

Minutes
Millis Board of Selectmen Meeting
5/4/16 Room 229 7:30 PM
900 Main St., Millis, MA 02054

Attending: James Neville
James McCaffrey
Catherine MacInnes

Charles Aspinwall

Mr. Neville called the meeting to order at the Finance Committee meeting of the same date and asked the Finance Committee to take the Pre town meeting discussion about budgets out of order. Mr. Jurmain of the Finance Committee responded that it would be better to handle the discussion during the Pre-Town Meeting hearing.

Mr. Jurmain later opened the Pre Town Meeting Hearing and reviewed article. The Finance Committee voted to reduce the appropriation for the air testing costs at the Clyde Brown School from \$155,780 to \$61,000 and voted to place the difference in the stabilization fund.

Mr. Neville then reviewed with the Finance Committee the Selectmen's recommendations for the budget including increased hours for the Council on Aging budget and the Library Budget due to late action by the state Senate adding \$72,000 to Millis' state aid for next year. The Selectmen would like to add \$500 to Town Reports, \$30,604.90 to COA wages, and \$9503.52 to Library wages and asked the Finance Committee for support of the changes. Mr. Neville noted the presentations these department heads made during the budget process and the Selectmen's priority to add funding to keep the Senior Center and the Library open more hours each week.

Richard Molloy of the Finance Committee (FC) noted that the proposal was only approved by the Senate and was not part of the House budget. Craig Schultze of the FC stated that he was hesitant to add on the municipal side of the budget while there were reductions in the School side of the budget.

Mr. McCaffrey cited the needs demonstrated by the COA and Library departments. They have identified needs and have justified their requests.

Ms. Vecchi of the FC suggested that the funds be used as part of the roads article. Mr. Schultze moved to place the added funding in the stabilization fund article, and the Finance Committee so voted unanimously.

Mr. McCaffrey advised the FC that the Fire Chief was preparing a handout to Town Meeting voters outlining the need for the new second ambulance.

Mr. Neville noted that the topic of a proposed sewer extension was being undertaken under article #26 and advised residents to attend public meetings about the matter in the future.

A motion was made by Mr. McCaffrey at 9:55 PM to adjourn the Selectmen's meeting, seconded by Ms. MacInnes, vote 3-0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles J. Aspinwall