

**TOWN OF MILLBURY  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**

**February 28, 2023**

**6 PM**

**Present:** Mary Krumsiek, Katie McKenna, Scott Despres, Chris Naff

**Zoom:** Steve Stearns, Ariordan, Pats Ipad, Mike Mann, Claire Despres, Cody Mathieu, Ipad, ksl, Fran Desimone, 10 Rice Rd, James , Laurie K, Jennifer, kClark

**Citizens Speak**

Bob Simmler of 8 Grove St stated that there have been past issues with the parking lot. He presented paper work illustrating changes in maps which resulted in issues in the parking lot. The Board stated that we can address this with the Assessor.

Terry Burke Dotson of 20 Salo Terr stated that the Planning Board did not get a say for the municipal parking lot but the applications should be looked at and we should improve the parking lot.

Brian Sora 16 Jackie Dr. suggested that parking in down town is an issue and turning 126 Elm St. into a parking lot would be beneficial.

**Guest Presentations**

Introduction of Community Support K9 Mikah

Pups Behind Bars donated Mikah and Officer Dean, his handler, to the Millbury Police Department. Mikah has completed training and has previously worked as a facility dog. Mikah will attend community events, school assemblies, assist victims and help people in crisis

Michael Sacco, Esq., CEO of Worcester Regional Retirement System (WRRS) -Tabled

Approval of additional FY 2023 WRRS COLA -Tabled

**Street name correction: from Aldrich Street to Aldrich Avenue**

Motion to approve the Street Name correction from Aldrich Street to Aldrich Avenue by Selectman Despres, seconded by Selectman McKenna. Motion carried unanimously.

**Extension of Outdoor Dining**

On April 1st, the COVID protocols will end and if businesses would like to have outdoor seating they would have to go through a process. The Board can extend the seating until April 1st. The Town Clerk will contact the owners and let them know the process of the Alteration of Premises if they so choose.

**Authorize the Chair to sign a Local Initiative Program Application for a Comprehensive Permit– Rice Pond Village**

Sean stated the application will be submitted by DHCD and if approved then they will go to the Zoning Board. If the Board does not sign then the developer may leave the Local Initiative Program. Selectman Despres asked if the developer pays for the application or the town, Sean

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stated the developer. The Board discussed that this would allow the town to have some say in the project.

Motion to Authorize the Chair to sign a Local Initiative Program Application for a Comprehensive Permit– Rice Pond Village by Selectman Naff, seconded by Selectman Delaney. Selectman Despres opposed. Motion carried 4-1.

**Referral of citizens; petition proposing an amendment to the Town's Zoning Bylaws to the Planning Board for a public hearing**

Sean stated its best practice for the Board to vote, it has been submitted properly and it is a legitimate petition.

Motion to Referral of citizens petition proposing an amendment to the Town's Zoning Bylaws to the Planning Board for a public hearing by Selectman Naff, seconded by Selectman McKenna. Motion carried unanimously.

**Initial discussion of new board/commission onboarding policy**

Discussion of Templates, Sean will provide 3 versions of policies for review. List of items for the onboarding: Charter/Bylaws-OML Training, Adopt Robert Rules of Order, Rules & Procedures for Boards.

**Management Update**

Sean stated that he has appointed the Deputy Town Manager as the Active Town Manager while he underwent surgery. There is interior work being done in the Mansion. The IT project is going well and is almost done. There is a compatible phone system and cyber security. ARPA funds were utilized for projects at the High School. The Finance Committee will vote on department budgets next week. He will present the budget in the meeting on the 14th. The auction on Grove St. is in process. The building will be demolished. Deputy worked with Chief Kosiba and they arranged CPR training; 85-90 municipal employees have signed up. The EV charging stations are being worked on. On the Towns website, there is a list of volunteer opportunities available. The library boiler is replaced, the heating system should be good for a while. The library is supporting the Boston Bruins PJ drive. Selectman Naff asked if Sean could provide a list of unencumbered ARPA funds and an update on the house on McCracken Rd. Sean stated yes and he is in contact with the project manager for McCracken Rd and he will be soon reaching out for an answer or he will hire someone else. Selectman Despres asked if there are any update on the water issues on Woodland, Selectman Krumsiek stated she went to the property and she didn't see a road behind her house and she assumes the drainpipe is broken. We can rent a camera and inspect the pipe. Selectman Delaney suggested that maybe Sean can reach out to the contractors that installed the EV charging station at Shaw.

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**Review & Appoint Previous Minutes**

Motion to approve the Minutes of January 17, 2023 by Selectman McKenna, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Delaney. Motion carried unanimously.

**Dates to Remember**

- Dollars for Scholar Trivia 4/1 Shaw School Cafeteria; sign up on school website
- Assumption School Enrollment for Fall 2023 Pre K-8th Grade; Contact: 508-865-5404
- The Graves Family Dedication; Donation of Painting of Senior Center on 3/21/23 5pm at Senior Center
- The Truth about Baked Beans at the Asa Waters Mansion 4/12/23 at 7pm

**Roundtable Discussion and Citizens Feedback**

Steve Stearns asked the Town Manager if the deadline for submission for Town Agencies is the same as 3/3, he stated no they get a few more days. The reason this petition is being submitted again is because last year it did not get referred to the Planning Board. The board should revisit this issue. Selectman Naff stated it is going to the Planning Board and the board has no other power. Sean stated he will speak to Town Council and get back to Steve.

**On a Good Note**

Selectman Krumsiek stated the DPW did a great job dealing with the storms. The schools are bringing back Community Reading and she participated by reading to pre schoolers.

**7:2 PM Adjourn Meeting**

Motion to adjourn meeting by Selectman Naff and seconded by Selectman McKenna. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Fleming, Secretary

Mary Krumsiek

Katie McKenna

Scott Despres

Chris Naff

David Delaney



Handwritten signatures of Mary Krumsiek, Katherine M. Miller, and David Delaney over horizontal lines.