



TOWN OF MILLIS

Millis Town Clerk
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Kathi E. Smith
Deputy Town Clerk

TO: Lisa Hardin, Town Clerk

CC: Kathi Smith, Deputy Town Clerk
Karen Bouret DeMarzo, Assistant Town Administrator

FROM: Michael Guzinski, Town Administrator

DATE: March 26, 2024

RE: Proposition 2-1/2 Ballot Question for Placement on the Annual Election Ballot

Greetings,

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 21C, the Select Board, at their meeting of March 25, 2024, voted to place the following Ballot Question on the Annual Town Election Ballot of May 13, 2024:

- 1. Shall the Town of Millis be allowed to assess an additional \$1,400,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of providing for the general administrative cost of operating the schools, police department, fire department, and department of public works, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024?*

YES _____

NO _____

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Thank you.



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TO: Select Board

FROM: Michael Guzinski, Town Administrator

DATE: March 21, 2024

RE: Proposition 2-1/2 Question for the Election Ballot of May 13, 2024

In order to meet the requirement that a Proposition 2-1/2 Ballot Question be submitted at least 35 days prior to the Town Election, it is necessary that the Board vote to approve the question at your meeting of March 25th.

The current article in the Draft ATM Warrant Article is as follows:

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from the tax levy for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, for departmental operating purposes and other town expenses contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2-1/2 Ballot Question under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C.

PURPOSE	RECOMMENDED
School Department	\$1,070,767
Police Department - Wages	\$180,000
Fire Department - Wages	\$95,118
<u>Dept. of Public Works - Wages</u>	<u>\$54,115</u>
 Total Contingent Appropriations	 \$1,400,000

*or take any other action in relation thereto.
(Submitted by The Select Board)
Simple Majority*

If you decide to add a 3rd police officer then Police Department-Wages would increase by \$90,000 to a total of \$270,000, and a grand total of \$1,490,000 for the Override.

There are basically three different options for the form of the Proposition 2-1/2 Ballot Question. They are as follows:

1. *Shall the Town of Millis be allowed to assess an additional \$1,400,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of providing for the general administrative cost of operating the schools, police department, fire department, and department of public works, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024?*
2. *Shall the Town of Millis be allowed to assess an additional \$1,400,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budget of Public Schools and the Municipal Government, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024?*
3. *Shall the Town of Millis be allowed to assess an additional \$1,400,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the following departmental expenses: School Department (\$1,070,767), Police Department (\$180,000), Fire Department (95,118), and Department of Public Works (\$54,115), for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024?*

I am recommending option 1.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this important matter.

Thank you.