report.

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Vice Chair Alward asked whether the Fire Department has determined how to better handle their response to calls. Town Administrator Peter Caruso explained that they have hired recently and stated that the question will be best suited to the Chief, who is currently fighting wildfires in Canada.

Chairperson Gill addressed a few agenda items for the next meeting including an update from the Building Inspector on Town Hall and the Police Station, a discussion with Fire Chief Liard, and discussion of constructing a park.

Selectman Maille asked whether the Board could solicit public recommendations for survey questions in the future. An option to install a suggestion box or have a public hearing to solicit community opinions.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Town Administrator Peter Caruso discussed his role on the Board of Directors for the Metacomet Emergency Communications Center (MECC). The cost of Millville's MECC assessment for FY 24 of \$116,000 has been fully covered by State 911 grants. It is anticipated that only 50% of Millville's assessment for FY 25 will be covered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion made by Chairperson Jennifer Gill, seconded by Selectman Matthew Maille the Board voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session per MGL c.30A S21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the Town and the chair so declares, regarding Police Teamsters Union Local 170.

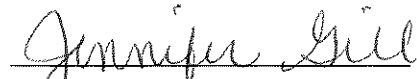
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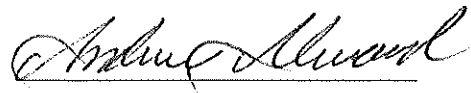
On a motion made by Andrew Alward seconded by Jennifer Gill the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:11pm.


The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Monday August 14, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dylan Lindholm
Recording Secretary


Jennifer Gill, Chair


Andrew Alward, Vice Chair


Roland Barrett, Member

Richard Bremilst, Member


Matthew Maille, Member