May 1, 2021 Opening Motions and Warrant Instructions

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Comments: Donna Cabibbo, Moderator and Pete Berube, Finance Committee Chair

Opening Motions

Moderator recognizes Finance Committee Chair

Pete Berube: I move that the reading of the warrant and return of service thereof be omitted

Craig Schultze, Finance Committee Vice Chair: Second

Discussion

Vote

Moderator recognizes Finance Committee Chair

Pete Berube: I move that the Moderator be granted unanimous consent to omit the reading of the articles and to refer to them by number and subject matter.

Craic Schultze: Second

Discussion

Vote

SPRING 2021 TOWN MEETING MOTION LIST

1. Unpaid Bills
2. FY21 Additional Wages and Expenses
3. FY22 Operating Budget
4. SEIU #888 & Firefighters Local #4704 Contract Ratifications
5. Sewer Enterprise Fund
6. Water Enterprise Fund
7. Stormwater Enterprise Fund
8. Consent Agenda:
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    - Board of Health Appointing Authority
    - Revolving Funds
    - Community Preservation Fund
9. Community Preservation Historic Resource Reserve Fund – Phase II Walling Map Rehab
10. Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Reserve Fund – MHS Dugout Project
11. Lansing Millis Memorial Building Repair Project
12. Independent Annual Audit
13. FY22 Personal Property Interim Year Inspections (BOA)
14. FY23 Recertification Process (BOA)
15. Capital Items
16. Tree Pruning/Removal
17. Road Maintenance/Repair
18. New Computer Lease – Year One
19. Design/Construction of Drainage Rehab at Village Street and Birch Street
20. 61A Purchase – Braun Property/Village Street
21. Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Agricultural Based Solar Ordinance
22. Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Parking Dimensions
23. Zoning Bylaw Amendment - Compact Car Parking

24. Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Cannabis Delivery
25. Town Bylaw Addition – Waiver of Town Building Project Permit Fees
26. Authorize the Sale of Town Land – Acorn Street
27. PILOT Agreement – CFB Solar
28. Medicare/Medicaid Reimbursement Services
29. Unemployment Insurance Fund
30. OPEB Fund
31. Stabilization Fund

ARTICLE 1.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of **$572.91** to pay the following **unpaid bills** incurred by Town departments from previous fiscal year(s), or take any other action in relation thereto.

Select Board	**$270.00**	**Mead, Talerman & Costa**
Town Clerk	**$79.00**	**LHS Associates**
Town Clerk	**$14.00**	**Lisa Hardin Re-imburse.-Postage**
Town Clerk	**$41.10**	**Lisa Hardin Re-imburse.-Supply**
IT Admin.	**$55.04**	**CDW-G**
Weights & Measures	**$113.77**	**FY20 Expense Reimbursement**
Total	**$572.91**	

(Submitted by The Select Board)

4/5ths majority

ARTICLE 2.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to transfer from the following accounts the sums of money listed below to fund additional wages and expenses to the accounts listed below which were not sufficiently funded under Article 3, Operating Budget, of the June 29, 2020 Annual Town Meeting:

Transfer From:	**Town General Government**		**$79,222.14**
	General Insurance		**$7,302.64**
	Health & Human Services		**$13,617.59**
	Culture & Recreation		**$11,615.13**
	Public Works		**$16,591.80**
		Total	**$128,349.30**
Transfer To:	**Public Safety**		**$98,183.06**
	Employee Benefits		**$30,166.24**
		Total	**$128,349.30**

(Submitted by The Select Board)

Simple majority

ARTICLE 3.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to fix the compensation of elected officers, provide for a reserve fund, and to raise and appropriate, including appropriations from taxation, by transfer from available funds, the sum of **$37,383,111** to defray charges and expenses to the Town, including debt and interest, and a reserve fund, for the general fund**,** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 as outlined in Table 2 of the Finance Committee Report with the following revenue sources:

Taxation	$35,994,131
Ambulance Fund	$408,152
Perpetual Care Interest	$332
Sale of Cemetery Lots	$7,141
Cell Tower Revenue	$54,677
Bond Premium Release	$127,147
Marijuana Impact Fees	$98,131

And to Authorize the following transfers:

Sewer Fund Indirect Costs to General Fund $241,227

Water Fund Indirect Costs to General Fund $294,833

Stormwater Fund Indirect Costs to General Fund $157,340

Simple majority

ARTICLE 4.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$85,000** to fund the estimated first-year cost items contained in the contracts between the **Town of Millis and SEIU Local 888, and Town of Millis and Professional Firefighters of Millis Local #4704,** both to be effective July 1, 2021

(Submitted by The Select Board)

Simple majority

ARTICLE 5.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate from Sewer Department Receipts, the following sums to **operate the sewer enterprise fund beginning July 1, 2021:**

Salaries/Wages	**$288,413**
Expenses	**$1,299,431**
Total	**$1,587,844**

Simple Majority

ARTICLE 6.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate from Water Department Receipts, the following sums to **operate the water enterprise fund beginning July 1, 2021:**

Salaries/Wages	**$409,449**
Expenses	**$1,415,433**
Total	**$1,824,882**

Simple Majority

ARTICLE 7.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate from Stormwater Department Receipts, the following sums to **operate the stormwater enterprise fund beginning July 1, 2021:**

Salaries/Wages	**$181,338**
Expenses	**$400,381**
Total	**$581,719**

Simple Majority

CONSENT ARTICLE 8.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to approve the items as written in the Warrant as Consent Article 8

Simple majority

ARTICLE 9.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **$1,469** from the Community Preservation Historic Resource Reserve Fund for the **Preservation & Rehabilitation of the Henry F. Walling Map Phase II.**

(Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)

Simple majority

ARTICLE 10.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **$10,300** from the Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Resource Reserve Fund for the **Millis High School Dugout Project**.

(Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)

Simple majority

ARTICLE 11.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to dismiss Article 11.

(Submitted by Select Board)

Simple Majority

ARTICLE 12.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of **$36,750 for an independent audit** of all accounts of all departments of the Town.

(Submitted by The Select Board)

Simple majority

ARTICLE 13.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of **$20,000 for Fiscal Year 2022 Personal Property interim year inspections and Real Estate interim year revaluations**.

(Submitted by Board of Assessors)

Simple majority

ARTICLE 14.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of **$18,000 to conduct the FY23 Recertification Process**.

(Submitted by Board of Assessors)

Simple majority

ARTICLE 15.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of **$171,531**, and transfer from the Water Enterprise Reserve Fund the sum of **$485,600**, for a total sum of **$657,131 to fund the following capital items**:

Department	**Capital Item**	**Amount**
School	Committed Bus Leases	$ 89,999
School	Committed Computer Leases	$ 46,600
Police	Committed Police Cruiser Leases	$ 34,932
Water EF	D'Angelis Wells PFAS Plant Design Part B	$200,000
Water EF	Wells 3-6 PFAS Plant Design Part A	$255,600
Water EF	Water Systems Response Plan	$ 30,000
	Total	**$657,131**

(Submitted by The Select Board)

Simple majority

ARTICLE 16.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$40,000 for tree trimming and removal**.

(Submitted by Select Board)

Simple majority

ARTICLE 17.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$50,000**, and transfer from Free Cash the sum of **$45,000**, and transfer the sum of **$48,805.23** from Article 26 – “Clyde F. Brown Roof Repairs” – of the Annual Town Meeting of June 5, 2017, for a total sum of **$143,805.23 for road maintenance and repairs**.

(Submitted by Select Board)

Simple majority

ARTICLE 18.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of **$23,300 for a new lease/purchase(s) for computers for the Millis Schools**.

(Submitted by the School Committee)

2/3 majority

ARTICLE 19.

Motion

I move that the Town appropriate $711,728 to pay costs of designing and constructing drainage improvements at Village and Birch Streets, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(1) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. While this borrowing shall constitute a general obligation of the Town, it is expected to be repaid, in the first instance from Stormwater Enterprise Fund revenues. The Board of Selectmen is authorized to apply for, accept and expend any state or federal aid that is or may become available for these purposes, and the total amount authorized to be borrowed by this vote shall be reduced to the extent of any federal or state grants received on account of this project. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c. 44, §20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

(Submitted by Select Board)

2/3 majority

ARTICLE 20.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to appropriate $1,000,000 to pay costs of acquiring a parcel of land, including any structures thereon, located at 377 Village Street in Millis, as shown on the Millis Assessors' Map No. 41/003 and consisting of 23.10 acres, more or less, and presently owned by Richard M. Braun, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(1) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. The Select Board is authorized to apply for, accept and expend any state or federal aid that is or may become available for these purposes, and the total amount authorized to be borrowed by this vote shall be reduced to the extent of any federal or state grants received on account of this project. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c. 44, §20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

(Submitted by Select Board)

2/3 majority

ARTICLE 21.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to approve Article 21 as written in the warrant.

(Submitted by the Select Board)

2/3 Majority

ARTICLE 22.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to dismiss Article 22.

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

Simple Majority

ARTICLE 23.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to approve Article 23 as written in the warrant.

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

2/3 Majority

ARTICLE 24.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to approve Article 24 as written in the warrant.

(Submitted by the Select Board)

2/3 Majority

ARTICLE 25.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to add the following language to the end of Section 26 of Article V. of the General Bylaws (Permanent Building Committee):

"***All Municipal Inspection Fees related to inspections of Municipal and School Projects which are under the general supervision and review of the Permanent Building Committee shall be waived. However, the actual costs of such inspections (if any) shall be borne by the project***."

(Submitted by the Select Board)

Simple Majority

ARTICLE 26.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to authorize the sale by auction or sealed bids of a 0.94 Acre parcel of land off of Acorn Street identified as Parcel ID 0033-0013 on Map 33, Lot 013 Book 4405, Page 585.

(Submitted by the Select Board)

2/3 Majority

ARTICLE 27.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement (PILOT) with Solect Energy Development LLC pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.59, Section 38H(b), or any other enabling authority, for a period of up to 20 years in relation to a 215.67 kW DC, 166.6 kW AC Solar Array to be located on the Clyde F. Brown Elementary School at 7 Park Road, and further to authorize the Select Board to take any actions, and execute any other documents or ancillary agreements necessary, convenient, or appropriate to accomplish the foregoing, and to implement and administer the PILOT agreement, all of which agreements and documents shall be on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Select Board deems in the best interests of the Town.

(Submitted by the Select Board)

Simple Majority

ARTICLE 28.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum **of $5,000 for Medicare/Medicaid Reimbursement Services**.

(Submitted by the School Committee)

Simple Majority

ARTICLE 29.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of **$7,700 for the Unemployment Insurance Fund**.

(Submitted by the Select Board)

Simple Majority

ARTICLE 30.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to dismiss Article 30.

(Submitted by the Select Board)

Simple Majority

ARTICLE 31.

Motion

I move that the Town vote to dismiss Article 31.

(Submitted by the Select Board)

Simple Majority