WARRANT

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 located at 245 Plain Street in said Millis:

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

WARRANT INSTRUCTIONS

OPENING MOTIONS

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Comments (Moderator Robert Cantoreggi, Finance Committee Chair Peter Berube)

Opening Motions

Moderator recognizes Finance Committee Chairperson

(Mr. Berube) I move that the reading of the warrant and return of service thereof be omitted

(Fin Com Vice Chair) Second

Discussion

Vote

Moderator recognizes Finance Committee Chairperson

(Mr. 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.

Second (Fin Com Vice Chair)

Discussion

Vote

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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TOWN OF MILLIS
NOVEMBER 10, 2022 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 the sum of **$14,119.65** for unpaid bills, or to take any other action relating thereto.
(Submitted by Select Board)

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**

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will 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 follows:

Department	Description of Expense	Total Expenses
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	$35,815.50
	Marijuana Impact Funds Request - FY2023	**$204,285.42**

Or take any other action related thereto.
(Submitted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will 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, or take any other action related thereto.
(Submitted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, transfer from available funds, or borrow the 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	$61,940
Total			**$158,907**

Or take any other action related thereto.
(Submitted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of **$500,000**, for Road/Sidewalk Construction, Design, Repair, and Maintenance, or take any other action related thereto.
(Submitted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of **$45,000**, to pay for repairs to Majors Field and Softball Fields 1 and 2, or take any other action related thereto.
(Submitted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town of Millis will vote to appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, an amount of money not to exceed **one million, three hundred thousand ($1,300,000)** to be expended under the direction of the Millis Middle High School Building Committee **for the purpose 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, for which feasibility study the Town of Millis may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA and any costs the Town of Millis incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town of Millis, or take any other action related thereto.
(Submitted by School Committee)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **$16,000,000, or any other amount, to pay costs of designing, constructing, furnishing and equipping a new Senior Center,** including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; to determine whether this amount shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, provided however that any such borrowing shall be contingent upon passage of a debt exclusion under Proposition 2 ½, so called, or to take any other action relative thereto.
(Submitted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to adopt MGL c.59, section 5, Clause 22H which would provide a real estate tax exemption for Gold Star families, or take any other action related thereto.
(Submitted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will 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, or take any other action related thereto.
(Submitted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, or by transfer from available funds the sum of **$85,000** for an Environmental Impact Settlement and Phase 2 Report for the property located at 12-14 Exchange Street, or take any other action related thereto.
(Submitted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will 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, or take any other action related thereto.
(Submitted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of **$128,721.70** to fully fund the **FY22 Snow & Ice Deficit,** or take any other action related thereto.
(Submitted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money 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; to determine whether this amount shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action related thereto.
(Submitted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of **$56,864 for Water Management Act Permit Renewal Support**, or take any other action related thereto.
(Submitted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of **$165,000 for the Preliminary Design of a PFAS Treatment Plant at Well 3#,** or take any other action related thereto.
(Submitted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to pay costs associated with the **purchase and development of a Sewer and Stormwater Asset Management system**, and the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; to determine whether this amount shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action related thereto.
(Submitted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of **$130,333.61 for Engineering Services for an Infiltration and Inflow Investigation Project**, or to take any other action related thereto.
(Submitted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, or transfer from available funds the sum of **$25,000 to the Unemployment Account**, or take any other action related thereto.
(Submitted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will 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, or take any other action related thereto.
(Submitted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of **$50,000 To the OPEB Trust Fund Account**, or take any other action related thereto.
(Submitted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of **$300,000 to the MGL Chapter 41, Section 111F Injury Leave Indemnity Fund**, or take any other action related thereto.
(Submitted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to **establish a special purpose stabilization fund for the purchase of ambulances,** effective for fiscal year 2024 and beginning on July 1, 2023, or take any other action related thereto.
(Submitted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of **$300,000 to the Stabilization Fund**, or take any other action related thereto.
(Submitted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 25. BY PETITION
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $3,500,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of designing, purchasing and constructing an enclosed sports facility to house four or more combination pickleball and tennis courts to be located at one of the locations known generically as Cassidy Farm or the Braun Property or such other similar location as deemed appropriate by the Town officials to ensure and not delay its construction, which amount shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or take any other action relative thereto.
(Submitted by Petition)

ARTICLE 26. BY PETITION
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $3,500,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of designing, upgrading, expanding, constructing and otherwise renovating the senior center located in VMB, which amount shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.
(Submitted by Petition)

ARTICLE 27. BY PETITION
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $2,900,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of designing, upgrading, constructing, and otherwise renovating the Lansing Millis building, which amount shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 28. BY PETITION
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire by purchase and to accept the Deed to the Town of a parcel of land, including any structures thereon, located at **270 Exchange Street** (currently known as "Rocklawn"), as shown on the Millis Assessors Map 19, Parcel 049, containing **1.13 acres** more or less, **presently owned by Thomas Roche**, upon such terms and conditions as the Select Board shall determine to be appropriate, to be under the care, custody, management and control of the Select Board (or a Committee appointed by them) for general municipal purposes in keeping with the preservation of the historical value of the property; **and, further, a)** to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **$1,250,000** to pay the costs of obtaining the property and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is **authorized to borrow** such sum under General Laws Chapter 44, section 7 or any other enabling authority; **and, further, b)** to authorize the Select Board and Town officers to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this acquisition, including the submission, on behalf of the Town, of any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from any state or federal programs and to receive and accept such grants or reimbursements for this purpose; **and, further, c)** to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund and/or the General Fund the sum necessary to pay the annual cost of said borrowing; **and, further, d)** for the Moderator to appoint a committee of at least seven Millis registered voters (including representatives from the Millis Cultural Council and Historical Commission) to study possible municipal uses for the property which are in the Town's best interest (in keeping with the preservation of the historical aspects of the property), including holding public meetings for Millis residents and the various interested Millis Boards and Committees and report back to the Select Board for further action (if needed) as soon as is reasonable, and/or to act in furtherance of any other purposes in any way connected with the scope of this Article, or act in any other manner relating thereto.

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 17th day of October in the year two thousand and twenty-two.

TOWN OF MILLIS
SELECT BOARD

Erin T. Underhill, Chair

Craig W. Schultze, Vice-Chair

Ellen Rosenfeld, Clerk

A True Copy, Attest

Lisa J. Hardin, Town Clerk

Helen R. Kubacki, Constable
Town of Millis
October 21, 2022