



MOTIONS

2022

**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 Thursday, the tenth day of November, AD 2022 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 2022 TOWN MEETING ARTICLE LIST

- 1. Unpaid Bills**
- 2. FY23 Operational Budget Adjustments**
- 3. Personnel Plan Changes**
- 4. Capital Items**
- 5. Road & Sidewalk Construction, Design and Repair**
- 6. Repairs to Baseball & Softball Fields**
- 7. Feasibility Study – Middle/High School Renovation**
- 8. New Senior/Community Center**
- 9. Adoption of MGL c.59, 5, Clause 22H Gold Star Families**
- 10. Reduce Veterans Residency Requirements for Local Tax Exemptions/Abatements**
- 11. 12-14 Exchange Street- Environmental Settlement and Phase 2 Report**
- 12. Repayment to Advesa for Cannabis HCA Deposit**
- 13. Funding for FY22 Snow & Ice Deficit**
- 14. Lead Line Service Inventory and Replacement Plan**
- 15. Water Management Act - Permit Renewal Support**
- 16. Preliminary Design of a PFAS Treatment Plant at Well #3**
- 17. Sewer & Stormwater Asset Management System**
- 18. Engineering Services for Infiltration & Inflow Investigation**
- 19. Unemployment Account**
- 20. Acceptance of Pearl Street, Debrah Lane, and Teresa Drive**
- 21. OPEB Funding**
- 22. Ch. 41 Section 111F Injury Leave Indemnity Fund**
- 23. Establish Stabilization Account under MGL Ch. 40, Sect. 5B for the Purchase and Operation of Town Ambulances**
- 24. Stabilization Fund**
- 25. Article By Petition**
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ARTICLE 1. I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$7,317.42**, transfer the sum of **\$2,419.11** from Sewer Enterprise Reserves, and transfer the sum of **\$4,383.12** from Water Enterprise Reserves, for a total sum of **\$14,119.65** for unpaid bills as written in the warrant.

DEPARTMENT	VENDOR	AMOUNT
Animal Control	WB Mason	\$599.94
DPW	J.C. Madigan	\$146.22
DPW	K & K Mulch	\$648.00
DPW	Grainger	\$225.28
DPW	Williams Scotsman	\$35.00
DPW	Direct Energy	\$231.82
DPW	United Construction & Forestry	\$83.52
Select Board	Rocky's Ace Hardware	\$49.97
Select Board	Innovex	\$206.52
Select Board	Eversource	\$442.65
Building	Verizon Wireless	\$113.82
Building	Town of Millis – Postage	\$140.97
Building	WB Mason	\$627.40
Town Clerk	D2G Group	\$867.01
Library	Staff Longevity Payment	\$750.00
Zoning Board	Staff Payroll	\$161.88
Fire	Staff Retro Payroll	\$1,954.44
Elections	WB Mason	\$35.98
TOTAL GENERAL FUND UNPAID BILLS		\$7,317.42
DPW	Williams Scotsman	\$35.00
DPW	Direct Energy	\$231.83
DPW	Univars	\$2,152.28
TOTAL SEWER ENTERPRISE UNPAID BILLS		\$2,419.11
DPW	Williams Scotsman	\$35.00
DPW	Ad Print	\$210.00
DPW	Thomas Frasca	\$145.00
DPW	Our Town Publishing	\$369.00
DPW	Direct Energy	\$231.83
DPW	Univars	\$2,152.29
DPW	Roberts Chemicals	\$1,240.00
TOTAL WATER ENTERPRISE UNPAID BILLS		\$4,383.12
TOTAL UNPAID BILLS		\$14,119.65

4/5ths Vote

ARTICLE 2. I move that the Town vote to transfer from Marijuana Impact Fees (Free Cash) the sum of **\$204,285.42** for additional wages and expenses not sufficiently funded under Article 3 - Operating Budgets, of the May 2, 2022 Annual Town Meeting, as written in the warrant.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Description of Expense</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>
Administration	Administrative Support for HCA	\$9,200.00
Administration	Social Work Services – Entire Community	\$35,000.00
Police	School Resource Officer Salary	\$40,678.92
Recreation	Teen Program Coordinator	\$11,960.00
School	School Adjustment Counselor – 1.0 FTE	\$71,631.00
School	Social Emotional Program Teacher -1.0FTE	<u>\$35,815.50</u>
Marijuana Impact Funds Request - FY2023		\$204,285.42

Majority Vote

ARTICLE 3. I move that the Town vote to adopt **amendments to Schedules A, B, and C of the Town of Millis Personnel Plan** effective as of the beginning of FY23, as shown in the Finance Committee Report.

Majority Vote

ARTICLE 4. I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$92,226.75**, and transfer from Water Enterprise Reserves the sum of **\$22,226.75**, and transfer from Sewer Enterprise Reserves the sum of **\$22,226.75**, and transfer from Stormwater Enterprise Reserves the sum of **\$22,226.75**, for a total sum of **\$158,907** to fund the following Capital items:

#	Department	Item	Cost
1.	Town Buildings	VMB – Chiller Coil Replacement	\$45,000
2.	Town Buildings	VMB & Library Keyless Entry System	\$25,000
3.	DPW	Air Compressor	\$26,967
4.	DPW	Chevy Silverado with Plow	<u>\$61,940</u>
Total			\$158,907

Majority Vote

ARTICLE 5. I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$500,000**, for Road/Sidewalk Construction, Design, Repair, and Maintenance.

Majority Vote

ARTICLE 6. I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$45,000**, to pay for repairs to Majors Field and Softball Fields 1 and 2.

Majority Vote

ARTICLE 7. I move that the Town of Millis appropriates **one million, three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000)** for the purpose of paying costs of conducting a **feasibility study of the renovation, addition, or replacement of the Millis Middle High School** located at 245 Plain Street in Millis, Massachusetts, 02054, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Millis Middle High School Building Committee. 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 or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA and any costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA.

2/3rds Vote

ARTICLE 8. I move that the Town appropriates **\$16,000,000** to pay costs of **designing, constructing, furnishing and equipping a new Senior Center**, including the payment of all other 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. No amounts shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless and until the Town shall have voted to exclude the amounts required to repay any such borrowing from the limitations on total property taxes set forth in G.L. c. 59, §21C (also known as Proposition 2 ½).

2/3rd Vote

ARTICLE 9. I move that the Town vote to **adopt MGL c.59, section 5, Clause 22H** which would provide a real estate tax exemption for Gold Star families.

Majority Vote

ARTICLE 10. I move that the Town vote to reduce the residency requirement for Local Real Estate Tax Exemptions for Veterans from two (2) years to one (1) year, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 59, section 5.

Majority Vote

ARTICLE 11. I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$85,000** for an Environmental Impact Settlement and Phase 2 Report for the property located at 12-14 Exchange Street.

Majority Vote

ARTICLE 12. I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of **\$25,000** from Marijuana Impact Fees (Free Cash) to reimburse Advesa for its initial deposit related to its HCA agreement with the Town.

Majority Vote

ARTICLE 13. I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$128,721.70** to fully fund the **FY22 Snow & Ice Deficit**.

Majority Vote

ARTICLE 14. I move that the Town appropriates **\$139,000** to pay costs associated with the **lead line service inventory and replacement plan** and the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto including, but not limited to data screening, inventory development and GIS mapping, 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, §8(4) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. All or any portion of the borrowing authorized by this vote may be obtained through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust. 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. Further, that the \$139,000 appropriation included as part of the FY23 Budget is hereby replaced with this appropriation and is of no further effect.

2/3rds Vote

ARTICLE 15. I move that the Town vote to transfer from Water Enterprise Reserves the sum of **\$56,864 for Water Management Act Permit Renewal Support.**

Majority Vote

ARTICLE 16. I move that the Town vote to transfer from Water Enterprise Reserves the sum of **\$165,000 for the Preliminary Design of a PFAS Treatment Plant at Well 3#.**

Majority Vote

ARTICLE 17. I move that the Town appropriate **\$250,000** to pay costs associated with the **asset management program phase 3 - purchase and development of a Sewer and Stormwater Asset Management system**, and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, \$100,000 shall be transferred from Stormwater Reserves, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow \$150,000 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. All or any portion of the borrowing authorized by this vote may be obtained through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust. 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. The **\$150,000** appropriation included as part of the FY23 Sewer Enterprise Budget to pay costs of this project is hereby replaced with this appropriation and is of no further effect.

2/3rds Vote

ARTICLE 18. I move that the Town vote to transfer the remaining balances of closed projects from the following Sewer Capital Articles; **\$32,995.39** from Article 8 of the Annual Town Meeting of November 3, 2014, **\$49,093.22** from Article 17 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 10, 2004, and **\$48,245.00** from Article 32 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 12, 2014, for a total sum of **\$130,333.61 for Engineering Services for an Infiltration and Inflow Investigation Project.**

Majority Vote

ARTICLE 19. I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$25,000 to the Unemployment Account.**

Majority Vote

ARTICLE 20. I move that the Town vote to **accept Pearl Street, Debrah Lane, and Teresa Drive as public ways in accordance with M.G.L. c. 82, s. 23**, said ways being depicted on plans entitled Pearl Street Street Acceptance Plan of Land in Millis, MA, Debrah Lane Street Acceptance Plan of Land in Millis, MA, and Teresa Drive Street Acceptance Plan of Land in Millis, MA, all dated August 11, 2022, a copy of which have been placed on file with the Town Clerk's office at least seven (7) days prior to Town Meeting; and, further to authorize the Select Board to accept deeds and/or easements in such ways, along with any appurtenant drainage or utility easements that the Select Board deems necessary for such purposes.

Majority Vote

ARTICLE 21. I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$50,000 to the OPEB Trust Fund Account.**

Majority Vote

ARTICLE 22. I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$300,000 to the MGL Chapter 41, Section 111F Injury Leave Indemnity Fund.**

Majority Vote

ARTICLE 23. I move that the Town vote to **establish a special purpose stabilization fund for the purchase of ambulances**, effective for fiscal year 2024 and beginning on July 1, 2023.

2/3rds Vote

ARTICLE 24. I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$300,000 to the Stabilization Fund.**

Majority Vote