



TOWN OF MILLVILLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

290 Main Street
Millville MA 01529

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, September 25, 2023

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

Name	Title	Attendance
Jennifer Gill	Chairperson	<i>present</i>
Andrew Alward	Vice Chair	<i>absent</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 7:00 PM Chairperson Jennifer Gill opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Appointment of Jonathan Shuman as Part Time Police Officer through 6/30/24

Chief Coupe and Mr. Shuman addressed the Board. Chief Coupe introduced Mr. Shuman's qualifications. Mr. Shuman introduced himself and expressed his excitement in joining Millville's Police Department.

On a motion by Selectman Barrett, seconded by Selectman Bremilst, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint Jonathan Shuman as a part time police officer through 6/30/24.

2. Library Toll Day Permit Approval October 21, 2023

Approvals and signatures from Police, Fire, and Highway are in process, so Town Administrator Peter Caruso asked that the Board approve subject to the furnishing of the three signatures ahead of the event.

On a motion by Selectman Barrett, seconded by Selectman Bremilst, the Board of Selectmen approved by unanimous vote the October 21, 2023 9am-1pm Toll Day Permit at the intersection of Central St and Main St, with a rain date of October 28, 2023, subject to the approval of all other necessary department signoffs.

3. Appointment of Selectman as Zoning Board Member Associate

Town Administrator Peter Caruso explained that the Zoning Board of Appeals needs three members and currently only has two members. Chairperson Gill noted that the ZBA chair, Tom Mulvey, has not yet weighed in. Jason Zilonis addressed the Board as a party interested in joining the ZBA. Selectman Barrett volunteered to become an associate member of the ZBA as well. Town Administrator Peter Caruso noted he would speak to Town Counsel to determine what membership, in terms of full members or associate members, is needed. Chairperson Gill determined that the vote would be taken next week.

4. Special Town Meeting Consideration of Potential Warrant Articles

Town Administrator Peter Caruso introduced several potential warrant articles including: approving of a health agent acting as a Board of Health member, changes to the zoning bylaw by the Planning Board, and fire truck repair bills. The dates of the truck repairs and current truck value were questioned by the Board of Selectmen. Chairman Gill noted that the School Committee would be invited to an upcoming meeting to discuss the feasibility study.

5. Consideration of Public Safety Committee Term Dates

Chairperson Gill noted that the previous appointments did not have staggered term lengths, which has been recommended by the Town Clerk.

On a motion by Chairperson Gill, seconded by Selectman Maille, the Board of Selectmen approved by unanimous vote to amend the appointments made to the Public Safety Committee to the following: to appoint Richard Bremilst, Chief William Coupe, and Chief William Liard to a term ending June 30, 2026.

On a motion by Chairperson Gill, seconded by Selectman Maille, the Board of Selectmen approved by unanimous vote to amend the appointments made to the Public Safety Committee to the following: to appoint Steven LaCava and Joseph Guilbeault to a term ending June 30, 2025.

On a motion by Chairperson Gill, seconded by Selectman Maille, the Board of Selectmen approved by unanimous vote to amend the appointments made to the Public Safety Committee to the following: to appoint Gregory Gomes to a term ending June 30, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. MES Water Status Update

Town Administrator Peter Caruso addressed a Memorandum of Understanding between Millville and Uxbridge which states that the towns will work together to try and determine a possibility of water service to portions of Millville. Mr. Caruso noted that this may be useful when applying for MassDEP grants, to show attempts to find water solutions.

Bulk water was discussed, as well as the ongoing work to determine how to solve the disinfection byproduct issues and the water issues in general. Selectman Bremilst noted that half of the budget has been expended already and asked why not stick with bulk water. Chairperson Gill noted that finding a solution with Uxbridge may solve the situation.

Chairperson Gill read the Memorandum of Understanding between Millville and Uxbridge.

On a motion by Chairperson Gill, seconded by Selectman Barrett, the Board of Selectmen approved by unanimous vote to authorize Peter Caruso as Town Administrator to enter into this Understanding with the Town of Uxbridge.

2. BMR Open Meeting Law Complaint Response Discussion and Possible Resolution

Chairperson Gill noted that there is a response regarding the OML violation from Dr DeFalco. The Board noted that public perception cares more about the water issue itself than the open meeting law complaint.

3. Lifted Luxury Host Community Agreement Expiration Update and Discussion

Town Administrator Peter Caruso explained that Lifted Luxury does not have a base of operations for their cannabis company. The Host Community Agreement is set to expire on October 8, 2023. Some advance payments against the impact fees have been paid. The company has been unable to set up in their expected location and have not been able to finish their permitting and licensing procedure with the Cannabis Control Commission. Mr. Caruso explained that Lifted Luxury is no longer a tenant in the building they expected to occupy. Currently, Millville only allows for two retail licenses, and Lifted Luxury is holding one of the two licenses, despite not being open yet. The Board requested Town Counsel for more information on the number of retail licenses allowed.

4. BMR Water Discussion (Continued)

Chairperson Gill returned to the BMR water discussion. She explained that on May 15, the Board authorized \$15,000 to be used for bulk water delivery. The total cost came to \$15,400.

On a motion by Chairperson Gill, seconded by Selectman Bremilst, the Board of Selectmen approved by unanimous vote for an additional \$400 of ARPA funds be authorized to pay for bulk water delivery to BMR.

DEPARTMENTS:

Selectman Bremilst asked if there was a centralized point of contact for complaints instead of responding to complaints via informal channels (such as Facebook/social media). Chairperson Gill explained that complaints should be directed to the Town Administrator by calling the main phone number or by emailing townadmin@millvillema.org Further, Millville Police Department's non-emergency number can be used to reach the Animal Control Officer.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Town Administrator Peter Caruso announced an invitation to the BVT Budget Conversation, which was sent by the Town of Hopedale.

MINUTES:

Meeting minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS:

1. Roland Barrett had nothing to report.
2. Richard Bremilst noted that the town warrant needed to be posted soon.
3. Matthew Maille had nothing to report.
4. Jennifer Gill had nothing to report.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Caruso reported that Millville PD, with mutual aid from Mendon and Blackstone, responded to a dangerous incident involving a deadly weapon on Chestnut Hill Road last week. Mr. Caruso thanked Chief Coupe and Sergeant Sullivan as well as all of the responding officers for their restraint, professionalism and patience, which allowed the incident to be resolved without injury. Selectman Bremilst noted that this was the second shooting incident this year, and noted that the incidents were unrelated.

ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED 48 HOURS PRIOR TO MEETING:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive session was not entered.

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING & ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion made by Chairperson Gill, seconded by Selectman Barrett, the Board voted to adjourn at 8:40pm.

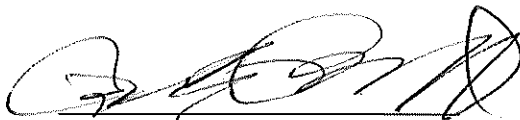
The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2023.

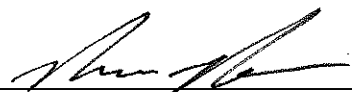
Respectfully Submitted,

Dylan Lindholm
Recording Secretary


Jennifer Gill, Chair

Andrew Alward, Vice Chair


Roland Barrett, Member


Richard Bremilst, Member


Matthew Maille, Member