# WARRANT

# 2016

# FALL ANNUAL
# TOWN MEETING

# TOWN OF MILLIS
# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**NORFOLK, SS.** **GREETING:**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Millis in said county, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Millis qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet on Monday, the seventh day of November, AD 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle-Senior High School Auditorium in said Millis:

**FOR THE BUSINESS MEETING, THEN AND THERE,**
**TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES, VIZ**

# FALL 2016 TOWN MEETING ARTICLE LIST

1. Unpaid Bills
2. SEIU Contract Settlement
3. Police Union Contract Settlement
4. Police Removal from Civil Service
5. Proposed Land Swap
6. Assessors – Change Minimum/Maximum Income Amount, G.L. c. 59, §5, cl. 41C
7. Assessors – Accept G.L. c. 59, §5, cl. 41D
8. Establish Commission on Disability
9. OPEB
10. CPC – Etchings Restoration
11. Sewer Study
12. Dean Street Water Main
13. DPW – 1 Ton Dump Truck Request
14. DPW – DPW Vehicle for Deputy Director
15. School-Roof Repairs Clyde F. Brown & MS/HS Buildings
16. School – MS/HS Intercom Replacement
17. Replenish Stabilization Fund
18. Repurchase of Cemetery Lots
19. Petitioned article – Door Improvements at VMB

# TOWN OF MILLIS
# NOVEMBER 7, 2016 FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation or by transfer from available funds or by transfer from the Stabilization Fund a sum of money for unpaid bills, or act in any manner relating thereto.
(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

| DEPARTMENT | VENDOR | | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Selectmen/Administrator | GateHouse Media | $ | 32.76 |
| Veterans | AD Print | $ | 63.00 |
| DPW | Fairmount Fruit Farm | $ | 203.76 |
| DPW | Fairmount Fruit Farm | $ | 818.39 |
| Police | Rocky's Ace Hardware | $ | 24.97 |
| Police | Rocky's Ace Hardware | $ | 27.57 |
| Police | Rocky's Ace Hardware | $ | 90.29 |
| Police | Rocky's Ace Hardware | $ | 92.40 |
| Police | Rocky's Ace Hardware | $ | 24.97 |
| Police | Rocky's Ace Hardware | $ | 10.47 |
| Police | Rocky's Ace Hardware | $ | 19.47 |
| Selectmen/Administrator | Patriot Disposal | $ | 130.00 |
| Selectmen/Administrator | Patriot Disposal | $ | 95.00 |
| Selectmen/Administrator | Patriot Disposal | $ | 110.00 |
| Dale Bickford | Police | $ | 200.00 |
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**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, by transfer of available funds, or by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, a sum of money to fund the cost items for the first two years of the contract between the Town of Millis and the **Service Employees International Union Local 888**, for the period covering July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018, or act in any manner relating thereto.
(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, by transfer of available funds, or by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, a sum of money to fund the cost items for the first year of the contract between the Town of Millis and the **Massachusetts of Police Local 171** Coalition, effective July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019, or act in any manner relating thereto.
(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation providing that the positions of Police Officers of all ranks appointed after passage of the Act **not be subject to the Civil Service** statute, all as set forth below; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court which are within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve such amendments:

AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN POSITIONS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWN OF MILLIS FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:*

Section 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all future Police Officer positions within the police department of the Town of Millis shall be exempt from chapter 31 of the General Laws.

Section 2. Section 1 shall not impair the civil service status of any Police Officer employed in the Town of Millis on the effective date of this act.

Section 3. This revocation shall not affect any contractual or civil service rights which have come into existence between the town and any employee of the Police Department as a result of original acceptance.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Or act in any manner relating thereto.
(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to **transfer the care, custody, management and control of three (3) certain parcels of land**, as shown on a plan entitled "Parcel Plan: Proposed Land Swap," revised through October 12, 2016, as may be amended, said plan on file with the Town Clerk, comprising 6.52 acres, more or less, being Tax Map Parcel 23-119, held by the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes, and Tax Map Parcels 29-011 and 30-019, both held by the School Committee for school purposes, to the Board of Selectmen, acting as the Board of Park Commissioners, said parcels to be held in perpetuity for park purposes, including, but not limited to, active recreational uses, which property shall be designated for and subject to the protections of Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution; and further, to transfer the care, custody, management and control of a fee or lesser interest in a portion of Tax Map Parcel 30-053 and a portion of Tax Map Parcel 30-021, both held by the School Committee for school purposes, said property comprising 3.94 acres, more or less, as shown on the aforesaid plan, to the Conservation Commission, said property to be held in perpetuity for conservation and open space purposes, which property shall be

designated for and subject to the protections of Article 97; such transfer being undertaken as mitigation for the prior transfer of property subject to the protections of Article 97 to the School Committee for the siting of the new Clyde Brown Elementary School pursuant to the vote taken under Article 44 of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, which vote authorized the Board of Selectmen to submit a petition for special legislation to the General Court under the provisions of Article 97, in order to satisfy the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs' "no net loss policy" which states that the loss of Article 97 land shall be compensated for by the designation of other land of at least equal conservation value; or to act in any manner relating thereto.
(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will , in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 59, sec. 5, cl. 41C, to **increase the allowable gross receipts for eligibility for a senior citizen property tax exemption** from $13,000 single, $15,000 married to $17,000 single, $20,000 married; and further to increase the allowable whole estate allowed for a senior citizen property tax exemption from $28,000 single, $30,000 married to $40,000 single, $55,000 married; or act in any manner relating thereto .
(Submitted by the Board of Assessors)

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts G.L. c. 59, sec. 5, cl. 41D to **allow the amounts of the gross receipts and whole estate**, real and personal, as set forth in Clauses 41, 41B and 41C of G.L. c. 59, sec. 5, **to be increased annually by an amount equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index** published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for such year, with the Department of Revenue to inform the Town annually of the amount of this increase; or act in any manner relating thereto.
(Submitted by the Board of Assessors)

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8J relative to the **establishment of a Commission On Disability**; or act in any manner relating thereto.
(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation or by transfer form available funds a sum of money for the **OPEB Trust Fund**, or act in any manner relating thereto.
(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 10**. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Community Preservation Historic Resource Reserve Fund and/or the Community Preservation Fund Budgeted Reserve and/or the Undesignated Fund for the **Currier & Ives Etchings Restoration Project,** or act in any manner relating thereto.
(Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)

**ARTICLE 11**. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, or by borrowing

under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority, a sum of money for **design, permitting, construction and inspection of a sewer extension project** and including the payment of all costs and expenses incidental and related thereto, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for any grants or loans in connection therewith, on Village St. from Main Street to Forest Rd., Forest Rd. from Bow St. to Birch St. and Birch St. from Forest Road to Village St. ("Area BIII") and Middlesex St. from the Sherborn Town Line to Ridge St. Brookview Rd., Walnut St., Walnut Hill Rd. Holbrook Way, Orchard St. from Bullard Lane to just east of Bogastow Brook ("Area F"), and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain, such lands or permanent or temporary easements as may be required for such purposes, including but not limited to the fee or easements, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to assess by the uniform unit method, 80% of the project costs by sewer betterments therefore, on lots including those shown, but not limited to, on Assessors map 25, parcels 91, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, and map 28 parcels 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 47, 55, and map 29 parcels 58, 59, 188, 73, 75, 74, 76, 92, 93, 103, 104, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 134 and map 36 parcels 10, 12, 13, 14, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 97, 102, 103, 105, 106, and map 37 parcels 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 17 as shown on a map on file with the Board of Selectmen entitled "Town of Millis Sewer Study Area BIII" and Assessors map 2, parcels 9, 12, 13, and map 3, parcels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and map 6, parcels 3, 19, 20, 21, 23, 30, 37, 38, 39, and map 7, parcels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 56, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 85, 86, 87, 88, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 108, 110, 115, 118, and map 8, parcel 14, and map 12, parcels 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 31 as shown on a map on file with the Board of Selectmen entitled "Town of Millis Sewer Study Area F" which may be viewed during normal business hours, at the Town Clerk's office 900 Main St., Millis, MA 02054 Monday 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM, Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM and Friday 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM; or act in any manner relating thereto.
(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, or by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, a sum of money for water system improvements, including **replacement of the Dean Street water main**, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to meet such appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow such sum under G.L. Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for any grants or loans in connection thereto and to take all actions necessary to carry out this project, said appropriations to be expended by June 30, 2018, with unexpended balances being returned to the Water Enterprise Fund, or act in any manner relating thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, or by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority, a sum of money for the **purchase and equipping of DPW one ton dump truck** and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the old vehicles or equipment by outright sale, trade, auction, or otherwise and that the proceeds from such disposal be applied to the purchase price of the vehicle or equipment, said appropriations to be expended by June 30, 2017 with unexpended balances being returned to the General Fund or act in any manner relating thereto.
(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, or by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority, a sum of money for the **purchase and equipping of a 2017 Ford Explorer for the DPW Deputy Director** and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of old vehicles or equipment by outright sale, trade, auction, with appropriations to be expended by June 30, 2017, with unexpended balances to be returned to the Water Enterprise Fund, Sewer Enterprise Fund, and General Fund; or act in any manner relating thereto.
(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by transfer from the stabilization fund, or by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. 44 or any other enabling authority, a sum of money for **roof repairs for the Clyde Brown Elementary School, and Middle and High School Buildings**, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; or act in any manner relating thereto.
(Submitted by the School Committee)

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by transfer from the stabilization fund, or by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. 44 or any other enabling authority, a sum of money for **intercom and telephone repairs for the Middle and High School Building**, with appropriations to be expended by June 30, 2017, with unexpended balances to be returned to the General Fund; or act in any manner relating thereto.
(Submitted by the School Committee)

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town of Millis will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation or by transfer form available funds a sum of money for the **Stabilization Fund**, or act in any manner relating thereto.
(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum for money to **repurchase cemetery lots** no longer wanted by their current owners, or act in any manner relating thereto.
(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 19. Petitioned Article**
To see if the Town will vote to require the Board of Selectmen to appropriate funding for improvements to the existing door at the elevator entrance and two additional doors accessing the entrance to the ground level of the Veterans Memorial Building for the purpose of making them more accessible to individuals with limited capabilities.

To see if the Town will vote to require the Board of Selectmen to appropriate funding for improvements to the existing door at the elevator entrance and two additional doors accessing the entrance to the ground level of the Veterans Memorial Building for the purpose of making them more accessible to individuals with limited capabilities.

And, you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies hereof fourteen days before time of said meeting as directed by the vote of the Town. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 12th day of October in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen.

**TOWN OF MILLIS**
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

James G. Neville, Chairman

James J. McCaffrey, Vice-Chairman

Catherine C. MacInnes, Clerk

**A True Copy, Attest**

**Lisa J. Hardin, Town Clerk**

**Helen R. Kubacki, Constable**
**Town of Millis**
Oct. 20, 2016