

Finance Committee Meeting

May 1, 2021 1:30 PM EST
Middle/High School Parking Lot
Millis, MA 02054

In Attendance:

Pete Berube, Chair
Craig Schultze, Vice Chair
Doug Riley, Clerk
Joyce Boiardi
Jim Borgman
Jodie Garzon
Cathy MacInnes
Katie Tieu

Pete Berube called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 1:34 PM.

Final Preparation for the Annual Spring Town Meeting

The committee reviewed the procedure for seconding each motion; the member on the right of the member making the motion seconds it.

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes Approval

Craig Schultze made a motion to accept the April 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes; Cathy MacInnes seconded. Vote: 7/0 1 abstained. Motion carries.

Annual Spring Town Meeting

Cathy MacInnes presented a Minority Report for Article #26, Authorize the Sale of Town Land – Acorn Street. Fellow Finance Committee Members, Joyce Boiardi and Jim Borgman, join in Cathy MacInnes' presentation of the Minority Report.

Madam Moderator. Article #26, if approved, will authorize the Select Board to take action that could result in the sale of this property located off of Acorn Street. Voters should dismiss this article.

There is no need to sell the Acorn Street property now. Let's investigate its worth and, as the primary consideration, what Millis could use this property for. We are not in desperate need for the real estate taxes to be garnered from this sale; the assessment is \$6-7K, I believe.

There are too many unanswered questions that will allow neither you nor I to confidently support this most important Article. I support dismissal until the Select Board, with the necessary assistance of the Planning Board consulting engineer, determines if and how this parcel will enhance the continued development of the area. Except for a purchaser, there is no gain to the town to authorize the sale today. Let's not give anyone permission to sell this property until its true value is publicly known. This parcel needs to remain in town ownership and perhaps sell when the need arises. There is no need now.

The Article was not approved at Town Meeting.

Adjourn Meeting:

Jodie Garzon made a motion to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 6:16 PM; Cathy MacInnes seconded. Vote: 8/0 motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre Gilmore