

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

**August 22, 2023**

**6 PM**

**Present:** Mary Krumsiek, Katie McKenna, Scott Despres, Chris Naff, Brian Sora, Karyn Clark Don Desorcy, Melissa McKeon, Sara Tault, Melissa Ragaini, Joe Ragaini, Gail King, Bruce Devault, Matthew Perry

**Zoom:** Stuart Carter, Tina Pugliese, Ryan's awesome, ariordan, Marsha's iphone, mnordstrom, Eric's Iphone

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Citizen Speak**

Bruce Devault, 14 Forest Dr. stated that the Stowe Meadow conservation trail program should be completed soon. He informed the Board that he met the Blackstone National Watershed and they would like to come visit the trail on 9/17. Matt Ashmankus, 5 Millbury Terrace, stated he would like to be appointed to the Conservation Commission. Gail King, 92 S. Oxford Rd. stated that businesses should not be allowed to have outdoor seating. She raised concerns about accidents.

**Vote to Adopt the 2023 ADA Self-Evaluation & Transition Plan-CMRPC & the Center for Living & Working Inc** Connor from CMRPC, Jim Misek (planner), and Mike Kennedy from the Center for Living and Working presented the ADA Self Evaluation & Transition Plan. The plan covers ADA and accessibility regulations, alt. To store properties, EV charging stations, eye wash stations, accessibility routes and cost per sq. ft of the routes, grievance and accommodation policy, and detail emergency preparedness

**\*See Attached\***

**Consideration of Candidates & Joint Appointment to fill School Committee Vacancy**

The Board of Selectmen and the School Committee which consists of Jennifer Nietupski, Chairperson, Christopher Wilber, Vice-Chair, Jessica Bristol and Jamie Jurgiel, interviewed the candidates for the vacancy. Sarah Murray presented her experience with management, health care and finance. Kristen Birch presented her academic qualifications and her interest in community work. Linda Gosselin shared her experience with kids, residents, and shared concerns from citizens. Sean Cooper shared academic qualifications and his interest in with helping improve the school. Jen shared with the Board she has talked to the candidates previously.

Motion to appoint Sarah Gosselin to the School Committee by Jessica Bristol, seconded by Christopher Wilbur. Motion carried unanimously

Motion to appoint Sarah Gosselin to the School Committee by Selectman McKenna, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek. Selectman Krumsiek, Selectman McKenna and Selectman Naff voted in favor, Selectman Despres and Selectman Sora opposed the vote was approved 3-2.

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### **Discussion of safety concerns at intersection of Millbury Ave and Howe Ave**

Keith Caruso presented the proposal to address the safety concerns presented about the intersection of Millbury Ave and Howe Ave. TEC Engineering will conduct a study and present their findings and solutions to better the intersection. Chairman Naff added that the elevated traffic patterns should be taken into consideration as well. \$20,000 will be allocated towards the traffic report. Chief Lewos stated residents have expressed concerns about the intersection. The Board discussed the budget and benefits of the traffic study.

### **Discussion and potential votes on the Screening Committee for selection of the Town Manager process, and Board's appointment of a member to the Screening Committee for selection of Town Manager**

Chairman Naff stated that the Committee's first meeting will be on 8/29. The Board discussed who should be appointed on the committee. Selectman McKenna shared her interest in being a part of the committee. Selectman Despres stated they would like a resident on the committee. The Board shared their opinions.

Motion to appoint Selectman McKenna to the Screening committee for selection of the Town Manager by Selectman Sora, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Penny Pinchers Brewing Co LLC-Alt of Licensed Premises**

Chairman Naff stated that other business owners near Penny Pinchers expressed concerns about Penny Pinchers outdoor seating plan. Joe Riagini, 92 S. Oxford Rd expressed his concerns regarding the process of approval, location of the suggested outdoor seating spot and safety concerns. The Board discussed the option to rescind the vote. Fran King, 92 S. Oxford Rd. expressed his concerns with accidents and insurance. He also stated that other businesses may want a spot. The Board stated the ABCC has been notified and have consulted them. They would like to change to 1 parking spot instead of 2. Erin Keys stated that Penny Pinchers did not notify surrounding businesses of the spaces that were taken up. He read a letter explaining his concerns regarding the situation. Sarah Gosselin stated taking away the sidewalk space would make the area difficult to walk through and propose ADA violations. Tina Pugliese, 25 Sullivan Pl, suggested the vote should be dissolved. Steve Sterns suggested the Board should develop a policy regarding outdoor seating since the other businesses will be wanting outdoor seating.

Motion to rescind the vote taken on July 11, 2023 for an application for the Alteration of Licensed Premises Penny Pinchers Brewing Co LLC License # FB-LIC-000272-Local 05692-PP-0712, located at 75 Elm St, Millbury MA 01527 by Selectman Despres, seconded by Selectman McKenna. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Bond Anticipation Notes for August 22, 2023**

**\$6,000,000.00 Shaw School (renew)**  
**\$14,000,000.00 Fire Station (renew)**  
**\$632,000.00 Ramshorn Dam (renewal)**  
**\$525,000.00 Roads (paving) 2020 vote (renewal)**  
**\$140,000.00 Fire Truck (renewal)**  
**\$280,000.00 McCracken Road (remaining balance of article) renewal**  
**\$126,000.00 Fire Building (renewal)**  
**\$140,000.00 Fire Building Desogn (renewal)**  
**\$700,000.00 McCracken Road (renewal)**  
**\$525,000.00 Roads (paving) 2019 vote (renewal)**  
**\$575,000.00 Paving/salt shed (2021 vote) (renewal)**  
**\$2,000,000.00 Shaw School (new)**  
**\$4,000,000.00 Fire Station (new)**  
**TOTAL BAN \$ 29,643,000.00**

Motion to approve the sale of \$29,643,000, 5% general obligation bond anticipation notes of the town dated September 1, 2023 and payable August 30, 2024 for the notes to JP Morgan securities LLC at par and accrued interest if any plus a premium of \$440,791.41 by Selectman Despres, seconded by Selectman Krumsiek. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to move the cost of the RE Shaw elementary school construction project authorized by vote of the town passed on November 12, 2019 article 7, being financed with proceed the proportion of the notes together with all other bonds in notes of the town previously issued to pay cost of this project does not exceed the portion of the total cost of the project that is not being paid by the school facilities grant and we here by approve the issuance of notes and bonds finance the project under general law chapter 70 B and further that in connection with the marketing and sale of the notes, the preparation and distribution of a notice of sale and preliminary official statement dated August 9, 2023 and a final official statement dated August 16, 2023 each in such form may be approved by the town treasurer be in here by our ratified confirmed approved an adopted and further that the town treasure and the board of selectmen be and here by are authorized to execute and deliver a significant events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SCC rule 15 C 2–12 in such form and may be approved by bond counsel to the town which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the notes for the benefit of the holders of the notes from time to time and further that any certificate documents relating to the notes collectively the documents may be executed in several counterparts each of which will be regarded as an original and all of which are constitute one in the same document delivery of an executed counter part of a signature page to a document by electronic mail in a PDF file or any other electronic transmission shall be as affective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart signature page to such document and any electronic signature on any of the documents will be deemed as a physical signature for the purpose of it's of the documents at all matters relating

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there to having the same legal affect as original signatures and further that each member of the board of selectmen, the town clerk, and town treasurer be hereby authorized to take any and all such actions and execute and deliver any certificate received and any documents as may be determined by them or any of them to be necessary or convenient to carry into affect the provision of the foregoing votes by Selectman Despres, seconded by Selectman McKenna. Motion carried unanimously.

**Acceptance of Quitclaim Deed for Hilltop Ext as a public way**

Karyn Clark stated that the process would have to be restarted on this the deed is it doesn't get voted on. The Board discussed the deed.

Motion to accept the Quitclaim Deed for Hilltop Ext as a public way subject to Town Counsel review by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman McKenna. Motion carried unanimously

**Board Appointments-**

<b>Energy Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Expires</b>
Karyn Clark	June 30, 2024
<b>Roadway Advisory Committee</b>	
Kevin Donnelly	June 30, 2025
<b>Historical Commission</b>	
George Murphy	June 30, 2024
<b>Veterans Affair Task Force</b>	
George Murphy-Alternate	June 30, 2026

Motion to approve the appointments by Selectman Despres, seconded by Selectman McKenna. Motion carried unanimously.

**Update on partial demo of current Fire Headquarters-126 Elm St**

Chairman Naff stated that the Board was waiting on the building report of the current fire station to develop an action plan. Selectman Despres stated he attended meetings to discuss safety precautions and alterations made to the buildings. No demolition has taken place yet, Karyn added they plan on doing a partial demo.

**Review & Approve Previous Minutes**

Motion to approve the minute of July 11, 2023 by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman McKenna. Motion carried unanimously.

**Dates to Remember**

-8/25 Mansion Movie Night  
-9/23 Road Race

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**Roundtable Discussion and Citizens Feedback**

Chairman Naff answered Terry Burke Dotson's question regarding the system for Public Records, he stated it costs \$2,000 annually. Fran Desimone stated he wasn't aware about the Search Committee for the New Town Manger as he is interested in being on the committee. Chairman Naff stated that only certain Boards can have their members on the committee. Fran would have to reach out to those appointing authorities to be on the committee.

**On a Good Note: Community Events & positive stories about Millbury**

John Camuso saved a stranded dog, Good Job! Selectman Sora shared his condolences about the loss of Joe Deschenes. The Millbury Police's golf tournament and the Movie Night was amazing. Chairman Naff stated he will host Coffee with the Chairman at the Mansion tomorrow 10:30-noon.

**Executive Session in accordance with M.G.L c. 30A, Section 21 (a), Purpose 2, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, Action Town Manager Karyn Clark**

**Executive Session in accordance with M.G.L c. 30A Section 21(a), Purpose 3, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, Millbury Police Assoc-Local 128 MA Coalition of Police if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Board and the Chair so declares**

Motion to enter into Executive Session by Selectman Sora, seconded by Selectman McKenna. And on a roll call vote with Selectman Despres, Selectman Krumsiek, Selectman McKenna, Selectman Sora and Selectman Naff. Motion carried unanimously.

**10:40 Adjourn Meeting**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman Sora. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Fleming, Secretary

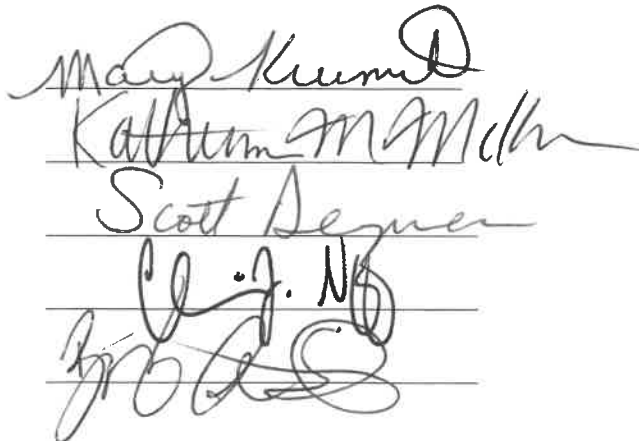
Mary Krumsiek

Katie McKenna

Scott Despres

Chris Naff

Brian Sora

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