



Select Board

Meeting Packet

March 26, 2024

TOWN OF MILTON

2024



Annual Town Meeting

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 ELECTION

Monday, May 6, 2024 TOWN MEETING

Milton High School Auditorium

7:30 p.m.

WARRANT

**INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE WARRANT COMMITTEE
AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON ARTICLES
as required by Chapter 3, Section 4, of the General Bylaws of Town**

2024
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, SS
County of Norfolk

To any of the constables of the Town of Milton in said County:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Milton, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the several designated polling places in their respective Precincts in said Milton, to wit:

In Precinct 1.	Tucker School, Blue Hills Parkway
In Precinct 2.	Milton Senior Center, Walnut Street
In Precinct 3.	Cunningham Park Community Center, Edge Hill Road
In Precinct 4.	Milton Senior Center, Walnut Street
In Precinct 4A.	Milton Senior Center, Walnut Street
In Precinct 5.	Copeland Field House, Milton High School, Gile Road
In Precinct 6.	Cunningham School Gymnasium, Edge Hill Road
In Precinct 7.	Cunningham Park Community Center, Edge Hill Road
In Precinct 8.	Cunningham School Gymnasium, Edge Hill Road
In Precinct 9.	Copeland Field House, Milton High School, Gile Road
In Precinct 10.	Tucker School, Blue Hills Parkway

On Tuesday, April 30, 2024 next at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in to Precinct Officers of their precincts their votes on the one ballot respectively the following Town Officers to wit:

One member of the SELECT BOARD and SURVEYOR OF THE HIGHWAY for a term of three years
A TOWN CLERK for a term of three years
One ASSESSOR for a term of three years
Two SCHOOL COMMITTEE members for a term of three years
One PARK COMMISSIONER for a term of three years
One member of the BOARD of HEALTH for a term of three years
Three TRUSTEES of the PUBLIC LIBRARY for a term of three years
One TRUSTEE of the CEMETERY for a term of five years
One member of the HOUSING AUTHORITY for a term of five years
One member of the PLANNING BOARD for a term of three years.

Ninety-six Town Meeting Members as follows:

Precinct One:	Ten for a term of three years
Precinct Two:	Ten for a term of three years
Precinct Three:	Ten for a term of three years
Precinct Four & Four A	Nine for a term of three years
Precinct Five:	Eight for a term of three years

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Precinct Six:	One for a term of two years to fill a vacancy
Precinct Seven:	Ten for a term of three years
Precinct Eight:	Nine for a term of three years
Precinct Nine:	Ten for a term of three years
Precinct Ten:	One for a term of one year to fill a vacancy Seven for a term of three years One for a term of two years to fill a vacancy

For these purposes the polls will be open at each and all of said precincts at seven o'clock in the forenoon and will be closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

And thereupon by adjournment of said meeting on the following Monday to wit, May 6, next at 7:30 o'clock in in the evening at the Milton High School Auditorium, 25 Gile Road in said Milton, then and there to act upon the following articles to wit:

Articles 1 though 43 inclusive appearing in regular type on the following pages.

And you are directed to warn said inhabitants qualified as aforesaid to meet at the times and places and for the purposes herein mentioned by posting attested copies of the Warrant in each of the Post Offices of said Town seven days before the thirtieth day of April.

~~The warrants for all Town meetings shall be made available to read and download on the Town's website; paper copies shall be mailed to each member of Town Meeting, each member of the Warrant Committee and each elected Town Official and any resident of the Town who submits a written request to the Town Administrator to receive a paper copy; and paper copies shall be available at the Select Board's Office, the Senior Center, and the Milton Public Library at least seven days before the day of said election.~~

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, on or before said thirtieth day of April, next.

Given under our hands at Milton this of 26th day of March, 2024.

Michael F. Zullas
Erin G. Bradley
Roxanne F. Musto
Richard G. Well, Jr
Benjamin D. Zoll

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MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MODERATOR
ROBERT G. HISS

Welcome to the 2024 Annual Town Meeting!

Robert G. Hiss

Town Moderator

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**REPORT OF THE WARRANT COMMITTEE
FOR THE 2024 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Greetings to the Honorable Select Board, Town Meeting Members and Residents,

Thank you, Warrant Committee,

Dave Humphreys
Chair, Warrant Committee

Karen Bosworth (Clerk)

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ARTICLE 1 To hear and act upon the report of the Town Accountant and other Town Officers and Committees.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote to accept the report of the Town Accountant and other Town Officers and Committees.

COMMENT: The Town of Milton Annual Report for FY24 has been provided to Town Meeting Members and is available online at townofmilton.org, under Departments, Town Moderator, Town Reports.

ARTICLE 2 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Collector of Taxes to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote YES.

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote YES.

ARTICLE 4 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for capital items; to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board and the Capital Improvement Planning Committee

RECOMMENDED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$4,919,000 to fund the capital projects listed below:

Bonded Capital

Items:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Useful Life (years)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cemetery	3/4 ton Pickup truck w/ plow & sander	15	69,000
DPW Equipment	F250 Pickup truck	15	70,000
DPW Equipment	F550 One ton dump truck	15	105,000
DPW Projects	Roadway construction	15	1,000,000
DPW Projects	Traffic Calming projects	15	100,000
Facilities - Schools	Exterior door and hardware replacement	20	50,000
Facilities - Schools	Flooring replacement	20	60,000

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Facilities - Schools	Cunningham School attic build-out	30	2,000,000
Facilities - Town	Council on Aging building improvements	20	160,000
Parks	Gile Road upper field rehab	20	140,000
Facilities - Town	Police station accreditation building upgrades	20	210,000
Sewer Enterprise	Pump Station upgrades	20	<u>500,000</u>
	Recommended Bonded Capital Items		<u>4,464,000</u>

Non-Bonded Capital Items:

Facilities - Schools	Floor scrubbers & cleaning equipment	45,000
Facilities - Schools	Educational space conversions	50,000
Facilities - Schools	Architectural & engineering services for HVAC and space planning	50,000
Facilities - Town	Former Fire HQ bldg. 2 nd /3 rd floor reuse plan	50,000
Fire	Turnout gear	85,000
Parks	Toro field groomer	40,000
School Technology	Replacement of network hardware and end user devices	500,000
Town Technology	Hardware and infrastructure upgrades	135,000
Water Enterprise	Mini Excavator	260,000
Water Enterprise	F350 Utility truck	<u>85,000</u>
	Recommended Non-Bonded Capital Items	<u>1,300,000</u>
	Total Recommended Capital Items	<u>5,764,000</u>

and that to meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to sell and issue bonds or notes of the Town, aggregating not more than \$4,464,000 under and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 7 of Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, or any other enabling authority, for the purposes listed under the heading: "Bonded Capital Items" including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore, and that the Select Board be and hereby is authorized to accept and expend in addition to the foregoing appropriation one or more grants or gifts from any other public or private funding source; and that the sum of \$955,000 be appropriated from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash for purposes listed under the heading Non-Bonded Capital Items; and that the sum of \$345,000 be appropriated from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as Water Enterprise Fund retained earnings.

COMMENT: This year the Town departments' FY25 capital requests, exclusive of Enterprise Fund infrastructure projects, submitted to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC) totaled \$7,470,150. The level of requests reflects the millions of dollars in property, buildings and equipment owned by the Town and the necessity to maintain, rehabilitate and/or replace them, over time. The Town department heads worked collaboratively with the CIPC and Town Administrator to prioritize capital projects to be funded in FY25. It should be noted that there were many additional projects that are

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needed but could not be funded this year. The Capital Improvement Planning Committee will catalog these unfunded requests for inclusion in future budget planning exercises.

The Warrant Committee recommends approval of this article.

ARTICLE 5 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate to the Select Board for the purpose of conducting a municipal audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town appropriate the amounts shown in the following tabulation under the heading "Recomm. FY25":

AUDIT	Actual	Approp.	Recomm.
	FY23	FY24	FY25
General Audit	63,000	63,500	65,500
OPEB Valuation	0	9,050	0
TOTAL AUDIT	63,000	72,550	65,500

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$65,500 be raised from the tax levy.

COMMENT: The FY25 recommendation represents a decrease of \$7,050 from the FY24 appropriation. This decrease is mainly attributed to the OPEB (Other Post- Employment Benefits) valuation being required every two years. The FY25 Audit budget of \$65,500 is based upon a three-year contract covering the audit of the Town's financial statements for the fiscal year ending 6/30/24(paid in FY25) through the fiscal year ending 6/30/2026.

The Warrant Committee recommends that this funding be approved.

ARTICLE 6 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the purpose of funding cost items not in departmental budgets for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2024 for collective bargaining agreements reached before or after this Town Meeting between the Town and bargaining units representing Town employees, such sums to be allocated to departments; and to act on anything related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that \$895,000 be appropriated under this article and that \$895,000 be raised from the tax levy.

COMMENT: This article provides a set-aside to fund non-school union FY25 collective bargaining agreements (raises) for which negotiations have not yet concluded. All non-school union contracts expired on 6/30/2022. The Town is currently in the process of mediation with the Milton Fire Local 1116 union . All other contracts have been settled.

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ARTICLE 7 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2024 for the several categories classified as Employee Benefits; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town appropriate the amount shown in the following tabulation under the heading, "Recomm. FY25":

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	Actual FY23	Approp. FY24	Recomm. FY25
Contributory Retirement	7,879,471	8,351,397	4,540,705
Group Insurance	13,808,609	14,029,500	14,270,000
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	21,688,080	22,380,897	18,810,705

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$17,001,047 be raised from the tax levy and \$1,809,658 be appropriated from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash.

COMMENT: The recommended Contributory Retirement appropriation includes the normal annual cost and the amortization of the unfunded actuarial liability ("UAL") in the amount of \$4,573,175. Full-funding of the UAL was initially scheduled for FY16. However, due to the economic downturn in 2008-2009 and loss of value in the Town's invested retirement plan assets, full funding of the UAL was extended several times. The actuarial valuation dated January 1, 2021 anticipates that full-funding of the UAL will take place in FY26.

The Town met full-funding in FY24, well in advance of the mandated deadline of 2040. The full Actuarial Valuation Report for the Milton Retirement System is available at Mass.gov/perac. Once full-funding was met, the Town's annual assessment from the Milton Retirement System decreased significantly, reflecting only the normal annual cost plus an additional \$1,000,000 payment towards the UAL reserve.

The Group Insurance appropriation includes the Town's portion of health and life insurance premiums and the Employer Medicare Tax. The increase in the recommended appropriation for Group Insurance is mainly due to an the premium increase of 3% for FY25 for non-Medicare plans. The increase is based upon a review and analysis of trends in FY23 and FY24 claims to date and enrollment numbers. The health insurance premium split is currently 76% Town / 24% Employee.

ARTICLE 8 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate to reimburse the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Unemployment Assistance for benefits paid to former employees of the Town; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town appropriate the amount shown in the following tabulation under the heading "Recomm. FY25":

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UNEMPLOYMENT	Actual	Approp.	Recomm.
	FY23	FY24	FY25
	115,422	80,000	100,000

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$100,000 be raised from the tax levy.

COMMENT: The recommended FY25 appropriation is level-funded at the rate that was appropriated in FY23. The FY25 appropriation was determined following a review of the historical trend over the previous five years.

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 13 of the General Bylaws, known as the Personnel Administration Bylaw, as follows:

By striking out the section "Position Identification by Level, Department, Municipal Division and Personnel Code" and inserting in place thereof a new section as follows:

POSITION IDENTIFICATION BY LEVEL, DEPARTMENT, MUNICIPAL DIVISION, AND PERSONNEL CODE

Level	Normal Work Week	Position, Title, Department and Division
		GENERAL GOVERNMENT
		<u>Assessors</u>

10	37.5	Chief Appraiser
7	37.5	Appraisal Technician
6	37.5	Administrative Assistant

10	37.5	<u>Information Technology</u>
7	37.5	Director
		Assistant

6	37.5	<u>Accounting</u>
6	37.5	Assistant Town Accountant
6	37.5	Principal Bookkeeper
6	37.5	Financial Analyst
6	37.5	Payroll Clerk

10	37.5	<u>Consolidated Facilities</u>
8	37.5	Operations Manager
8	37.5	Licensed HVAC Tech
8	37.5	Licensed Electrician
8	37.5	Licensed Facilities Tech
8	37.5	Licensed Craftsman

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6	37.5	Office Assistant
W4	40	Maintenance Craftsman
W3	40	Maintenance Man
W3	40	Maintenance Man/Painter
		<u>Select Board</u>
11	37.5	Assistant Town Administrator/Human Resource Director
11	37.5	Assistant Town Administrator
10	37.5	Director of Planning & Community Development
8	37.5	Assistant Town Planner
7	37.5	Chief Procurement Officer
6	37.5	Contract and Licensing Agent/Benefits Assistant
6	37.5	Executive Administrative Assistant
Misc.		Harbor Master

		<u>Town Clerk</u>
6	37.5	Assistant Town Clerk
4	37.5	Senior Administrative Clerk
4	37.5	Senior Administrative Clerk
Misc.		Seasonal

		<u>Treasurer-Collector</u>
6	37.5	Assistant Town Treasurer
6	37.5	Deputy Collector
4	30	Senior Administrative Clerk

Misc.		<u>Veteran's Benefits</u>
		Veterans Agent/Director of Veterans Services

PUBLIC SAFETY

		<u>Inspectional Services</u>
10	37.5	Building Commissioner
8	25	Plumbing & Gas Inspector/Sealer of Weights & Measures
8	25	Wire Inspector
8	37.5	Local Inspector
8	20	Local Inspector
8	10	Local Inspector
8	16	Local Inspector
6	37.5	Code Enforcement Officer
4	37.5	Senior Administrative Clerk
4	37.5	Senior Administrative Clerk/BOA

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		<u>Fire</u>
F3	42	Deputy Chief
F2	42	Lieutenant
F2	42	Fire Prevention Officer
F1	42	Fire Fighter
6	37.5	Senior Administrative Clerk
		<u>Police</u>
P3	40	Lieutenant
P2	40	Sergeant
P1	40	Police Officer
P1	40	Student Officer
7	22.5	Crime Analyst
7	37.5	Business Manager/ Civilians
6	30	Youth Counselor
4	37.5	Animal Control Officer
5	37.5	Senior Administrative Records Clerk
4	37.5	Senior Administrative Clerk – Payroll
3	40	Civilian Dispatchers
Misc.		Traffic Supervisor/Cadet/Seasonal
Misc.	19	Parking Enforcement Officer
		BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
		<u>Council on Aging</u>
9	37.5	Director
7	37.5	Outreach Coordinator
6	37.5	Senior Administrative Clerk
2	37.5	Van Driver
2	19	Van Driver
Misc.	19	Outreach Worker
Misc.	19	Outreach Administrative Clerk
		<u>Planning</u>
4	22.5	Senior Administrative Clerk
		<u>Youth</u>
9		Coordinator
		<u>Cemetery</u>
9	37.5	Superintendent

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4	32.5	Senior Administrative Clerk
W8	40	General Working Foreman
W7	40	Senior Working Foreman/Maintenance
		Craftsman, Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 2
W7	40	Motor Equipment Repairman,
		Maintenance Craftsman,
		Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 2
W6	40	Working Foreman, Maintenance Craftsman,
W5	40	Working Foreman, Maintenance Craftsman,
		Sprayer Operator/Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 2
W4	40	Maintenance Craftsman,
		Motor Equipment Operator, Grade 1
W3	40	Maintenance Man, Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 1
Misc.		Laborer (Intermittent)

Health

9	37.5	Public Health Director/Nurse
8	37.5	Assistant Health Director
Misc.	37.5	Community Health Social Worker
6	16	Nurse
7	37.5	Health Agent
4	21.5	Senior Administrative Clerk
Misc	18.75	Project Coordinator/Substance Abuse Coalition
Misc	18.75	Project Coordinator/Substance Abuse Coalition

Library

11	37.5	Director
L3	37.5	Assistant Director
L2.5	37.5	Adult Services Librarian
L2	37.5	Young Adult Librarian
L2	37.5	Reference/Technology
	37.5	Reference Librarian
		Children's Librarian
		Technical Services Librarian
	16	Assistant Children's Librarian
	12.5	Reference Librarian
LS5	37.5	Administrative Assistant
		Circulation Library Assistant
		Technical Library Assistant
LS4	37.5	Library Assistant
LS3	20	Library Assistant
	19.5	Library Assistant

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	18	Library Assistant
	16	Library Assistant
Misc.		Library Page
		<u>Parks</u>
7	37.5	Parks Manager
7	37.5	Recreation Manager
4	37.5	Senior Administrative Clerk
W8	40	Senior Working Foreman, Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 2
W5	40	Working Foreman/Maintenance Craftsman Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 2
W4	40	Maintenance Craftsman Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 1
Misc.		Laborer (Intermittent)
		<u>Public Works</u>
14	37.5	Director of Public Works
10	37.5	Assistant Director of Public Works
11	37.5	Town Engineer
10	37.5	Assistant Town Engineer/Manager of Contracts
8	37.5	Manager of Street/Traffic Lights and Special DPW/Engineering Projects
8	37.5	Civil Engineer
8	37.5	Lead Mechanic
8	37.5	GIS and CAD Operator/Engineering Draftsman
8	37.5	Water/ Sewer Superintendent
6	37.5	Administrative Assistant
6	37.5	Environmental Coordinator
5	37.5	Senior Administrative Clerk/Conservation
4	37.5	Senior Administrative Clerk/Water & Sewer
W8	40	General Foreman
W8	40	General Foreman, Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 2
W7	40	Signal Maintainer
W7	40	Senior Working Foreman, Construction & Maintenance Craftsman, Senior Motor Equipment Repairman, Arborist Tree Surgeon, Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 2
W7	40	Senior Working Foreman, Motor Equipment Repairman, Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 2
W6	40	Working Foreman, Construction and Maintenance Craftsman, Motor Equipment Repairman-Helper, Arborist (Tree Surgeon)

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		Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 2
		Public Works Emergency Man
W5	40	Working Foreman, Construction and Maintenance
		Craftsman, Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 2
W4	40	Construction and Maintenance Craftsman
		Motor Equipment Repairman Helper, Apprentice
		Arborist (Tree Surgeon), Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 1
W3	40	Maintenance Man, Grounds Maintenance Man
		Water & Sewer System Maintenance Man
		Motor Equipment Repairman-Helper
		Apprentice Arborist (Tree Surgeon)
		Motor Equipment Operator Gr. 1
Misc.	19	Conservation Agent
Misc.		Engineering Interns (seasonal)
Misc.		Laborer (Intermittent)

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Administrator
Finance Director/Town Accountant
Police Chief
Deputy Chief
Fire Chief
Consolidated Facilities Director
Warrant Committee Clerk
Registrar of Voters
Parks and Recreation Seasonal Employees
Inspector of Animals

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Town Clerk
Town Treasurer

Submitted by the Personnel Board

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RECOMMENDED that the Town vote to amend Chapter 13 of the General Bylaws, known as the Personnel Administration Bylaw, exactly as set forth in this schedule and to appropriate the sum of \$95,000 to fund wage adjustments effective July 1, 2023; said sum to be added to the salary accounts of the departments as shown in the following tabulations:

	Recomm. <u>FY24</u>
Accounting	1,640
Consolidated Facilities	4,050
Council on Aging	1,706
DPW Director	1,800
Fire	5,088
Library	3,757
Police	21,558
Select Board	10,145
Veterans Agent	749
Warrant Committee	507
Other	<u>25,000</u>
Total Chapter 13 Wage Adjustments	<u>76,000</u>

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$76,000 be raised from the tax levy.

COMMENT: The recommended appropriation provides sufficient funds to cover wage adjustments, effective July 1, 2024. As of the date of the preparation of the departmental budgets for FY25, contracts and related wage adjustments for FY25 had not been finalized for those non-union positions covered under the Personnel Bylaw.

ARTICLE 10 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2024 for the several categories classified as "Public Safety"; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town appropriate the amounts shown in the following tabulation under the heading "Recomm. FY25":

	Actual FY23	Approp. FY24	Recomm. FY25
1 INSPECTIONAL SERVICES			
Salaries & Wages	512,246	597,742	641,390
General Expenses	16,974	21,456	23,851
Total Inspectional Services	529,220	619,198	665,241
2 FIRE			
Salaries & Wages	5,175,420	5,400,814	5,508,226

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Overtime	660,105	507,593	527,660
General Expenses	209,375	302,572	341,564
New Equipment	56,296	60,000	60,000
Total Fire	6,101,196	6,270,979	6,437,450

3 MILTON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (MEMA)

Salary & Wages	0	750	750
General Expenses	0	785	785
Auxiliary Fire	2,186	4,700	4,700
Auxiliary Police	4,580	4,700	4,700
Total MEMA	6,765	10,935	10,935

4 POLICE

Salaries & Wages	6,447,792	7,274,644	7,635,384
Overtime	642,678	481,745	489,687
General Expenses	541,008	529,051	540,310
Leash Law	20,531	24,585	24,585
S&W Leash Law	75,512	75,768	76,601
New Equipment	179,935	128,278	128,278
Total Police	7,907,456	8,514,071	8,894,845

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY**14,544,637 15,415,183 16,008,471**

and that to meet said appropriation for Leash Law enforcement, the sum of \$5,000 be transferred from the Dog Licenses Surcharge Account received pursuant to Chapter 187 of the Acts of 1981, \$16,003,471 be raised from the tax levy.

COMMENT: The Warrant Committee recommends an appropriation of \$16,008,471 for the Public Safety Departments. This total Public Safety appropriation reflects an increase of 3.8% from FY24. The level service budget has been adjusted to accommodate increases in Salaries and Wages due to contractual obligations.

The FY25 Fire Department budget also includes anticipated utility costs for operating the new Fire Department Headquarters which will became operational in early 2024.

It is the recommendation of the Warrant Committee that this budget should be approved.

ARTICLE 11 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2024 for the operation of the Town departments classified as General Government; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town appropriate the amount shown in the following tabulation under the heading "Recomm. FY25":

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

A SELECT BOARD

		Actual F23	Approp. FY24	Recomm. FY25
1 ACCOUNTING				
Salaries & Wages		393,144	464,146	421,966
General Expenses		5,310	5,900	6,310
Total Accounting		398,454	470,046	428,276
2 INSURANCE GENERAL				
General Expenses		1,175,660	1,300,000	1,456,000
Total Insurance General		1,175,660	1,300,000	1,456,000
3 LAW				
Retainer		75,000	75,000	78,750
Professional & Special Services		174,088	270,000	283,500
Disbursements		349	6,500	6,825
Claims		0	1,000	1,050
Total Law		249,438	352,500	370,125
4 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY				
Salary & Wages		78,655	159,403	144,241
General Expenses		472,181	515,397	541,497
Total Information Technology		550,836	674,800	685,738
5 TOWN REPORTS				
General Expenses		30,142	20,500	21,525
Total Town Reports		30,142	20,500	21,525
6 SELECT BOARD				
Salary – Chair		300	1,800	1,800
Salary – Other Four Members		6,000	6,000	6,000
Salary – Town Administrator		149,800	187,460	196,550
Salary – Other		437,497	577,050	526,936
General Expenses		111,727	50,730	75,380
Total Select Board		705,324	823,040	806,666
7 VETERANS BENEFITS				
Salaries & Wages		23,749	24,950	24,950
General Expenses		3,583	2,343	2,343
Benefits		29,384	100,000	100,000
Total Veterans Benefits		56,716	127,293	127,293
TOTAL SELECT BOARD		3,166,870	3,768,179	3,894,422

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B BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Salary – Chair	1,800	1,800	1,800
Salary – Other Two Members	3,000	3,000	3,000
Salary & Wages	242,233	240,290	253,837
General Expenses	40,954	39,000	27,584
Revaluation	23,465	26,000	20,000
Total Board of Assessors	311,452	310,090	306,221

C TOWN CLERK

Salary - Clerk	105,588	108,450	111,703
Salary - Other	140,816	220,177	235,889
General Expenses	31,753	36,096	36,096
Total Town Clerk	278,157	364,723	383,688

D ELECTION & REGISTRATION

Salaries & Wages	184,432	138,224	216,248
General Expenses	69,790	55,700	63,480
Total Election & Registration	254,222	193,924	279,728

E TREASURER-COLLECTOR

Salary – Treasurer	105,588	108,450	111,703
Salary – Other	240,837	200,067	268,267
General Expenses	88,635	83,880	84,850
Total Treasurer-Collector	435,060	392,397	464,821

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT **4,445,761** **5,029,313** **5,330,081**

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$5,330,081 be raised from the tax levy.

COMMENT: The general government departments primarily provide financial and administrative support to other Town operating departments and manage the affairs of the Town. The increase in the Treasurer-Collector budget relates to the reclassification of the Payroll Clerk salary from the Accounting Department budget to the Treasurer-Collector budget. The increase in the Elections & Registration budget relates to an increase in the number of elections to be held in FY25 (3) compared to the number of elections (2) included in the FY24 budget.

ARTICLE 15-12 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2024 for the operation of the several Boards and Committees classified as Boards and Special Committees; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

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RECOMMENDED that the Town appropriate the amounts shown in the following tabulation under the heading “Recomm. FY25”:

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES		Actual	Approp.	Recomm.
		FY23	FY24	FY25
A	CONSERVATION COMMISSION			
	General Expenses	1,879	2,500	2,625
	Total Conservation Commission	1,879	2,500	2,625
B	COUNCIL ON AGING			
	Salaries & Wages	267,282	279,074	292,639
	General Expenses	52,920	66,230	68,758
	Transportation	4,937	4,600	5,500
	Total Council on Aging	325,139	349,904	366,897
C	HISTORICAL COMMISSION			
	General Expenses	0	2,240	2,240
	Total Historical Commission	0	2,240	2,240
D	PERSONNEL BOARD			
	Salaries & Wages	61,266	0	0
	General Expenses	921	0	0
	Total Personnel Board	62,187	0	0
E	PLANNING BOARD			
	Salaries & Wages	36,824	39,332	40,176
	General Expense	2,452	4,494	4,494
	Studies	23,434	50,000	50,000
	Total Planning Board	62,710	93,826	94,670
F	MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE			
	Master Plan Implementation	1,339	30,000	30,000
	Total MPIC	1,339	30,000	30,000
G	BY LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE			
	General Expenses	0	5,730	5,730
		0	5,730	5,730
H	WARRANT COMMITTEE			
	Salaries & Wages	9,260	15,905	16,891
	General Expenses	352	850	850
	Total Warrant Committee	9,612	16,755	17,741

TOTAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES	462,866	500,955	519,903
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and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$519,903 be raised from the tax levy.

COMMENT: The requested aggregate budget for the various Boards and Committees of the Town for FY25 is 3.8% more than the FY24 appropriation for all boards. This increase is mainly due to the an increase in Council on Aging Salaries and Wages due to wage adjustments and step increases.

The Warrant Committee recommends approval of these appropriations.

ARTICLE 16-13 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2025, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote to appropriate Community Preservation Act funds as follows:

	Recomm.
	FY25
<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES FY 2025</u>	
CPA Surcharge	850,000
State Trust Fund Distribution	148,750
INVESTMENT INCOME	51,250
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	<u>1,050,000</u>
 <u>BUDGET FY 2025</u>	
APPROPRIATIONS	
Committee Administrative Expenses	52,500
 SPECIAL PURPOSE RESERVES	
Historic Resources Reserve	105,000
Community Housing Reserve	105,000
Open Space and Recreation Reserve	105,000
 UNDESIGNATED BUDGETED RESERVES	682,500
 TOTAL BUDGET	<u>1,050,000</u>

COMMENT: The Town anticipates total Community Preservation Act revenue of \$1,050,000 in fiscal year 2025. After making the set asides for the three 10% reserve accounts, the Historic Resources

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Reserve, the Community Housing Reserve, and the Open Space and Recreation Reserve, as well as 5% for administrative costs, the Community Preservation Committee has recommended putting the remaining \$682,500 of the estimated total revenue in the budgeted reserve.

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ARTICLE 17-14 To see if the Town will approve projects and grant funding, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for Fiscal Year 2025. All approved projects must enter into a Grant Agreement with the Town and submit regular progress and budget reports. A total of fourteen (14) projects are recommended, for which \$1,167,571 is to be provided through CPA funds.

CPA PROJECT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS			
CPA CATEGORY: COMMUNITY HOUSING		FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
1	Milton Affordable Housing Trust with Winter Valley/Milton Residences for the elderly	Community Housing Reserve Fund	104,500
		Budgeted Reserve	295,500
		Total Funding:	\$400,000
CPA CATEGORY: HISTORIC PRESERVATION		FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
2	Milton Cemetery – Restoration of Headstones	Historic Preservation Reserve Fund	50,000
		Budgeted Reserve	70,400
		Total Funding:	120,400
3	Forbes House Museum Preservation of Carriage House/Barn	Historic Preservation Reserve Fund	54,500
		Budgeted Reserve	47,371
		Total Funding:	101,871
4	Art Center Window Study	Budgeted Reserve	3,800
		Total Funding:	3,800
5	Blue Hills Observatory Fence	Budgeted Reserve	75,000
		Total Funding:	75,000
CPA CATEGORY: OPEN SPACE & RECREATION		FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
6	Park & Recreation Dept. Andrews Park Baseball	Open Space & Rec Reserve Fund	25,000
		Budgeted Reserve	15,000
		Total Funding:	40,000
7	Park & Recreation Dept. Andrews Park Water Station	Budgeted Reserve	10,000
		Total Funding:	10,000
8	Select Board Basketball Court near COA/Fire Station	Budgeted Reserve	40,000
		Total Funding:	40,000
9	Community Preservation Committee Feasibility study of the development of Pine Tree Brook Walk	Budgeted Reserve	30,000
		Total Funding:	30,000
10	Park & Recreation Dept. Kelly Field Dugouts	Open Space & Rec Reserve Fund	54,500
		Budgeted Reserve	97,000
		Total Funding:	151,500
11	Conservation Commission Neponset Estuary Study	Open Space & Rec Reserve Fund	25,000
		Budgeted Reserve	50,000

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		Total Funding:	75,000	
12	Conservation Commission Pope's Pond Trail Extension	Budgeted Reserve	5,000	
		Total Funding:	5,000	
13	Conservation Commission Pope's Pond Trail Accessibility Study	Budgeted Reserve	40,000	
		Total Funding:	40,000	
14	Peverly Park Playground	Budgeted Reserve	75,000	
		Total Funding:	75,000	
TOTAL FUNDING:			1,167,571	
PROJECT RECOMMENDATION BREAKDOWN				
CPA CATEGORY	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	TOTAL AMOUNT		
COMMUNITY HOUSING	1	400,000		
HISTORIC PRESERVATION	4	301,071		
OPEN SPACE & RECREATION	9	466,500		

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

COMMENT: The Town of Milton has adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA) that generates monies for local Community Preservation funds through the implementation of a local CPA property tax. The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) conducts an annual Needs Assessment to determine the Town's priorities for open space, historic resources, community housing and outdoor recreation projects. Working with municipal boards, the CPC assesses the Town's preservation goals and conducts public informational hearings to seek the public's input on the Town's community preservation needs, opportunities, resources and priorities. Following the CPC's study of these issues, the CPC makes recommendations to Town Meeting for the expenditure from the Town's Community Preservation Fund for projects initiated through an Application for Community Preservation Eligibility that is available to the public on the CPC's town website.

After careful review and consideration of all project proposals, CPC recommended that fourteen (14) projects be funded from CPA funds.

The Warrant Committee recommends approval of this article.

ARTICLE 18-15 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2024, for the operation, maintenance and improvements of Public Works; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town appropriate the amounts shown in the following tabulation under the heading "Recomm. FY25":

PUBLIC WORKS	Actual FY23	Approp. FY24	Recomm FY25
Public Works General	1,919,650	1,950,754	1,991,720
Vehicle Maintenance	733,921	713,979	720,120

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Subtotal Public Works	2,653,571	2,664,733	2,711,840
SOLID WASTE MGMT.			
Collection of Refuse	793,199	797,106	821,019
Refuse Disposal	699,773	750,000	787,500
Curbside Recycling	1,228,896	1,320,509	1,368,196
Landfill Monitoring	11,909	19,000	19,000
Solid Waste General	87,555	144,447	146,194
Subtotal Solid Waste Mgmt.	2,821,332	3,031,062	3,141,909
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	5,474,903	5,695,795	5,853,749

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$5,853,749 be raised from the tax levy. Of the total amount appropriated, the maximum sum authorized for salaries and wages is \$1,319,247. The Public Works Department is hereby authorized to sell at a private or public sale, with the approval of the Select Board, equipment that is no longer needed by the department. It is further authorized to exchange or trade in old equipment for similar materials in the usual course of its operations to provide for replacement items.

COMMENT: The overall total Public Works FY25 recommendation represents an increase of \$157,954 (3%) from the FY24 appropriation. The Public Works General budget includes salary, wages, longevity, and stipends consistent with its collective bargaining agreements and contractual agreements. The remainder of the general expense budget requests have been level funded. The Town's Snow and Ice budget is historically underfunded at its current amount of \$160,000, as evidenced by a historic average of approximately \$500,000 per year. The FY25 budget request remains level funded at \$160,000, as a reduction would not allow for the Commonwealth's provision to carry a deficit forward to the following year if necessary.

Vehicle Maintenance - The FY24 expense budget request is based on the increased costs of parts and repairs that the department has experienced over the past year. The additional \$80,097 requested represents a 12.8% increase from FY23.

Solid Waste – FY24 represents the second year of three new contracts and/or extensions for solid waste collection and disposal that were executed in FY22. Below is a breakdown of the subcategories of the solid waste budget:

Collection of Refuse – This is a fixed contractual item for the collection and hauling of solid waste (trash). The contractual price for FY24 is \$797,106 which represents a 2% increase over FY23.

Transfer and Disposal of Refuse – This is a contractual item that relates to the cost of disposal of solid waste at the Covanta disposal facility in Braintree. The unit price for solid waste disposal will rise from \$105.82/ton to \$111.11/ton which represents a 5% increase in FY24. The three-year average tonnage for solid waste for the Town is approximately 6,750 tons. Therefore, the budget request is \$750,000 which is an 11% increase over FY23. Tonnage rates continue to be higher than historic levels following the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Solid Waste General – This budget contains both salaries and Professional Services for things like pest extermination contract services and for removal services for propane, helium, oxygen, fire extinguishers and other tank-type items received at the recycle center. This line item is essentially level funded in FY24.

Curbside Recycling – This effort is comprised of several different elements, some contractual, some unit cost or commodity based:

Collection of recycle material is a fixed contractual price for FY24 of \$907,509, which represents a 2% increase over FY23.

Disposal and processing of recycling materials is a variable cost, which is tied to a regional index published monthly and commodity values. The recycled materials market has fluctuated greatly over the past several years and is very unstable and unpredictable at this time. Current projections are for recycle processing costs to be \$95.18/ton in FY24. The town averages approximately 3,912 tons per year; therefore, a budget of \$375,000 is requested.

The combined recycle hauling and processing costs for FY24 are budgeted at \$1,320,509 which represents a 4% increase over FY23.

Landfill Closure represents a regulatory requirement to measure, quantify, and report groundwater location and contaminants that may exist beneath Milton's landfill, which has been closed for several decades. This line item has been requested to be level funded at \$19,000.

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ARTICLE 19-16 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2024, for the Water Enterprise Fund; to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town appropriate \$6,950,399 for the Water Enterprise Fund; and that \$670,000 be included in appropriations from the general fund for indirect costs and be allocated to the Water Enterprise Fund for funding and that the sum of \$7,620,399 be raised and appropriated as follows:

	Actual FY22	Approp. FY23	Recomm. FY24
WATER ENTERPRISE REVENUE:			
Rate / User Fee Revenue	6,308,703	7,000,127	7,170,399
Service and Miscellaneous Revenue	187,310	200,000	200,000
Retained earnings	321,667	250,000	250,000
Total Revenue	6,817,680	7,450,127	7,620,399
WATER ENTERPRISE COSTS:			
Direct Costs:			
Salary & Wages	808,341	909,140	951,887
Expenses	308,008	472,300	476,300
Capital Outlay	107,926	365,000	365,000
Debt Service	1,135,756	1,047,525	974,835
Reserve	0	0	0
MWRA Assessments	3,892,649	4,022,582	4,182,377
Subtotal Direct Costs	6,252,680	6,816,547	6,950,399
Indirect Costs	565,000	633,580	670,000
TOTAL	6,817,680	7,450,127	7,620,399

COMMENT: The Water Enterprise Fund Budget represents the costs to provide Milton residents with safe drinking water. The single greatest cost is the MWRA assessment, which covers the cost of the bulk purchase of water from the MWRA. Direct costs include water department personnel, system repairs, and debt service for water system expansion and improvements. Indirect costs, such as employee benefits, are also charged to the Water Enterprise Fund Budget.

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ARTICLE 20-17 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2024 for the Sewer Enterprise Fund; to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town appropriate \$8,461,415 for the Sewer Enterprise Fund; that \$670,000 be included in appropriations from the general fund for indirect costs and be allocated to the Sewer Enterprise Fund for funding and that \$9,131,415 be raised and appropriated as follows:

	Actual FY22	Approp. FY23	Recomm. FY24
SEWER ENTERPRISE REVENUE:			
Rate / User Fee Revenue	7,360,249	8,398,782	8,616,415
Service and Miscellaneous Revenue	156,957	215,000	215,000
Sewer Inflow/Infiltration Mitigation Fund	200,000	200,000	300,000
Retained Earnings	176,620	0	0
Total Revenue	7,893,826	8,813,782	9,131,415
SEWER ENTERPRISE COSTS:			
Direct Costs:			
Salary & Wages	644,575	748,998	784,037
Expenses	236,109	242,200	242,200
Capital Outlay	87,147	500,000	500,000
Debt Service	400,757	556,948	517,990
MWRA Assessments	5,910,238	6,132,056	6,417,188
Subtotal Direct Costs	7,278,826	8,180,202	8,461,415
Indirect Costs	615,000	633,580	670,000
TOTAL	7,893,826	8,813,782	9,131,415

COMMENT: The Sewer Enterprise Fund is comparable in purpose to the Water Enterprise Fund but targeted to the costs to provide wastewater management. The Town's sewer system collects wastewater flows from properties and transports them to the Deer Island Treatment Plant for processing. Public Works Department staff time, Milton's MWRA assessment, debt service, system improvement and maintenance costs, as well as indirect costs, are established and charged to the Sewer Enterprise Fund. Anticipated costs for the next fiscal year, in both Enterprise accounts, are the basis by which the Select Board will develop and set the FY24 water and sewer rates.

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ARTICLE 21-18 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2024, for the Stormwater Enterprise Fund; to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,034,478 for the Stormwater Enterprise Fund; that \$50,000 be included in appropriations from the general fund for indirect costs and be allocated to the Stormwater Enterprise Fund for funding, and that \$1,084,478 be raised and appropriated as follows:

	Actual FY22	Approp. FY23	Recomm. FY24
STORMWATER ENTERPRISE REVENUE:			
Rate / Fee Revenue			
Rate / Fee Revenue	978,118	1,011,726	1,084,478
Retained Earnings	0	0	0
Total Revenue	978,118	1,011,726	1,084,478
 STORMWATER ENTERPRISE COSTS:			
Direct Costs:			
Salary & Wages	179,712	204,708	214,518
Expenses	432,533	648,729	648,729
Debt Service	159,273	108,289	171,231
Subtotal Direct Costs	771,518	961,726	1,034,478
 Indirect Costs	 86,500	 50,000	 50,000
 TOTAL	 858,018	 1,011,726	 1,084,478

COMMENT: The Stormwater Enterprise Fund targets the costs of managing the Town's stormwater collection system including maintaining existing infrastructure and meeting its legal requirements under the federal National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The Town's current NPDES permit requirements became effective July 1, 2018 and require a number of activities to achieve improved stormwater management and quality. The stormwater utility fee pays for street sweeping, catch basin cleaning, and replacement of drainage systems, yard waste collection, and other services that the Department of Public Works provides each year to ensure that the Town complies with the NPDES permit requirements.

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ARTICLE 22-19 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the maintaining, repairing, improving and constructing of ways under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 90, said sum or any portion thereof to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State for this purpose; to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the sum of \$626,278 be appropriated for the purposes set forth in this article, that to meet said appropriation the Treasurer be authorized to issue, with the approval of the Select Board, bonds or secured notes in the amount of \$626,278, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 of the General Laws, as amended, or any other enabling authority; and that the Town vote to accept grants under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 90 in the amount of \$626,278, the said reimbursements from the state (100%) to be restored upon their receipt to the Town Treasurer.

COMMENT: Milton is expected to receive an allocation of \$626,278 from the Commonwealth for reimbursement of maintaining, constructing, and improving roadways under M.G.L. Chapter 90, Section 34 in Fiscal Year 2024. Milton intends to fully utilize the allocated Chapter 90 reimbursement of \$626,278.

ARTICLE 23-20 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate to provide rehabilitation, replacement or enhancement of the Town's water system, and to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to apply for and use federal, state, MWRA or other funds for this purpose, to determine how such appropriation shall be raised; whether by borrowing or otherwise; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the sum of \$596,700 be appropriated for the purpose of financing the rehabilitation, replacement or enhancement of the Town's water system, including costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow \$596,700 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8 (5) of the General Laws, as amended, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and that the Select Board and hereby is authorized to accept and expend in addition to the foregoing appropriation one or more grants or gifts from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority or any other public or private funding source.

COMMENT: The primary source of funds Milton uses to rehabilitate the drinking water system is the MWRA's Local Water System Assistance Program. The program allocates Milton \$596,700 for FY25 through a ten year, 0% interest loan. The Milton Water Department uses the funding to replace pipes that have exceeded their useful life. An additional \$365,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund supplements the MWRA infrastructure funds on an annual basis. \$961,700 is a small amount to invest to maintain a system as extensive as Milton's. At the investment rate, rehabilitation of the entire system will require in excess of 100 years, well beyond the useful life for much of the system.

ARTICLE 24-21 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate to provide rehabilitation, replacement or enhancement of the Town's stormwater system, including costs incidental and related

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thereto, and to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to apply for and use federal, state, or other funds for this purpose; to determine how such appropriation shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise; and to act of anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the sum of \$320,000 be appropriated for the purpose of financing the rehabilitation, replacement, or enhancement of the Town's stormwater system, including costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow \$320,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7(1) and 8(15) of the General Laws, as amended, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and that the Select Board be and hereby is authorized to accept and expend in addition to the foregoing appropriation one or more grants or gifts from any other public or private funding source.

COMMENT: Milton's storm drain system is built to collect and convey rainwater from over 96 miles of public roadway. Milton has an obligation under the Federal Clean Water Act to minimize the discharge of pollutants to receiving waters and to maintain its stormwater collection system in good standing. Funds appropriated in this article are utilized for capital projects to repair and rehabilitate failed storm water infrastructure. Debt service for these projects will be reflected in the Town's Stormwater Enterprise Fund Budget.

ARTICLE 25-22 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Health and Sanitation for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2024; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Health

RECOMMENDED that the Town appropriate the amounts shown in the following tabulation under the heading "Recomm. FY25":

BOARD OF HEALTH	Actual FY23	Approp. FY24	Recomm. FY25
Salaries & Wages	275,873	387,375	386,683
General Expenses	19,846	29,033	33,569
TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH	295,719	416,408	420,252

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$420,252 be raised from the tax levy.

COMMENT: The Board of Health has employed a full-time Community Health Social Worker during FY23 with ARPA funding. In January, the Personnel Board approved creating this position. The funding for this position is included in the Board of Health budget and represents most of the increase in the Salaries & Wages account.

The increase in General Expenses relates to the implementation and maintenance of new software for permitting for the Health Department called PermitEyes, which is also used by the Building Department (\$11,570) and a septic consultant for site evaluations, plan reviews, and installation inspections (\$6,500). This expense was being paid out of the revolving fund but belongs as part of the professional

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services expenses within the department. Finally, training, dues, and memberships for the new Health Agent, Assistant Health Director, and educational renewals for the Health Director (\$3,600).

Along with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and most of the municipalities in Massachusetts, Milton is part of the nationwide settlements regarding the opioid crisis. As part of the settlements with Distributors, Johnson & Johnson, Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart, the Town began receiving payments in FY23 which will continue, in some cases, through 2038. The funds are required to be used specifically for opioid use disorder prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery and the Town must comply with reporting requirements regarding expenditures. In FY24, the Town is anticipated to receive approximately \$75,000 which would be expended under the direction of the Board of Health for eligible purposes, in accordance with the nationwide settlement and guidance from the Commonwealth.

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ARTICLE 26-23 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the Public Library for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2023; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Library Trustees

RECOMMENDED that the Town appropriate the amounts shown in the following tabulation under the heading "Recomm. FY24":

LIBRARY	Actual FY22	Approp. FY23	Recomm. FY24
Salaries & Wages	1,134,500	1,188,865	1,214,072
General Expenses	181,281	249,398	276,290
Old Colony Network	41,394	44,585	45,923
Books & Related Materials	263,192	230,000	235,000
 TOTAL LIBRARY	 1,620,367	 1,712,848	 1,771,285

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$1,741,285 be raised from the tax levy and \$30,000 be appropriated from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash.

COMMENT: The slight increase to the Library budget represents contractual wage increases, inflation, and increased costs of existing contracts for service. The increase in the books and related materials budget meets the amount necessary to stay certified by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for State Aid funds and reciprocal library. The budget includes a new part-time Library Assistant but is otherwise level-funded which is remarkable in light of the excellent level of service and expanding scope of services that the Library provides to our Town. Additional personnel have been requested and approved by the Personnel Board and represent a need that continues to be unfunded.

ARTICLE 28-24 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the maintenance and improvement of the Cemetery for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of the Cemetery Trustees

RECOMMENDED that the Town appropriate the amounts shown in the following tabulation under the heading "Recomm. FY24":

CEMETERY	Actual FY22	Approp. FY23	Recomm. FY24
Salaries & Wages	705,067	739,075	745,042
General Expenses	160,398	140,128	146,028
 TOTAL CEMETERY	 865,465	 879,203	 891,070

and to meet said appropriation the sum of \$886,070 be raised from the tax levy and \$5,000 be appropriated from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash. The Department is

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hereby authorized to sell or exchange old equipment to furnish additional funds for new equipment.

COMMENT: The Cemetery's requested budget for FY24 General Expenses is slightly higher than last year (\$6,000 increase) and the Salaries & Wages account is also slightly increased to account for contractual increases. The increase in General Expenses mainly relates to funds for soil screening. The Warrant Committee recommends the appropriation.

ARTICLE 29-25 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2023 for the operation of Parks and Recreation; and to see if the Town will vote to authorize the continued use of the Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 18 of the General Bylaws of the Town; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Park Commissioners

RECOMMENDED that the Town authorize the continued use of the Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 18 of the General Bylaws of the Town and that the Town appropriate the amounts shown in the following tabulation under the heading "Recomm. FY24":

PARKS AND RECREATION	Actual FY22	Approp. FY23	Recomm. FY24
Salaries & Wages	450,826	490,346	503,264
General Expenses	146,747	155,541	160,541
Special Needs Programs	1,000	1,000	2,000
TOTAL PARKS AND RECREATION	598,573	646,887	665,805

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$659,805 be raised from the tax levy and \$6,000 be appropriated from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash.

COMMENT: The Parks and Recreation Department will continue to deliver its services to the town. The increase in funding for Salaries and Wages reflect negotiated contractual adjustments.

The General Expense line, which includes operating expenses such as utilities, water/sewer, equipment maintenance and the care and maintenance of approximately 115 acres in the town reflects a minimal increase of \$5,000 related to grounds and building maintenance. In addition, the FY24 budget includes a \$1,000 increase in funding for Special Needs Programs offered by the department. The management team of the Parks and Recreation Department is working diligently to manage the current needed capital projects while planning for future needed capital improvements in and around the town while respecting the financial limits of their town approved budget.

The Department will continue to use money received as gifts for improvements to town amenities and use funds provided by CPA money for projects such as a playground at Peverly Park, the installation of LED lights at the field at Middle Gile sports field, and to study the feasibility of pickleball courts.

The Warrant Committee recommends the appropriation of \$665,805.

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ARTICLE 30-26 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the support of schools for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2023; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the School Committee

RECOMMENDED that the Town appropriate the amounts shown in the following tabulation under the heading "Recomm. FY24":

SCHOOLS	Actual FY22	Approp. FY23	Recomm. FY24
School Department	54,821,097	58,365,423	61,574,062
TOTAL SCHOOLS	54,821,097	58,365,423	61,574,062

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$61,073,362 be raised from the tax levy and \$500,700 be appropriated from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash.

COMMENT: The Milton Public Schools (MPS) allocation is the single largest and most complex component in the Town's budget. The Town Meeting annually approves a single line item to fund the MPS and relies upon the Warrant Committee to analyze and review the MPS budget in detail before forwarding its recommendation. The Warrant Committee engaged in several discussions while considering their recommendation of the FY24 school budget.

The 5.4% increase to the FY24 MPS budget includes the use of \$500,700 in free cash for purposes of hiring three special education teachers at Tucker, a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion coach, an elementary school math interventionist, an ELA teacher at Pierce, and information technology staff. Otherwise, the budget is level-funded.

The Warrant Committee has previously noted its concerns with the Town's ability to sustain positions initially funded by ARPA funds and Free Cash and has previously urged the School Department to comprehensively review the feasibility of continuing to rely upon these outside funding sources. The Warrant Committee has recommended that the School Department review and determine areas where costs could be reduced without compromising the quality of education provided in the Milton Public Schools.

For FY24, however, the total budget proposal requests \$500,700 in free cash for recurring positions with salaries that will trigger another \$123,627 in benefits associated with those positions. The FY24 budget benefited from an extraordinary amount of free cash which should be seen as one-time monies the School Department is using to fund recurring budget needs, which guarantees future shortfalls. As members of the Select Board have noted, this practice may necessitate an override vote to balance the Town's budget next year when ARPA funds aren't available and when the Town does not benefit from exceptionally high free cash.

The Warrant Committee nevertheless recommends the appropriation of the requested budget amount due to the evidence of growing need for services in the schools, to address COVID-related learning loss and falling scores, to provide the necessary services to support our growing Special Education community, and to build on the success of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives that focus on

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addressing disproportionate disciplinary actions and special education referrals for students of color. Over numerous meetings between the Warrant Committee and the staff and administration of our public schools, the Warrant Committee was satisfied that the personnel that the School Department was requesting was appropriate to deliver these services that are needed, in some cases, desperately.

This recommendation is also made in light of the Warrant Committee's assessment that this request was made as a result of a very thorough budget process through which the Town Administrator, the Select Board, and the School Department worked together to create a consensus budget that would avoid a budget override vote for FY24; the compromise represented by the consensus budget that could avoid an override in FY24 was a factor behind the Warrant Committee's recommendation.

The members of the Warrant Committee are deeply invested in the Milton Public Schools and supportive of allocating the funds necessary to provide high quality education to all Milton students.

ARTICLE 34-27 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the support of the Blue Hills Regional Technical School for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2023 and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town appropriate the amounts shown in the following tabulation under the heading "Recomm. FY24":

BLUE HILLS REG. TECH. SCHOOL	Actual	Approp.	Recomm.
	FY22	FY23	FY24
Assessment	913,087	866,638	1,073,877
TOTAL	913,087	866,638	1,073,877

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$1,073,877 be raised from the tax levy.

COMMENT: The FY24 allocation of costs for Blue Hills Regional Technical School to the Town have increased due to enrollment. The Town's enrollment is 51 students for FY2024 compared to 41 students for FY2023.

ARTICLE 35-28 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the support of the Consolidated Facilities Department for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2023; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

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RECOMMENDED that the Town appropriate the amounts shown in the following tabulation under the heading "Recomm. FY24":

CONSOLIDATED FACILITIES

	Actual	Approp.	Recomm.
	FY22	FY23	FY24
Salaries & Wages	860,330	867,904	884,852
General Expenses	188,822	164,682	183,510
Improvement Projects/Repairs	145,046	166,339	174,567
TOTAL CONSOLIDATED FACILITIES	1,194,198	1,198,925	1,242,929

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$1,242,929 be raised from the tax levy.

COMMENT: The Consolidated Facilities Department (CFD) oversees all of the day-to-day building maintenance, engineering and capital planning for both Town and School buildings. The CFD oversees 945,000 square feet of space covering 25 buildings. The department oversees the following buildings and structures under the agreement between the Select Board and the School Committee: Milton High School, Pierce Middle School, Tucker Elementary, Glover Elementary, Collicott and Cunningham Elementary, Brooks Field Concession Building and Storage Facility, Town Hall, the main Public Library, Milton Police Headquarters, three Fire Houses, Kidder Building, Milton Art Center, Council on Aging, the Animal Shelter, Milton Yacht Club, and eight Department of Public Works buildings. The department also provides routine safety checks of structures located on the Governor Stoughton Property.

Further, the department has 15 essential areas of responsibility: Facilities Engineering, Project Management, Capital Projects, Long Range Capital Planning, Preventative Maintenance, Routine Building Maintenance, Utility Consumption, State and Local Life Safety Inspections, Department of Environmental Protection Registrations, Energy Conservation, Building Security, Public Procurement, Custodial Care, and Landscaping and Snow/Ice Removal.

The requested aggregate budget for the Consolidated Facilities Department from FY23 to FY24 represents an increase of 3.6%. This increase represents the department's response to the Town's request for budgets at current levels in light of the economic uncertainty facing the Town adjusted to reflect inflation. The CFD will need its budget gradually increased in future years as the structural imbalance of revenue compared to necessary spending in the Town budget is addressed in order to mitigate the eventual consequences of deferred maintenance.

ARTICLE 36-29 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Interest and Maturing Debt for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2023, and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town appropriate the amount shown in the following tabulation under the heading "Recomm. FY24":

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INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT	Actual	Approp.	Recomm.
	FY22	FY23	FY24
Interest	810,819	892,239	846,385
Maturing Debt	3,794,278	3,487,349	3,706,677
Fire Station Building Project	0	0	468,753
TOTAL INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT	4,605,097	4,379,588	5,021,815

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$250,000 be appropriated from funds released from the Overlay Reserve, \$4,762,513 be raised from the tax levy and \$9,302 be transferred from the Special Purpose Debt Stabilization Fund.

COMMENT: The FY24 recommendation above is based upon the calculations provided by the Town Treasurer's Office. The table above illustrates the total principal and interest payable for the Town's various bond issues and a provision for short term interest payable.

The debt service for the Fire Station Building Project relates to short-term borrowings for costs related to the new Milton Fire Station Headquarters. This will be paid utilizing debt exclusion funds as authorized under Chapter 43 of the Acts of 2017. The balance in the Special Purpose Debt Stabilization fund as of December 31, 2022 was \$959,833.

ARTICLE 37-30 To see if the Town will vote to rescind certain authorized, but unissued portions of the amounts authorized to be borrowed to pay costs of capital projects; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote to rescind the authorized, but unissued portions of the amounts authorized to be borrowed to pay costs of capital projects shown in the following tabulation:

Town Meeting Date	Article	Project Description	Total Amount Authorized	Amount to be Rescinded
5/2/16	19	Roadways – Ch 90	622,978	622,978
5/2/17	25	Roadways – Ch 90	623,233	623,233
5/7/18	18	Roadways – Ch 90	627,422	627,422
5/6/19	19	Roadways – Ch 90	755,342	755,342
5/4/21	18	Roadways – Ch 90	629,230	629,230
6/16/20	21	Sewer System Rehab	1,150,000	862,500
3/16/22	4	Randolph Ave Sewer Betterment	825,000	825,000

COMMENT: The borrowing authorizations approved in previous fiscal years that are listed in this article are no longer needed because total costs for the projects incurred were less than the amount authorized; therefore, the balance of the authorization may be rescinded as it is no longer needed. The

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Department of Revenue and the ratings agencies monitor the Town's level of authorized, but unissued debt and it is prudent to periodically rescind authorizations that are no longer needed.

The Chapter 90 Roadways program is a 100% reimbursement grant program through the State and the Sewer System Rehab project is 75% grant / 25% borrowing program through the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA). These authorizations are made so that the Town may short-term borrow for the projects in the event the reimbursements are not received in a timely manner. Upon completion of the projects and receipt of the reimbursement, the debt authorization may be rescinded.

The Randolph Ave Sewer Betterment project authorization is no longer needed as the project scope was reduced.

ARTICLE 38-31 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the Stabilization Fund, Capital Stabilization Fund, and Road Stabilization Fund, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town appropriate the amount shown in the following tabulation under the heading "Recomm. FY24":

STABILIZATION FUNDS	Actual	Approp.	Recomm.
	FY22	FY23	FY24
Stabilization Fund	0	1,050,000	500,000
Capital Stabilization Fund	0	0	0
Road Stabilization Fund	0	0	0
TOTAL STABILIZATION FUNDS	<hr/>	0	1,050,000
			500,000

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$500,000 be appropriated from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash.

COMMENT: The Warrant Committee remains committed to the important goal of growing the Town's Stabilization Fund as a positive component of Milton's credit and AAA bond rating, and to ensure the Town of Milton is prepared with funds for future contingencies. The Warrant Committee recommends \$500,000 be appropriated to the Stabilization Fund in FY24. The balance in the Stabilization Funds as of December 31, 2022 are as follows:

- *General Stabilization Fund: \$4,982,841*
- *Capital Stabilization Fund: \$1,091,939*
- *Road Stabilization Fund: \$209,453*

ARTICLE 39-32 To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2023 for the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund to reduce the

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unfunded actuarial liability of health care and other post-employment benefits; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$100,000 be appropriated from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash.

COMMENT: The Town has an unfunded liability for Other Post-Employment Benefits, which are primarily health insurance benefits for retirees, of \$165,514,046 as of June 30, 2022. In January 2023, the Select Board adopted a new OPEB policy to begin addressing the unfunded liability. The Policy sets a goal of appropriating \$100,000 to the OPEB Trust over the next several years. Upon full-funding of the Town's pension system, anticipated to take place in FY2026, the policy sets a goal of appropriating \$2.5 million annually to the OPEB Trust. The balance in the OPEB Trust as of December 31, 2022 is \$1,510,305.

ARTICLE 40-33 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the Reserve Fund for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2023; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the Reserve Fund for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2023; and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$250,000 be appropriated from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash.

COMMENT: This recommendation provides \$250,000 for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures during Fiscal Year 2024. Transfers from the Reserve Fund are subject to the approval of the Warrant Committee.

ARTICLE 42-34 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of revolving funds previously established pursuant to votes of Town Meeting, and to determine: 1) the programs and purposes for which each such revolving fund may be expended; 2) the departmental receipts which shall be credited to each such revolving fund; 3) the board, department or officer authorized to expend money from each such revolving fund; and 4) a limit on the total amount which may be expended from each such revolving fund in the fiscal year which begins on July 1, 2023; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote to authorize the use of revolving funds previously established pursuant to votes of Town Meeting, and to determine: 1) the programs and purposes for which each such revolving fund may be expended; 2) the departmental receipts which shall be credited to each such revolving fund; 3) the board, department or officer authorized to expend money from each such revolving fund; and 4) a limit on the total amount which may be expended from each such revolving fund in the fiscal year which begins on July 1, 2023, in accordance with the tabulation below:

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Annual Town Meeting	Department	Purpose	Revenue Source	Limit
March 1994 Article 37	Board of Park Commissioners	Maintenance and repair of Town parks and recreational facilities	Fees received from the use of Town parks and recreational facilities	\$100,000
May 1996 Article 31	Board of Library Trustees	Purchasing new books and other related materials	Fines for overdue materials and from charges for lost or damaged materials, printer use fees and receipts from the sale of trash stickers	\$65,000
May 2001 Article 29	Select Board	Operation, repair, rental and maintenance of the Senior Center	Fees received from rental of the facilities at the Senior Center	\$1,000
May 2004 Article 28	Board of Health	Operation of health programs and for the purchase of additional vaccine for Town of Milton residents	Fees and charges received from the operation of influenza and pneumonia clinics, a year-round immunization program, other health programs	\$40,000 \$30,000
May 2008 Article 30	Board of Library Trustees	Operation, repair, rental and maintenance of the library facilities	Fees and charges received from rental of library facilities	\$25,000
May 2009 Article 40	Cemetery Department	Purchasing, storing and installing grave liners and other <u>related-Cemetery</u> materials and equipment	Fees for providing and installing grave liners	\$60,000
May 2011 Article 32	Conservation Commission	Purchasing and installation of trees, shrubs and plants, cleaning of waterways and removal of invasive species and improving drainage	Fees charged for fines imposed for the violation of the Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Milton Wetlands Bylaw	\$15,000

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January 2012 STM Article 5	Select Board	Building maintenance, repair and improvement	Revenue collected from rent or fees for occupancy or use of the former East Milton Library	\$25,000
May 2017 ATM Article 45	Consolidated Facilities	Energy conservation improvements at any Town building	Revenue received from the sale of energy credits related to the operation of solar panels on the roof of the Town Office Building	\$10,000
October 2018 STM Article 6	Planning Board and Select Board	Traffic Safety and Infrastructure	Money received by the Board of Appeals or Planning Board from applicants for developments which may impact traffic on roads in Milton	\$50,000
May 2022 ATM Article 31	Cemetery	Maintenance and repairs to 211 Centre Street	Money received from rent and occupancy of 211 Centre Street	\$40,000

COMMENT: Revolving Funds may be created by a vote of Town Meeting. This article reauthorizes the Revolving Funds previously approved by Town Meeting and sets annual withdrawal limits for each Revolving Fund; no withdrawal limit changes are recommended from last year's Warrant.

ARTICLE 44-35 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from the PEG Access Enterprise Fund, for Fiscal Year 2024 cable-related purposes, consistent with the Town's franchise agreements with Comcast of Milton, Inc. and RCN Telecom Services of Massachusetts, LC, including but not limited to: (i) support of public, educational or governmental access cable television services; (ii) monitor compliance of the cable operator with the franchise agreement or (iii) prepare for renewal of the franchise license; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote to appropriate \$500,000 from the PEG Access Enterprise Fund for Fiscal Year 2024 cable-related purposes, consistent with the Town's franchise agreements with Comcast of Milton, Inc. and RCN Telecom Services of Massachusetts, LC, including but not limited to: (i) support of public, educational or governmental access cable television services; (ii) monitor compliance of the cable operator with the franchise agreement or (iii) prepare for renewal of the franchise license.

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COMMENT: The annual appropriation recommended in this article is an estimate of the annual fees the Town will owe for FY24 to MPEG Access, Inc., in accordance with the current PEG access agreement between the Town and MPEG Access, Inc.

ARTICLE 45-36 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, during Fiscal Year 2024, to accept on behalf of the Town any and all easements for any of the following purposes: roads, sidewalks, vehicular and/or pedestrian access or passage, drainage and utilities; and to abandon or relocate easements acquired for any of the foregoing purposes; provided, however, that such authorization shall pertain only to easements accepted, abandoned or relocated at no cost to the Town; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board, during Fiscal Year 2024, to accept on behalf of the Town any and all easements for any of the following purposes: roads, sidewalks, vehicular and/or pedestrian access or passage, drainage and utilities; and to abandon or relocate easements acquired for any of the foregoing purposes; provided, however, that such authorization shall pertain only to easements accepted, abandoned or relocated at no cost to the Town.

COMMENT: The Warrant Committee voted unanimously to recommend the Select Board be able to accept all easements on behalf of the Town during the Fiscal Year.

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Article 37 To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws, by adding a new section entitled “Specialized Energy Code” for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, pursuant to the entirety of 225 CMR 22 and 23 including Appendices RC and CC, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, with an effective date of January 1, 2025, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, provided that the Town Clerk shall assign a Chapter number and Section numbers as required; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

Draft recommendation:

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote to amend the Town of Milton Bylaws by inserting the following new chapter:

Chapter 1 Specialized Energy Code.

§ 1-1.1 Definitions

International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)

The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is a building energy code created by the International Code Council. It is a model code adopted by many state and municipal governments in the United States for the establishment of minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency, and is updated on a three-year cycle. The baseline energy conservation requirements of the MA State Building Code are the IECC with Massachusetts amendments, as approved by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards and published in state regulations as part of 780 CMR.

Specialized Energy Code

Codified by the entirety of 225 CMR 22 and 23 including Appendices RC and CC, the Specialized Energy Code adds residential and commercial appendices to the Massachusetts Stretch Energy Code, based on amendments to the respective net-zero appendices of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to incorporate the energy efficiency of the Stretch energy code and further reduce the climate impacts of buildings built to this code, with the goal of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions from the buildings sector no later than 2050.

Stretch Energy Code

Codified by the combination of 225 CMR 22 and 23, not including Appendices RC and CC, the Stretch Energy Code is a comprehensive set of amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) seeking to achieve all lifecycle cost-effective energy efficiency in accordance with the Green Communities Act of 2008, as well as to reduce the climate impacts of buildings built to this code.

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§ -2.1 Purpose

The purpose of 225 CMR 22.00 and 23.00 including Appendices RC and CC, also referred to as the Specialized Energy Code is to provide a more energy efficient and low greenhouse gas emissions alternative to the Stretch Energy Code or the baseline Massachusetts Energy Code, applicable to the relevant sections of the building code for both new construction and existing buildings.

§ -3.1 Applicability

This energy code applies to residential and commercial buildings.

§ -4.1 Specialized Code

The Specialized Code, as codified by the entirety of 225 CMR 22 and 23 including Appendices RC and CC, including any future editions, amendments, or modifications is herein incorporated by reference into the Town of Milton General Bylaws, Chapter .

The Specialized Code is enforceable by the inspector of buildings or building commissioner.

§ -5.1 Effective Date

The effective date of this bylaw shall be January 1, 2025.

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ARTICLE 38 To see if the Town will vote to transfer to the care, custody, management and control of the Conservation Commission the following parcels of land:

1. Approximately 1.82 acres of land, shown on the Town of Milton Assessor's Map as Map G Block 57 Lot 3
2. Approximately 0.41 acres of land, shown on the Town of Milton Assessor's Map as Map G Block 56 Lot 7
3. Approximately 2.95 acres of land, shown on the Town of Milton Assessor's Map as Map G Block 56 Lot 8
4. Approximately 20.06 acres of land, shown on the Town of Milton Assessor's Map as Map G Block 56 Lot 9
5. Approximately 1.81 acres of land, shown on the Town of Milton Assessor's Map as Map G Block 56 Lot 10; and

to authorize the Select Board to obtain all necessary Governmental approvals necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

Recommendation and comment reprinted from December 2023 Warrant

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote to transfer to the care, custody, management, and control of the Conservation Commission, the following parcels of land:

1. **Approximately 1.82 acres of land, shown on the Town of Milton Assessor's Map as Map G Block 57 Lot 3**
2. **Approximately 0.41 acres of land, shown on the Town of Milton Assessor's Map as Map G Block 56 Lot 7**
3. **Approximately 2.95 acres of land, shown on the Town of Milton Assessor's Map as Map G Block 56 Lot 8**
4. **Approximately 20.06 acres of land, shown on the Town of Milton Assessor's Map as Map G Block 56 Lot 9**
5. **Approximately 1.81 acres of land, shown on the Town of Milton Assessor's Map as Map G Block 56 Lot 10; and**

vote to authorize the Select Board to obtain all necessary Governmental approvals necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

COMMENT: The five parcels in question are marshlands between the Neponset River and Courtland Circle, Thistle Avenue, Whitman Road, and Riverside Avenue that were taken pursuant to 1965 Town Meeting Articles to be administered by the Select Board for the promotion and development of natural resources and for the preservation of open space. The Select Board seeks to transfer jurisdiction of the parcels to the care, custody, management, and control of the Conservation Commission.

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Conservation Commission Act of 1957 and M.G.L. c.40 sec.8C, the Town has established a Conservation Commission to act as an advocate for the natural environment, to prepare appropriate conservation plans, and to manage conservation lands preservation of open lands in accordance with local, state, and federal laws.

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It is the position of the Select Board that the five parcels would be best administered by the Conservation Commission in keeping with the Conservation Commission's mandate and charter to preserve and protect open space and further the goals of the Milton Master Plan.

The Warrant Committee recommends that the Town vote to approve this article and transfer the above parcels to the care, custody, and control of the Milton Conservation Commission.

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ARTICLE 39 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Milton bylaws by inserting the following new section:

Chapter 12, Article VIII Recordings

Section 12-33 Applicability

The public meetings of all elected public bodies shall be audio and/or video recorded.

The following elected public bodies are subject to this bylaw: Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Board of Park Commissioners, Library Board of Trustees, Planning Board, School Committee, Trustees of the Cemetery, and the Select Board.

Section 12-34 Exceptions

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Bylaw, the following types of public meetings are not subject to Section 12-33, and therefore are not required to be audio and/or video recorded:

Meetings of subcommittees of the elected public bodies identified in Section 12-33;

Site visits and meetings conducted on property that the Town of Milton does not own or lease;

Executive sessions; and

Emergency meetings, held in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A §20, provided that the elected public bodies shall make reasonable, good faith efforts to record emergency meetings.

In the event of technology failure or power disruption, the elected public body shall make reasonable, good faith efforts to audio and/or video record its meeting, but if despite such reasonable, good faith efforts the public body is unable to make such a recording, the elected public body shall not be required to cancel or adjourn its meeting.

Section 12-35 Posting of Recordings

All recordings shall be made publicly available within two weeks of the meeting date. For the purposes of this section, “publicly available” shall be defined as: available on the Town of Milton’s website, the MPEG Access, Inc. website, or through a third-party audio/video website to which the Town is authorized to add content, including, but not limited to the Town’s YouTube page, MPEG Access, Inc.’s YouTube page, or other social media website pages.

And to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

Recommendation and comment reprinted from December 2023 Warrant

Recommended that the Town vote to refer the proposed bylaw back to the Select Board for further study.

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COMMENT: This article was presented to the Select Board by a resident of the Town who requested that the Select Board put forth at the next Town Meeting a new bylaw requiring that meetings of all elected bodies be audio and/or video recorded. Per this proposed bylaw, the following elected bodies would be required to record their meetings: Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Board of Park Commissioners, Trustees of the Public Library, Planning Board, School Committee, Trustees of the Cemetery, and the Select Board.

At the current time the following meetings are being recorded, though not required: Select Board, Planning Board, School Committee, and Trustees of the Public Library. Those not currently being recorded are: Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Board of Park Commissioners, and Trustees of the Cemetery.

The Warrant Committee fully supports the intent of this Article which is to offer transparency in Town Government by recording meetings for the residents to be able to hear the discussion and deliberation of those meetings. However, the Warrant Committee believes that the language in this citizens' petition is only a start. The Warrant Committee strongly believes that all Boards, Committees, Sub-committees, and Advisory Committees, and especially those that are entrusted with making budgetary and/or financial policy decisions or recommendations for and to the Town, should be included.

Citizens have a right to get accurate information about what is happening in their government, and how their tax dollars are being spent by their elected and appointed officials. A lack of robust minutes and at times a lack of minutes being recorded and posted in a timely manner does not allow citizens to understand the smaller details and discussions of the many financial decisions that are being made and why.

There are concerns raised by the Board of Health and Trustees of the Cemetery related to privacy issues and how to best keep personal information confidential when they are addressed at these meetings. The balancing of the citizens right to know with the disclosure of personal information should be properly vetted with the individual Boards and the Select Board. It is imperative that we identify the most appropriate course of action, keeping in mind the goal of transparency which is central to this bylaw.

As Town officials, we have accepted these roles, and we have a duty to the citizens to be fully transparent and keep them informed of our decision making. A full expansion of this bylaw will achieve this effect and guarantee good government. Transparency is essential for public confidence in government.

The technological advances available to the population and this Town today can very easily be deployed as great strides have been made in this area exactly for these reasons. This also needs to be discussed further to ensure full compliance with the recording requirements.

Therefore, we recommend to Town Meeting that this be sent back to the Select Board for further study with consultation of the Boards specifically concerned with the issue of privacy and going into executive session. We should take the time to draft this correctly, accurately, and thoroughly to achieve the best results for the citizens of Milton. The expectation is to revisit an improved bylaw at the Annual Town Meeting in May 2024.

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ARTICLE 40 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Milton bylaws by inserting the following new section to establish a historic districts commission for the town of Milton and defining its powers and duties, establishing historic districts in the town of Milton, and providing for historic zoning districts:

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this bylaw is to aid in the preservation and protection of the distinctive history, characteristics, and architecture of buildings and places significant in the history of the Town of Milton, the maintenance and improvement of their settings and the encouragement of new building designs compatible with the existing architecture.

2. DEFINITIONS

The terms defined in this section shall be capitalized throughout this Bylaw. Where a defined term has not been capitalized, it is intended that the meaning of the term be the same as the meaning ascribed to it in this section unless another meaning is clearly intended by its context. As used in this Bylaw the following terms shall have the following meaning:

ALTERATION, TO ALTER – The act or the fact of rebuilding, reconstruction, restoration, replication, removal, demolition, and other similar activities.

BUILDING – A combination of materials forming a shelter for persons, animals or property.

CERTIFICATE – A Certificate of Appropriateness, a Certificate of Non-Applicability, or a Certificate of Hardship as set forth in this Bylaw.

COMMISSION – The Historic District Commission as established in this Bylaw.

CONSTRUCTION, TO CONSTRUCT – The act or the fact of building, erecting, installing, enlarging, moving and other similar activities.

DISPLAY AREA – The total surface area of a **SIGN**, including all lettering, wording, designs, symbols, background and frame, but not including any support structure or bracing incidental to the **SIGN**. The **DISPLAY AREA** of an individual letter **SIGN** or irregular shaped **SIGN** shall be the area of the smallest rectangle into which the letters or shape will fit. Where **SIGN** faces are placed back to back and face in opposite directions, the **DISPLAY AREA** shall be defined as the area of one face of the **SIGN**.

DISTRICT – The Local Historic District as established in this Bylaw consisting of one or more **DISTRICT** areas.

EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURE – Such portion of the exterior of a **BUILDING** or **STRUCTURE** as is open to view from a public way or ways, including but not limited to architectural style and general arrangement and setting thereof, the kind and texture of exterior building materials, and the type and style of windows, doors, lights, signs and other appurtenant exterior fixtures.

PERSON AGGRIEVED – The applicant; an owner of adjoining property; an owner of property within the same **DISTRICT** area; an owner of property within 100 feet of said **DISTRICT** area; and any charitable corporation in which one of its purposes is the preservation of historic places, structures, **BUILDINGS** or districts.

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SIGNS – Any symbol, design or device used to identify or advertise any place of business, product, activity or person.

STRUCTURE – A combination of materials other than a **BUILDING**, including but not limited to a **SIGN**, fence, wall, historic stone wall, terrace, walk or driveway.

TEMPORARY STRUCTURE or **BUILDING** – A **BUILDING** not to be in existence for a period of more than two years. A **STRUCTURE** not to be in existence for a period of more than one year. The **COMMISSION** may further limit the time periods set forth herein as it deems appropriate.

3. DISTRICT

The **DISTRICT** shall consist of one or more **DISTRICT** areas as established through this Bylaw and as listed in Section 13 (Appendices) as shall be amended from time to time through a 2/3 vote of Town Meeting. In addition, the Town, by a 2/3 vote at any Special Town Meeting called for this purpose may enact additions, changes or amendments to its zoning By-laws to assist in carrying out the purpose of this Act. Prior to any such enactment, the Planning Board shall hold a public hearing, advertised in accordance with the other notices in this Bylaw, thereon and shall report its recommendations to the Warrant Committee.

4. COMMISSION

4.1 The **DISTRICT** shall be overseen by a **COMMISSION** consisting of seven (7) members who are residents of the town, to be appointed by the Select Board, two members initially to be appointed for one year, two for two years, and two for three years, and each successive appointment to be made for three years.

4.2 The **COMMISSION** shall include, one member from two nominees solicited from the Milton Historical Commission; two property owners from within each of the **DISTRICT** areas; one at-large town resident living outside any of the **DISTRICT** areas; one Realtor®; one architect from the American Institute of Architects; one attorney. If within ninety days after submission of a written request for nominees to any of the organizations herein named insufficient nominations have been made, the Select Board may proceed to make appointments as it desires.

4.3 The Select Board may appoint up to four alternate members to the **COMMISSION** in a like manner. Each alternate member shall have the right to act and vote in the place of one regular member should such regular member be absent from a meeting or be unwilling or unable to act or vote. Said alternate members shall initially be appointed for terms of two or three years, and for three-year terms thereafter.

4.4 Each member and alternate member shall continue to serve in office after the expiration date of his or her term until a successor is duly appointed by the Selectboard, within 60 days of the seat being vacated.

4.5 Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for an unexpired term.

4.6 Meetings of the **COMMISSION** shall be held at the call of the Chairman, at the request of two members and in such other manner as the **COMMISSION** shall determine in its Rules and Regulations.

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4.7 Four members of the COMMISSION shall constitute a quorum.

4.8 All members shall serve without compensation.

5. COMMISSION POWERS AND DUTIES

5.1 The COMMISSION shall exercise its powers in administering and regulating the CONSTRUCTION and ALTERATION of any STRUCTURES or BUILDINGS within the DISTRICT as set forth under the procedures and criteria established in this Bylaw. In exercising its powers and duties hereunder, the COMMISSION shall pay due regard to the distinctive characteristics of each BUILDING, STRUCTURE and DISTRICT area. It shall pass upon:

The appropriateness of exterior architectural features of buildings and structures to be erected within the historic district(s) wherever such features are subject to view from a public street, way or place.

The appropriateness of changes in exterior color features of buildings and structures within the historic district(s) wherever such features are subject to view from a public street, way or place.

The demolition or removal of any building or structure within the historic district(s). The commission may refuse a permit for the demolition or removal of any building or structure of architectural or historic interest, the removal of which in the opinion of the commission would be detrimental to the public interest.

The appropriateness of the erection or display of occupational, commercial or other signs and billboards within the historic district(s) wherever a certificate of appropriateness for any such sign or billboard is required under the Town's Bylaws.

In passing upon appropriateness, demolition or removal, the commission shall determine whether the features, demolition or removal, sign or billboard involved will be appropriate for the purposes of this Act and, if it shall be determined to be inappropriate, shall determine whether, owing to conditions especially affecting the building, structure, sign or billboard involved, but not affecting the historic district generally, failure to approve an application will involve a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the applicant and whether such application may be approved without substantial detriment to the public welfare and without substantial derogation from the intent and purposes of this Act. If the commission determines that the features, demolition or removal, sign or billboard involved will be appropriate or, although inappropriate, owing to conditions as aforesaid, failure to approve an application will involve substantial hardship to the applicant and approval thereof may be made without substantial detriment or derogation as aforesaid, the commission shall approve the application; but if the commission does not so determine, the application shall be disapproved.

5.2 The COMMISSION may adopt, and from time to time amend, reasonable Rules and Regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this Bylaw or M.G.L. Chapter 40C, setting forth such forms and procedures as it deems desirable and necessary for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business, including requirements for the contents and form of applications for

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CERTIFICATES, fees, hearing procedures and other matters. The COMMISSION shall file a copy of any such Rules and Regulations with the office of the Town Clerk.

5.3 The COMMISSION, after a public hearing duly posted and advertised at least 14 days in advance in a conspicuous place in Town Hall, in a newspaper of general circulation, and with notice to all property owners within the district, may adopt and from time to time amend guidelines which set forth the designs for certain EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES which are, in general, suitable for the issuance of a CERTIFICATE. No such design guidelines shall limit the right of an applicant for a CERTIFICATE to present other designs to the COMMISSION for approval.

5.4 The COMMISSION shall at the beginning of each fiscal year hold an organizational meeting and elect a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and Secretary, and file notice of such election with the office of the Town Clerk.

5.5 The COMMISSION shall keep a permanent record of its resolutions, transactions, decisions and determinations and of the vote of each member participating therein.

5.6 The COMMISSION shall undertake educational efforts to explain to the public and property owners the merits and functions of a DISTRICT.

6. ALTERATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION PROHIBITED WITHOUT A CERTIFICATE

6.1 Except as this Bylaw provides, no BUILDING or STRUCTURE or part thereof within a DISTRICT shall be CONSTRUCTED or ALTERED in any way that affects the EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES as visible from a public way, unless the COMMISSION shall first have issued a CERTIFICATE with respect to such CONSTRUCTION or ALTERATION.

6.2 No building permit for CONSTRUCTION of a BUILDING or STRUCTURE or for ALTERATION of an EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURE within a DISTRICT and no demolition permit for demolition or removal of a BUILDING or STRUCTURE within a DISTRICT shall be issued by the Town or any department thereof until a CERTIFICATE as required under this Bylaw has been issued by the COMMISSION.

7. PROCEDURES FOR REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

7.1 Any person who desires to obtain a CERTIFICATE from the COMMISSION shall file with the COMMISSION an application for a CERTIFICATE of Appropriateness, of Non-Applicability or of Hardship, as the case may be. The application shall be accompanied by such plans, elevations, specifications, material and other information, including in the case of demolition or removal a statement of the proposed condition and appearance of the property thereafter, as may be reasonably deemed necessary by the COMMISSION to enable it to make a determination on the application.

7.2 The COMMISSION shall determine within fourteen (14) business days of the filing of an application for a CERTIFICATE whether said application involves any EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES which are within the jurisdiction of the COMMISSION.

7.3 If the COMMISSION determines that an application for a CERTIFICATE does not involve any EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES, or involves an EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL

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FEATURE which is not subject to review by the COMMISSION under the provisions of this Bylaw, the COMMISSION shall forthwith issue a CERTIFICATE of Non-Applicability.

7.4 If the COMMISSION determines that such application involves any EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURE subject to review under this Bylaw, it shall hold a public hearing on the application, except as may otherwise be provided in this Bylaw. The COMMISSION shall hold such a public hearing within forty-five (45) days from the date of the filing of the application. At least fourteen (14) days before said public hearing, public notice shall be given by posting in a conspicuous place in Town Hall and in a newspaper of general circulation in Milton. Such notice shall identify the time, place and purpose of the public hearing. Concurrently, a copy of said public notice shall be mailed to the applicant, to the owners of all adjoining properties and of other properties deemed by the COMMISSION to be materially affected thereby, all as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list, to the Planning Board, to any person filing a written request for notice of hearings, such request to be renewed yearly in December, and to such other persons as the COMMISSION shall deem entitled to notice.

7.4.1 A public hearing on an application for a CERTIFICATE need not be held if such hearing is waived in writing by all persons entitled to notice thereof. In addition, a public hearing on an application for a CERTIFICATE may be waived by the COMMISSION if the COMMISSION determines that the EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURE involved, or its category, is so insubstantial in its effect on the DISTRICT that it may be reviewed by the COMMISSION without a public hearing. If the COMMISSION dispenses with a public hearing on an application for a CERTIFICATE, notice of such application shall be given to the owners of all adjoining property and of other property deemed by the COMMISSION to be materially affected thereby as above provided, and ten (10) days shall elapse after the mailing of such notice before the COMMISSION may act upon such application.

7.5 Within sixty (60) days after the filing of an application for a CERTIFICATE, or within such further time as the applicant may allow in writing, the COMMISSION shall issue a CERTIFICATE or a disapproval. In the case of a disapproval of an application for a CERTIFICATE, the COMMISSION shall set forth in its disapproval the reasons for such disapproval. The COMMISSION may include in its disapproval specific recommendations for changes in the applicant's proposal with respect to the appropriateness of design, arrangement, texture, material and similar features which, if made and filed with the COMMISSION in a subsequent application, would make the application acceptable to the COMMISSION.

7.6 The concurring vote of a majority of the members shall be required to issue a CERTIFICATE.

7.7 In issuing CERTIFICATES, the COMMISSION may, as it deems appropriate, impose certain conditions and limitations, and may require architectural or plan modifications consistent with the intent and purpose of this Bylaw.

7.8 If the COMMISSION determines that the CONSTRUCTION or ALTERATION for which an application for a CERTIFICATE of Appropriateness has been filed will be appropriate for or compatible with the preservation or protection of the DISTRICT, the COMMISSION shall issue a CERTIFICATE of Appropriateness.

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7.9 If the CONSTRUCTION or ALTERATION for which an application for a CERTIFICATE of Appropriateness has been filed shall be determined to be inappropriate and therefore disapproved, or in the event of an application for a CERTIFICATE of Hardship, the COMMISSION shall determine whether, owing to conditions especially affecting the BUILDING or STRUCTURE involved, but not affecting the DISTRICT generally, failure to approve an application will involve a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the applicant and whether such application may be approved without substantial detriment to the public welfare and without substantial derogation from the intent and purposes of this Bylaw. If the COMMISSION determines that owing to such conditions failure to approve an application will involve substantial hardship to the applicant and approval thereof may be made without such substantial detriment or derogation, the COMMISSION shall issue a CERTIFICATE of Hardship.

7.10 The COMMISSION shall send a copy of its CERTIFICATES and disapproval to the applicant and shall file a copy of its CERTIFICATES and disapproval with the office of the Town Clerk and the Building Commissioner. The date of issuance of a CERTIFICATE or disapproval shall be the date of the filing of a copy of such CERTIFICATE or disapproval with the office of the Town Clerk.

7.11 If the COMMISSION should fail to issue a CERTIFICATE or a disapproval within sixty (60) days of the filing of the application for a CERTIFICATE, or within such further time as the applicant may allow in writing, the COMMISSION shall thereupon issue a CERTIFICATE of Hardship Due to Failure to Act.

7.12 Each CERTIFICATE issued by the COMMISSION shall be dated and signed by its chairman or such other person designated by the COMMISSION to sign such CERTIFICATES on its behalf.

7.13 A PERSON AGGRIEVED by a determination of the COMMISSION may, within twenty (20) days of the issuance of a CERTIFICATE or disapproval, file a written request with the COMMISSION for a review by a person or persons of competence and experience in such matters, acting as arbitrator and designated by the regional planning agency. The finding of the person or persons making such review shall be filed with the Town Clerk within forty-five (45) days after the request, and shall be binding on the applicant and the COMMISSION, unless a further appeal is sought in the Superior Court as provided in Chapter 4OC, Section 12A. The filing of such further appeal shall occur within twenty (20) days after the finding of the arbitrator has been filed with the office of the Town Clerk.

8. CRITERIA FOR DETERMINATIONS

8.1 In deliberating on applications for CERTIFICATES, the COMMISSION shall consider, among other things, the historic and architectural value and significance of the site, BUILDING or STRUCTURE; the general design, proportions, detailing, mass, arrangement, texture, and material of the EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES involved; and the relation of such EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES to similar features of BUILDINGS and STRUCTURES in the surrounding area.

8.2 In the case of new CONSTRUCTION or additions to existing BUILDINGS or STRUCTURES, the COMMISSION shall consider the appropriateness of the scale, shape and proportions of the BUILDING or STRUCTURE both in relation to the land area upon which the BUILDING or STRUCTURE is situated and in relation to BUILDINGS and STRUCTURES in the vicinity. The

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COMMISSION may in appropriate cases impose dimensional and setback requirements in addition to those required by applicable statute or bylaw.

8.3 When ruling on applications for CERTIFICATES on solar energy systems as defined in Section IA of Chapter 40A, the COMMISSION shall consider the policy of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to encourage the use of solar energy systems and to protect solar access.

8.4 The COMMISSION shall not consider interior arrangements or architectural features not subject to public view from a public way.

9. EXCLUSIONS

9.1 The COMMISSION shall exclude from its purview the following:

9.1.1 Temporary BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES or SIGNS subject, however, to conditions pertaining to the duration of existence and use, location, lighting, removal and similar matters as the COMMISSION may reasonably specify.

9.1.2 Storm windows and doors, screen windows and doors, and window air conditioners.

9.1.3 The color of paint.

9.1.4 The color of materials used on roofs.

9.1.5 The reconstruction, substantially similar in exterior design, of a BUILDING, STRUCTURE or EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURE damaged or destroyed by fire, storm or other disaster, provided such reconstruction is begun within one year thereafter and carried forward with due diligence.

9.2 Upon request the COMMISSION shall issue a CERTIFICATE of Non-Applicability with respect to CONSTRUCTION or ALTERATION in any category not subject to review by the COMMISSION in accordance with the above provisions.

9.3 Nothing in this Bylaw shall be construed to prevent the ordinary maintenance, repair or replacement of any EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURE within a DISTRICT which does not involve a change in design, material or the outward appearance thereof, nor to prevent landscaping with plants, trees or shrubs, nor construed to prevent the meeting of requirements certified by a duly authorized public officer to be necessary for public safety because of an unsafe or dangerous condition, nor construed to prevent any CONSTRUCTION or ALTERATION under a permit duly issued prior to the effective date of this Bylaw.

10. CATEGORICAL APPROVAL

The COMMISSION may determine from time to time after a public hearing, duly advertised and posted at least fourteen (14) days in advance in a conspicuous place in Town Hall, in a newspaper of general circulation in Milton, and notice to all property owners in the district, that certain categories of EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES, STRUCTURES or BUILDINGS under certain conditions may be CONSTRUCTED or ALTERED without review by the COMMISSION without causing substantial derogation from the intent and purpose of this Bylaw.

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11. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

11.1 The COMMISSION shall determine whether a particular activity is in violation of this Bylaw or not, and the COMMISSION shall be charged with the enforcement of this Bylaw.

11.2 The COMMISSION, upon a written complaint of any resident of Milton, or owner of property within Milton, or upon its own initiative, shall institute any appropriate action or proceedings in the name of the Town of Milton to prevent, correct, restrain or abate violation of this Bylaw. In the case where the COMMISSION is requested in writing to enforce this Bylaw against any person allegedly in violation of same and the COMMISSION declines to act, the COMMISSION shall notify, in writing, the party requesting such enforcement of any action or refusal to act and the reasons therefore, within twenty one (21) days of receipt of such request.

11.3 Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Act shall be fined not less than \$10 dollars nor more than \$500. Each day during any portion of which such violation continues to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

Pursuant to M.G.L Ch. 40c, s. 13, the Superior Court sitting in equity for the County of Norfolk shall have jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this Bylaw and the determinations, rulings and regulations issued there under and may restrain by injunction violations thereof and issue such other orders for relief of violations as may be required.

11.4 The COMMISSION may designate the Building Commissioner and/or other appropriate department(s) of the Town of Milton to act on its behalf and to enforce this Bylaw under the direction of the COMMISSION.

12. VALIDITY AND SEPARABILITY

The provisions of this Bylaw shall be deemed to be separable. If any of its provisions, sections, subsections, sentences or clauses shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Bylaw shall continue to be in full force and effect.

13. APPENDICES

Appendix 1:

Milton Village District

The Milton Village District shall be a DISTRICT area under this Bylaw. The location and boundaries of the Milton Village District are defined and shown on the Local Historic District Map of the Town of Milton, Sheet 1-2023 which is a part of this Bylaw. Sheet 1 is based on the 2023 town GIS map and was created with the help of the Town of Milton Engineering Department / GIS. The delineation of the DISTRICT area boundaries is based on the parcel boundaries then in existence and shown therein.

MAP

Recommendation and comment reprinted from December 2023 Warrant

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote to refer the proposed bylaw back to the Local Historic District Study Committee for further study.

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COMMENT: The 2015 Milton Master Plan calls for both preservation and enhancement of Milton's historic characteristics and guiding new development in keeping with the town's physical character. It also calls for the establishment of local historic districts and better protecting the remaining historic estates of the Town.

In 2021 the Select Board created a Local Historic District Study Committee (LHDSC) pursuant to M.G.L. c.40C to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through the preservation and protection of the distinctive characteristics of buildings and places significant in the history of the commonwealth and its cities and towns or their architecture, and through the maintenance and improvement of settings for such buildings and places and the encouragement of design compatible therewith.

The LHDSC has completed an exhaustive study of the National Register Districts in Milton. A National Register District is part of the National Register of Historic Places which lists individual buildings, sites, structures, objects, and districts, deemed important in American history, culture, architecture or archaeology. It is a federal designation and is administered by the Secretary of the Interior through the Massachusetts Historical Commission at the State Historic Preservation office.

Following this study and after much deliberation, the LHDSC decided, with the encouragement and support of the Planning Board, to propose that the Town establish a Local Historic District Commission (LHDC) and a Local Historic District (LHD) in Milton Village. The Commission and the District would be established by a bylaw that imposes certain restrictions on what property owners can or cannot do to their properties in the LHD and would require final approval by a two-thirds vote of the Town Meeting.

The LHDSC presented to the Warrant Committee over the course of two separate evenings in October. It is clear from the information given to the Warrant Committee that the area of Milton Village has great historical significance to our Town, Commonwealth and Country. Moreover, this article is in keeping with other towns and cities in the area with similar homes of historical significance and value.

The LHDSC has drafted a proposed bylaw and is has scheduled a public hearing as is required for a bylaw such as this. Given the timing of the public meetings, the proposed bylaw is not ready to be presented to Town Meeting for a vote, and the LHDSC and the Warrant Committee are in agreement that the proposed bylaw should be presented for a vote at the Annual Town Meeting.

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Article 41 To see if the Town will vote to extend the term of the Master Plan Implementation Committee from ten (10) years to eleven (11) years; revise the Master Plan Implementation Committee membership requirements to include expertise in sustainability and climate change, conservation, facilities management, construction, public policy and diversity, equity, and inclusion; and, revise the charge to include recommending targeted updates to the Town's Master Plan and to submit those recommendations to the Planning Board and Select Board for approval.

Submitted by Master Plan Implementation Committee

Draft Recommendation:

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote to:

- (1) extend the term of the Master Plan Implementation Committee, established by Article 13 of the 2014 October Special Town Meeting, from ten (10) years to eleven (11) years.**
- (2) Insert the following sentence into the charge: "Said Committee is expected to recommend targeted updates to the Town's Master Plan and to submit those recommendations to the Planning Board and Select Board for approval."**
- (3) Revise the membership requirements as follows: "Said Committee shall consist of seven members to be appointed jointly by the Planning Board and the Select Board for terms that are renewed annually. One member shall be a member of the Planning Board or its designee and a second member shall be a member of the Select Board or its designee. The other members shall have expertise in planning, architecture, economic development, landscape architecture, real estate, *sustainability and climate change, conservation, facilities management, construction, public policy and diversity, equity and inclusion*, or other relevant fields."**

COMMENT:

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ARTICLE 42 To see if the Town will vote to transfer to the care, custody, management, and control of the Conservation Commission, and to be subject to the provisions of Article 97, the following parcel of land: approximately 41.4+ acres of land, shown on the Town of Milton Assessor's Map as Map C Block 34A Lot 4 and to authorize the Select Board to obtain all necessary Governmental approvals necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Submitted by Citizen's Petition. The following is a list of the first ten citizens who signed the petition:

Diane DiTullio Agostino	147 Ridgewood Road
Margaret T. Oldfield	397 Hillside Street
Stephen M. Kelleher	93 Nancy Road
Joan L. Gancarski	75 Oak Street
Anne Louise. Murphy	20 Mountain Laurel Path
Joseph F.. Murphy	20 Mountain Laurel Path
Michael Patrick Vaughan	32 Governor Belcher Lane
Nancy J. Vaughan	32 Governor Belcher Lane
Virginia M. Donahue King	377 Canton Avenue
John Paul King	377 Canton Avenue

Recommendation and comment reprinted from December 2023 Warrant

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote No.

COMMENT: At the Annual Town Meeting that commenced on May 1, 2023, our Town Meeting voted on Warrant Article 31 and authorized the transfer of "approximately forty-one (41) acres of land located around and inclusive of Pope's Pond, shown on the Town of Milton Assessor's Maps as Map C, Block 34A, Lot 4" to the Conservation Commission as part of a "land swap" pursuant to Article 31 of the same Warrant whereby properties owned by the Town and managed by the Conservation Commission would be used to build a school and where other properties owned by the Town would be designated as conservation land to replace the lost conservation acreage with new conservation land to be held and managed by the Conservation Commission. Further, as part of the same Article 31, our Town Meeting voted that "a portion of [the aforementioned forty-one (41) acres], not to exceed four (4) acres, shall be transferred to the care, custody, management, and control of the Parks and Recreation Department to be used for the creation of a playground."

The current Article 8 seeks to transfer the same property ("41.4+ acres of land, shown on the Town of Milton Assessor's Map as Map C Block 34A Lot 4) to the Conservation Commission. Because the transfer of the subject forty-one (41) acres has already been transferred to the Conservation Commission (with up to four (4) acres to be used as a park) by the vote of Town Meeting, the Warrant Committee recommends a "no" vote on the Article because the issue is moot.

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Article 43 To see if the Town will vote to request that Milton's State delegation withdraw S.2301, "An Act establishing speed limits on portions of state highway route 28 and Chickatawbut road in the town of Milton," because it is a "speed trap," and instead return to the original MassDOT rotary plan. We object to the "speed trap" in particular because it would exacerbate the Milton Police's disproportionate ticketing of motorists of color above the already-established +30% racial differential, as detailed in the "2022 Massachusetts Uniform Citation Data Analysis Report" (page 212).

Submitted by Citizen's Petition. The following is a list of the first ten citizens who signed the petition:

Paul G. DeLorie	8 Mulberry Road
Faith Evans-Tucker	116 Blue Hills Parkway
Cherry F. Evans	26 Essex Road
Victor Evans	26 Essex Road
Hope Andrea Evans	26 Essex Road
Helen R. Witherspoon	33 Essex Road
John R. Cahill, Jr.	40 Essex Road
Donna Marie Reulbach	54 Essex Road
Payton Brandyberry	57 Crown Street
Nancy Ann Hicks	32 Lothrop Avenue

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote

COMMENT:

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Town of Milton
525 Canton Ave
Milton, MA 02186

**Town Meeting will be held on
Monday, May 1st
Beginning at 7:30 p.m.**

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is reserved for additional Town Meeting
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May 9, and May 11.

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¡CelebrateMilton! is committed to: bringing diverse people together from across the community; helping to make the community more interactive by promoting a deeper understanding of one another; and developing new initiatives that foster social justice, peace and harmony within our town;

WHEREAS

¡CelebrateMilton! is a 501©3 charitable corporation which has been a well-regarded feature of the Milton landscape since its founding in 1998. ¡CelebrateMilton! is primarily known for its large, outdoor, fall event in which hundreds of residents learn about local organizations and businesses, watch multi-cultural performances, bid in a silent auction, run into neighbors, and watch their kids enjoy bouncy houses and other amusements. What is less known, is that ¡CelebrateMilton! uses the proceeds from that event to support grants to local organizations for projects that address our mission, which is bringing diverse people together, and helping make the community more interactive by promoting a deeper understanding of one another and by developing new initiatives that foster social justice, peace and harmony within our town. ¡CelebrateMilton! has distributed over \$100,000 in grants since its founding. The grants have supported initiatives aligned with our mission in our public schools, local non-profits and community organizations;

WHEREAS:

¡CelebrateMilton! has embarked on an intensive program to raise funds to put on the fall event and to award at least \$5000 in grants, ¡CelebrateMilton! is seeking community support to achieve this goal.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Select Board support ¡CelebrateMilton! as it kicks off fundraising initiative to support our community through its mission.

GIVEN THIS DAY,

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Select Board

Michael F. Zullas, Chair

Erin G. Bradley, Vice Chair
Roxanne Musto., Secretary
Richard G. Well, Jr., Member
Benjamin Zoll, Member



Milton Community Electricity Aggregation

Renewal Update - March 2024

Agenda

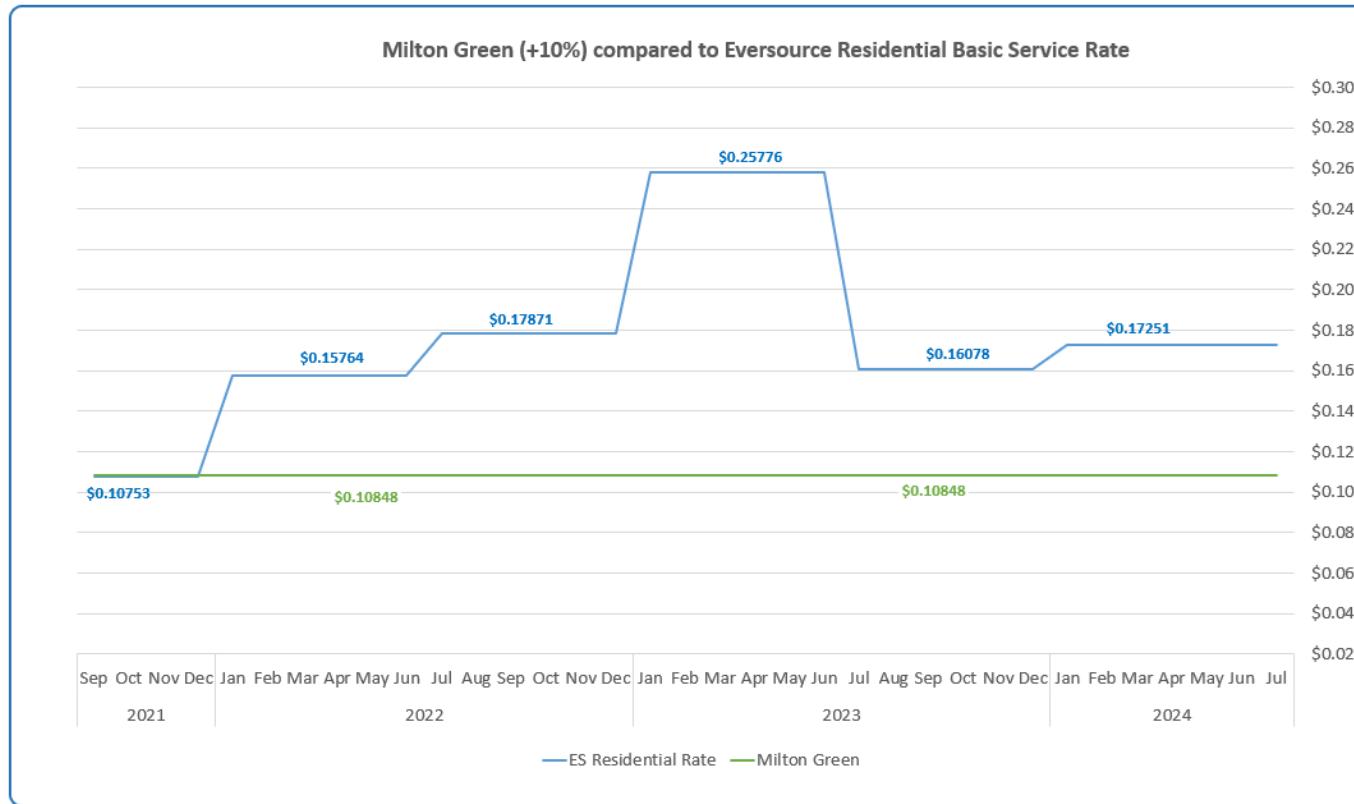
- Program Summary
- Market Update
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- Renewal Bid Timeline



Program Summary

- Program Launched in Fall 2021
 - Sept. 2021 - Nov. 2024
 - Additional 10% New England RECs in the standard product

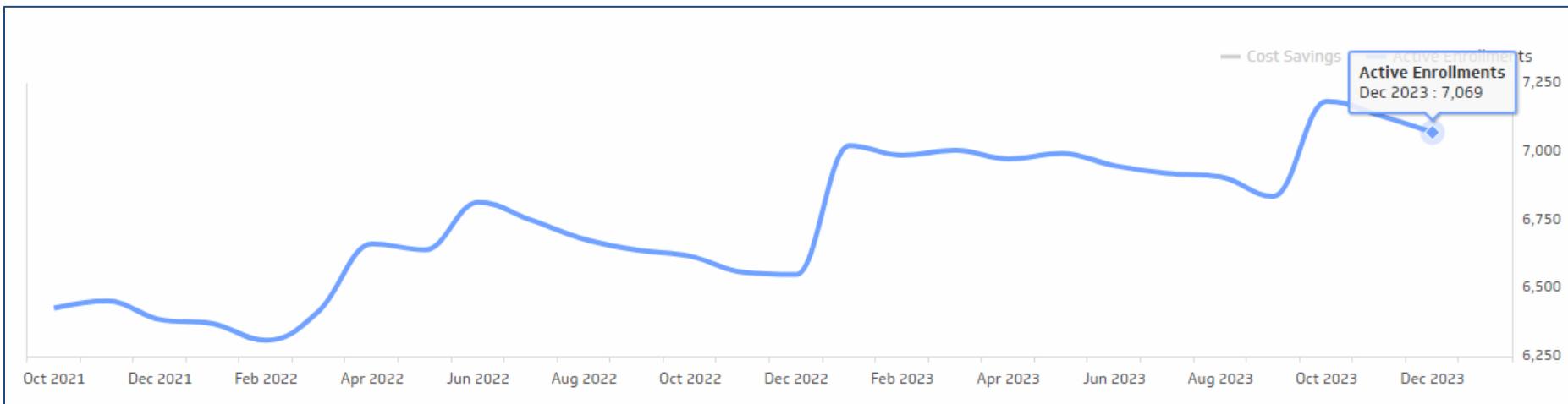




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Program Stats

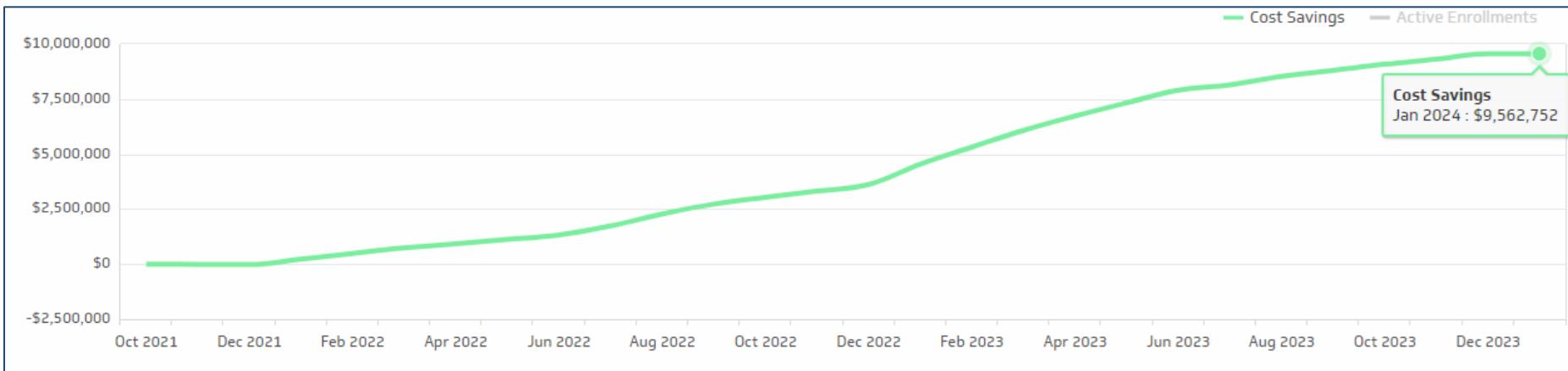
- Continued high participation: Over 7,000



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Program Stats

- Savings of over \$9,500,000 since launch



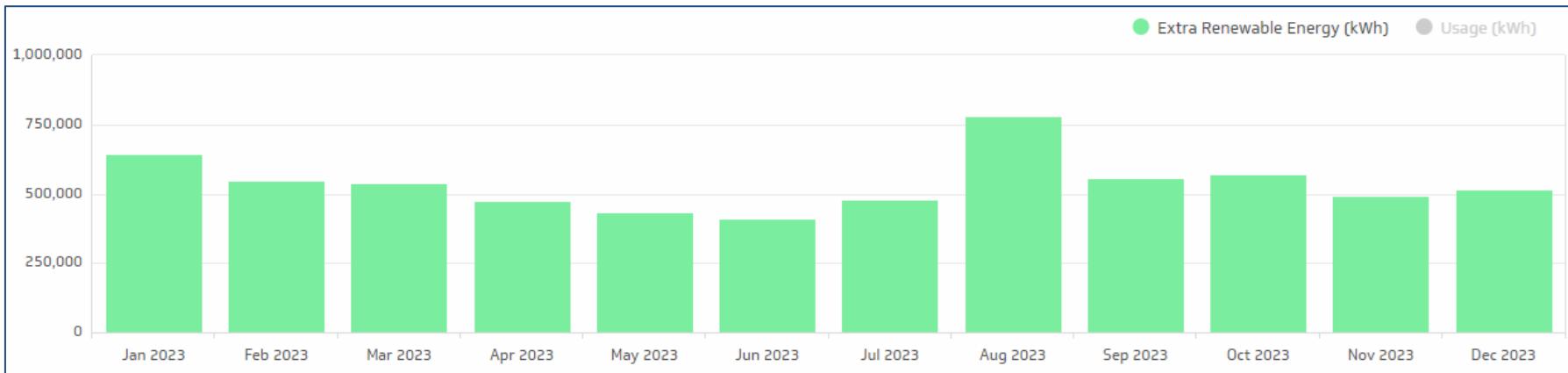
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Program Stats

Product	Participants
Milton Basic	417
Milton Green	6,547
Milton 100% Green	105
TOTAL	7,069

Extra Renewable Energy

- Annually purchasing over 6,000,000 kWh of additional renewable energy
- Equivalent to output of more than one land-based wind turbine
- Avoiding 4.5 million pounds of carbon dioxide equivalent



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Working gas in underground storage compared with the 5-year maximum and minimum

billion cubicfeet

4,400

4,000

3,600

3,200

2,800

2,400

2,000

1,600

1,200

800

400

0

Feb-22 May-22 Aug-22 Nov-22 Feb-23 May-23 Aug-23 Nov-23 Feb-24

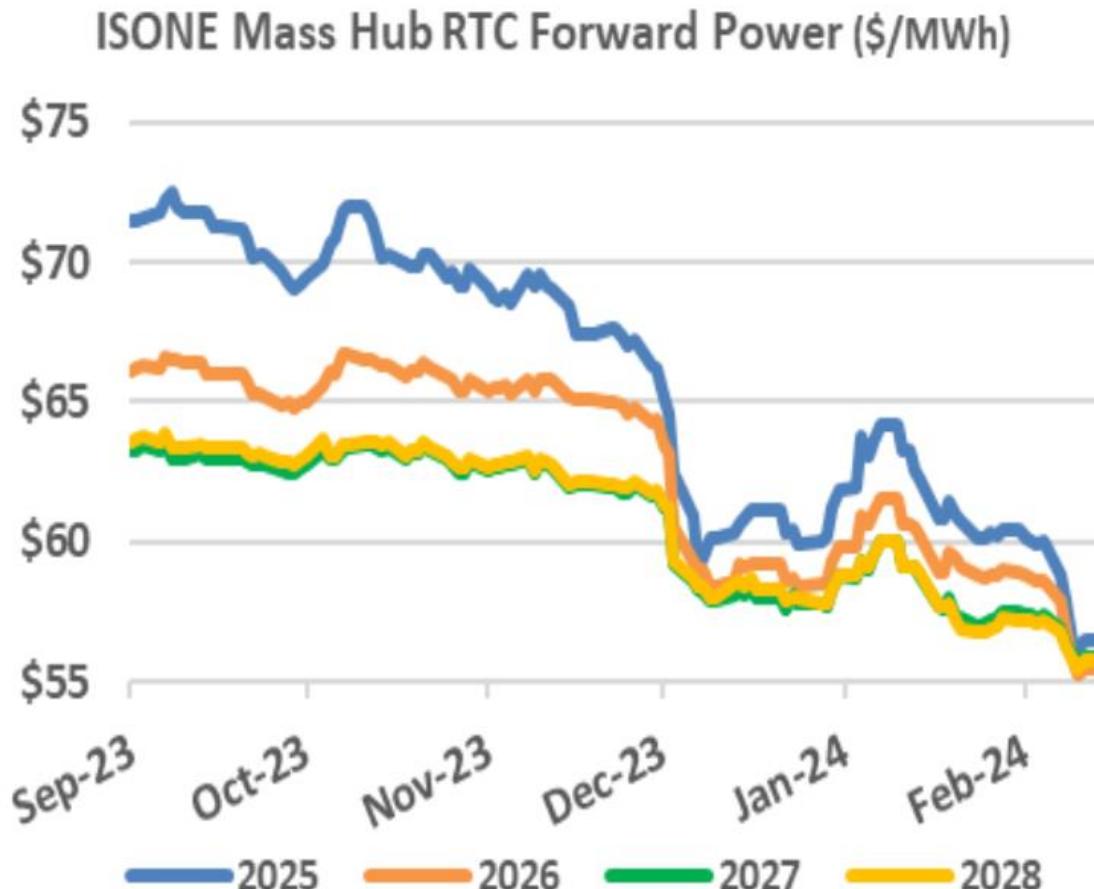
5-year maximum - minimum range

Lower 48

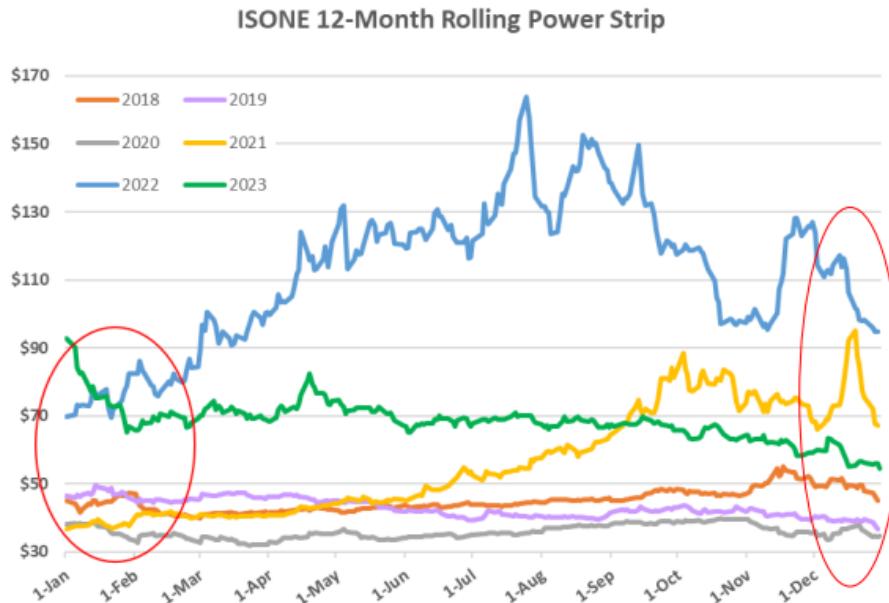
5-year average

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration





When is the Best Time to Buy?



12-Mo Rolling MA Hub

	Date	Price
2023	29-Dec	\$ 52.75
2022	3-Jan	\$ 69.78
2021	4-Jan	\$ 36.72
2020	23-Mar	\$ 31.96
2019	31-Dec	\$ 36.86
2018	28-Feb	\$ 39.79
2017	15-Dec	\$ 39.11
2016	9-Nov	\$ 36.52
2015	15-Dec	\$ 38.23
2014	31-Dec	\$ 53.40

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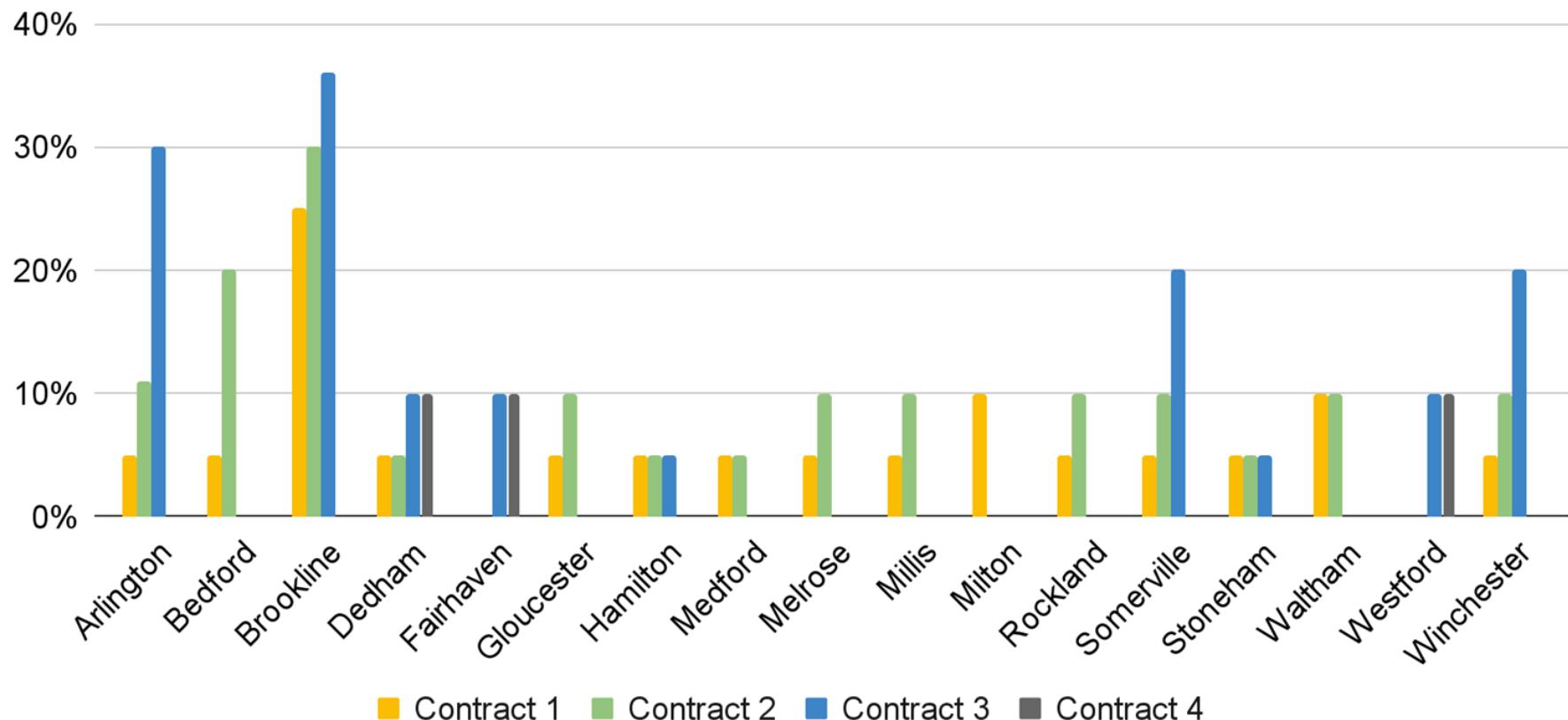


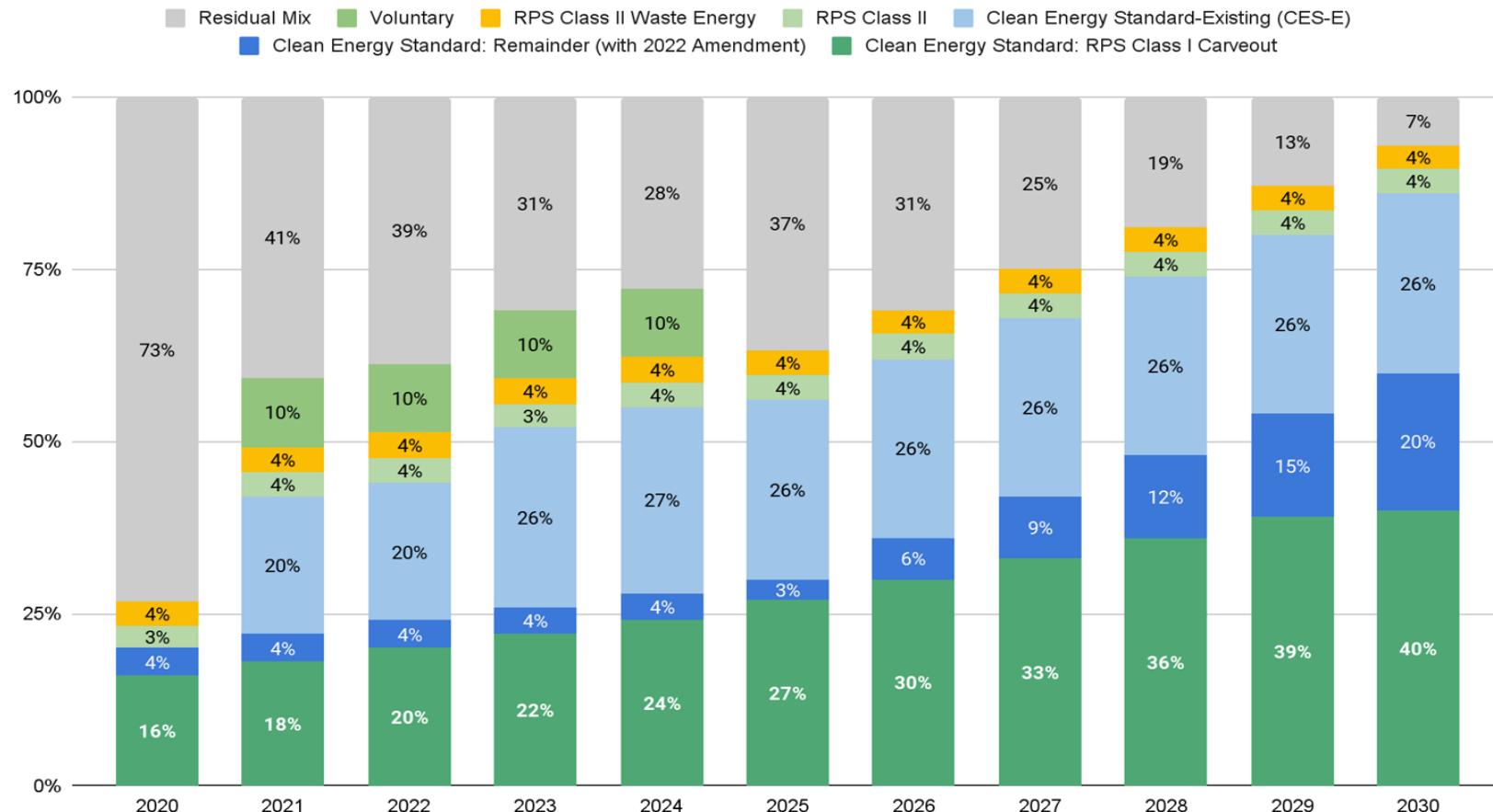
Voluntary Renewable Energy



- Voluntary MA Class I RECs sourced through Green Energy Consumers Alliance:
 - Only from New England
 - No biomass
 - Tax-deductible
- Will remain option for this renewal

Extra MA Class I in Standard Product





“Renewable energy resources” per Massachusetts: <https://www.mass.gov/guides/contract-summary-form#-4.-product-information->

Additional Cost for RECs

Current Contract: +10%: \$30.71/year or 0.37 cents/kWh

Renewal Outlook:

Extra MA Class I RECs	Estimated Annual Cost for Average Residential User	Estimated Cost per kWh (cent/Kwh)	Total Renewables 2027
10%	\$33.6	0.40	85%
15%	\$50.4	0.61	90%
20%	\$67.2	0.81	95%

Costs shown assume average Milton residential user of 8,300 kWh/year

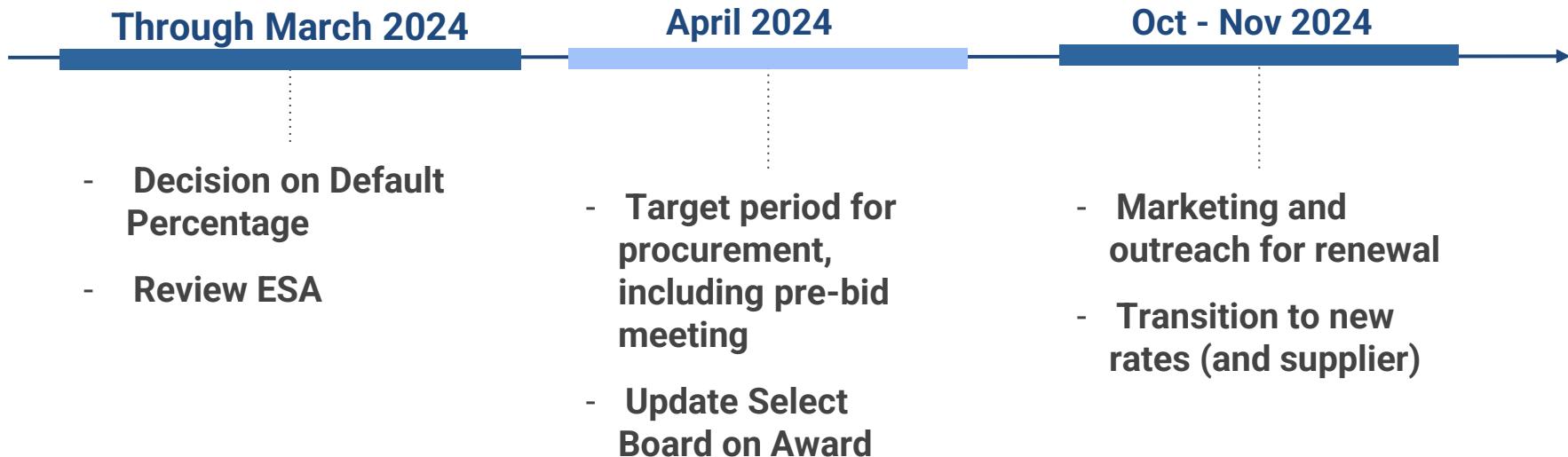
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Renewal Timeline



Open Discussion

Thank You!



TOWN OF MILTON BOARD OF HEALTH

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MILTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02186

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TO: Select Board members

FROM: Caroline A. Kinsella B.S.N., R.N., R.S.
Health Director/Public Health Nurse

DATE: 3/7/2024

RE: Acceptance of \$1000.00 from Milton Junior Women's Club

The Milton Coalition, formerly known as the Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, and the Milton Board of Health would like to thank the Milton Junior Women's Club for their kind donation of \$1,000.00 in recognition of the services provided by the Milton Coalition. This donation will enable the Milton Coalition to continue its mission:

“The Milton Coalition focuses on preventing and reducing youth substance abuse. Through a committed collaboration of diverse community members and sectors dedicated to a comprehensive and long-term approach, our efforts will foster a healthy, supportive and compassionate town environment.”

Respectfully,

Caroline A. Kinsella

Caroline A. Kinsella
Health Director/Public Health Nurse

POLICY, PERMIT APPLICATION AND RELEASE FOR USE OF THE TOWN GREEN AND/OR THE BARON HUGO GAZEBO

APPLICATION

Applicant's Name: FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Applicant's Address: 495 CANTON AVE

Applicant's Phone: [REDACTED]

Description of proposed use: FCC 10TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY

FESTIVAL, DJ ON GAZEBO AND KIDS FAIR
PAINTING ON THE GREENS

(Please provide as much detail as possible.)

Proposed Event Date: 06/15/2024

Proposed Event Start Time: 9:00

Proposed Event End Time: 3:00

Number of Guests and/or Attendees: 100
500

The Applicant certifies that he/she has read the foregoing policy and agrees to comply therewith, that all of the information provided in this application is true and correct, and that the applicant shall abide by any conditions of this permit.

Signature of Applicant: Frank Wilson Date: 03/13/2024

Printed Name: FRANK WILSON Printed Title: MODERATOR, FCC

-----For Completion by the Select Board/Town Administrator-----

Approved by:

Select Board / Town Administrator

Date

Conditions of Approval: _____

Use Charge(s): _____

POLICY, PERMIT APPLICATION AND RELEASE FOR USE OF THE TOWN GREEN AND/OR THE BARON HUGO GAZEBO

RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

I, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, of 495 CANTON AVE
(Applicant Name) (Applicant Address)

in consideration of the grant of permission to use the Town Green and/or the Baron Hugo Gazebo located in front of the Milton Town Office Building at 525 Canton Ave, Milton, MA 02186 for the purpose of STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL on the date of 06/15/2024
(Description of event) (Date)

forever release, indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Milton, Massachusetts, and all of its officers, employees, boards, commissions and committees, including without limitation the Milton Select Board and the Town Administrator (the "Indemnities") from all claims, causes of action, costs, damage and liability of any kind, including without limitation death, personal injury, property damage and attorney's fees, including without limitation those related to COVID-19, which the Applicant now has or may have or hereafter may have against any of the Indemnities resulting from the Applicant's and or the Applicant's invitees' use of the Town Green and/or the Baron Hugo Gazebo. This provision is limited to claims for ordinary negligence, and shall not apply to claims for gross negligence or reckless or intentional conduct.

Signature of Applicant: Frank Wilson

Date: 3/10/2024

Printed Name: FRANK WILSON

Printed Title: MODERATOR - FOE



Town of Milton

TEL 617-898-4846

TOWN OFFICE BUILDING
525 CANTON AVENUE
MILTON, MASSACHUSETTS

SPECIAL ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Applicant's Name:

Lynda-Lee Sheridan

Applicant's Address:

Applicant's Contact Info

Telephone #

E-Mail Address

Organization Name:

We Are Milton

Name of Event:

Milton Music Fest and Fireworks

Description of Event:

Annual community event on Hutchinson Field

The Applicant is:

Non-profit Organization or For Profit Organization

Date of Event:

June 22, June 23

Hours of Event:

Saturday 5-11PM Sunday 2-8

Location of Event:

Hutchinson Field

Number of Participants:

3000-4000

License For:

All Alcoholic Beverages - Issued only to a non-profit organization

Wine and Malt Beverages Only

Recommended Number of Police Officer(s) to be assigned:

SIGNATURE: _____
Chief of Police

SIGNATURE: _____
Town Administrator on behalf of Select Board

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: Lynda-Lee Sheridan **Date:** 3/8/24

Applicants must attest to the information provided in order for the license to be approved. Completed applications should be submitted to the Select Board Office along with payment in the form of a check in the amount of \$50.00 made payable to the Town of Milton. The Select Board, as the Town of Milton's Licensing Authority, requires approval at a scheduled public meeting. Please submit the application 30 days in advance of the event for which the license is being applied.

DRAFT**Select Board Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: 2/27/2024

Select Board Members in Attendance: Michael Zullas, Chair; Erin G. Bradley, Vice Chair; Roxanne Musto, Secretary; Richard G. Wells, Member; (Zoom); Benjamin Zoll, Member; Nicholas Milano, Town Administrator and Lynne DeNapoli, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Select Board (Zoom)

Guests: Attorney Peter Mello, Office of Town Counsel, Chief of Police, John King (Zoom)

Meeting Location: Council on Aging- Hybrid

Time: Meeting Called to Order: 7:03PM

Time Meeting Adjourned from Ex. Session: 11:56PM

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Zullas called the meeting of the Select Board to order at 7:03PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment

Kathleen Tyrell – 169 Whittier Road

Ms. Tyrell shared her concerns regarding the content of the letters the Select Board sent to the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority, (MBTA) and Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, (EOHLC) regarding Milton's designation as a Rapid Transit Community. Ms. Tyrell felt that the letter was just a request for clarification rather than reclassification.

Ms. Tyrell also expressed concern that Mr. Zoll did not disclose that he owned property on Capen Street. She felt that he should have recused himself from any discussion regarding the MBTA Communities Act.

Elizabeth Dillon – 79 Governors Road (ZOOM)

Ms. Dillon shared her thoughts on the lawsuit filed by the Attorney General. While she is disheartened, she was not surprised. Ms. Dillon is optimistic for a favorable outcome, whether it be through litigation or a new compliance model approved by the Planning Board.

Ms. Dillon was pleased to see such a great voter turnout on February 14th. She hopes Milton residents will do the same during the upcoming Annual Town Election in April.

Jay Fundling – 39 Silas Lane, Warrant Committee Member

Mr. Fundling suggested that Milton create a Sustainable Budget Working Group to ensure transparent long-term planning. It is the Town's responsibility to state to its residents, not only

how future overrides will be spent in one year, but what the plan is over multiple years. Mr. Fundling provided successful models from Higham and Arlington.

Lizzie Carroll, 37 Randolph Ave. Chair of the Milton School Committee

Ms. Carroll re-iterated the School Committee's request for a needs-based budget for FY2025. She explained that the proposed budget does not represent frivolous spending, but necessities that are long overdue. The needs based budget will provide necessary support for all of Milton's students. Ms. Carrol encouraged the Select Board to view School Committee Member (Mark) Loring's recent presentation detailing the importance of a needs-based budget. She requested the Select Board Members support in favor of the School Committee's needs-based budget proposal.

Ms. Bradley requested that the Board take the agenda out of order and address item 16: Public Comment Response. The Chair had no objection.

Thomas Callahan -16 Orono Street

Mr. Callahan his thoughts on the lawsuit filed by the Attorney General. Rather than use taxpayers money to fund the Town's defense, Mr. Callahan would prefer that the Planning Board draft a new compliance model. It is time to restore Milton's reputation and state funding.

16.

Public Comment Response

Ms. Bradley reiterated her support for the correspondence sent to Executive office of Housing and Livable Communities regarding Milton's designation as a Rapid Transit Community and reclassification. Ms. Bradley also felt that it is unfair to single out a Board Member regarding personal family matters.

Mr. Zoll did not want to give oxygen to personal attacks. He did ask that if someone has an issue, they bring it directly to his attention. He doesn't want his getting mixed-up in the discussion.

He did take the time to clarify the edits he made to the letters to the MBTA and EOHLC regarding Milton's designation as a Rapid Transit Community and the request for reclassification.

Mr. Zoll did note that he has contacted the State Ethics Commission regarding his position.

Ms. Musto reiterated her concerns regarding the content of the letters the Select Board sent to the MBTA and EOHLC regarding Milton's designation. Ms. Musto felt that the letters did not clearly convey Milton's request to be reclassified. If the Select Board had pursued the matter, the outcome may have been different.

Ms. Musto noted that it is important to listen to the residents' feedback and respect the different points of view. We are not always going to agree. Moving forward, we need to work together to find a solution that benefits the entire community.

Mr. Wells did not offer commentary regarding the letters. He did emphasize that the Ethics Commission is a great resource for elected officials as well as board and committee members. Mr. Wells encouraged Members to refer to the Commission for feedback if they ever have a question/doubt.

4. Discussion/Approval – Appointment of Thomas McCarthy as the Director of Consolidated Facilities

Mr. Milano shared Mr. McCarthy's experience and accolades with the Select Board Members and requested their endorsement.

Mr. Milano also thanked Chris Hayden, the Consolidated Facilities Director for his dedication and support. He wished him well in his future endeavors.

The Members expressed their support for Mr. McCarthy.

Mr. Zoll moved to appoint Thomas McCarthy as the Director of Consolidated Facilities. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Board voted unanimously to approve Thomas McCarthy as the Director of Consolidated Facilities.

BRADLEY: YES

MUSTO: YES

WELLS: YES

ZOLL: YES

ZULLAS: YES

5. Discussion/Approval – MBTA Communities Act status and issues

a. Request for the creation of an East Milton Advisory Committee

The Members each expressed their point of view regarding how Milton should proceed.

Mr. Zoll stated that it was important to acknowledge what the election was for: a request to approve the zoning overlay in order to comply with the MBTA Communities Act. It was not an election to request re-classification or to approve the Act itself. Milton residents rejected the zoning overlay. Mr. Zoll feels that the Planning Board should create the new compliance model. He is looking forward to seeing the new overlay proposal in the days ahead and state grant funding restored to Milton.

Ms. Bradley is concerned about the consequences of breaking the law. She is eager to see Milton meet the compliance requirements of the MBTA Communities Act and urged her colleagues to set a new timeline and resolve this in short order.

Mr. Wells expressed his disappointment in the Attorney General's actions. The MBTA Communities Act cannot and should not be a one size fits all. Milton will not be alone in this fight, other municipalities will face similar constraints. Mr. Wells supports re-classification. He suggested that as an act of good faith, the Planning Board should prepare a new proposal

following the 10% compliance model for an adjacent community. The voters have spoken and he intends to fight on Milton's behalf.

Ms. Musto echoed the sentiments of Mr. Wells. She supports the decision made by the voters and encouraged her colleagues to defend their message. We need to work in Milton's best interest.

The discussion continued. Members elaborated on their initial comments.

In an effort to move forward, Chair Zullas made the following suggestions.

- Reclassification
- Alternatives to Graite Ave.
- Establish a Working Group consisting of former Select Board and Planning Board Members to help reach a consensus, subject to Planning Board's approval.
- Letter to Governor Maura Healey and the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, (EOHLC) to request a three-month grace period on grant withholding until a decision has been made by the court.

Members offered their feedback. They discussed the pros and cons and agreed by consensus to pursue these options.

5a. Request for the creation of an East Milton Advisory Committee

Chair Zullas welcomed Kristen Bagley Jones of 88 Pleasant St., Rachel Schewe of 53 Centre Lane, Amy Flanagan of 36 Wood Street and Bridget Conroy of 44 Antwerp St to the meeting to share their support in favor of establishing the East Milton Advisory Committee or a similar working group.

Ms. Jones, Ms. Schewe, Ms. Flanagan and Ms. Conroy joined together to form: "Moving Forward as One Town." They specifically noted that they were not the East Milton Advisory Committee, but would be happy to serve if invited. The primary goals of "Moving Forward as One Town" are to bridge the divide in Milton and share ideas for a new MBTA Communities compliance model that will satisfy the community at large.

The "Moving Forward as One Town" Presentation highlighted the following components:

- Who we are and why are we here?
- Questions for Consideration
- Guidelines
 - Reconsideration
 - Exploration
 - Alternatives: 40B Requirements, Sustainability, Flexibility
- Requests to Select Board, Planning Board & Town Employees

The Select Board Members thanked them for their efforts to reunite Milton. Chair Zullas noted that they could not formally endorse their initiatives without the support of the Planning Board. Chairs Zullas encouraged them to contact Meredith Hall, Chair of the Planning Board and circle back to the Select Board.

6. Discussion – Rev. Lisa Ward regarding the Community Forum: How Do We Dwell Together in Peace held on February 4, 2024

Reverend Lisa Ward of the Milton Interfaith Clergy Association, (MICA) joined the Board to provide a summary of the Community Forum: “How Do We Dwell Together in Peace held on February 4, 2024.”

Rev. Ward explained that the purpose of the Community Forum was to address the turmoil of perspectives on the war in Gaza and surrounding territories and shepherd a conversation with the hope for developing more civil discourse in the town of Milton over the painful and contentious issues.

MICAH welcomed Courageous Conversations Towards Racial Justice, Witness for Peace, the Equity and Justice for All Committee, Milton Public Schools and Milton Muslim Neighbors to create a working group to develop the ground rules and framework for the event. The working group was supported by Co-Moderators: Carl Tuvey, Jeffrey Stone. The Milton Police Department provided security for the Forum.

Participants were encouraged to breakout into smaller groups of individuals they did not know and three questions.

- What are the dominant emotions you've been experiencing about the turmoil over the past several months?
- How do you think about and understand what's going on?
- How do we dwell in peace here in Milton?

The responses from the breakout sessions were given to a Neutral Facilitator to share with the larger group. 65 individuals participated in the Forum. Opinions were expressed with brave openhearted candor. The discussions were respectful and each person had the chance to share their voice.

Chair Zullas and Mr. Zoll participated in the Forum and stated that it was a great learning experience. They left feeling more hopeful. Chair Zullas expressed his appreciation to MICA, the Forum Facilitators, Milton Police Department and the many volunteers who helped make the event such a great success.

7. Discussion/Approval – Cultural Lighting Display at Manning Park between March 9 and April 15

Mr. Milano requested the Members' support to create a cultural light display on Manning Park to coincide with Ramadan. The Select Board approved a similar measure in 2023.

Mr. Zoll inquired about hosting an event to celebrate Hanukkah.

Mr. Wells moved to approve the Cultural Lighting Display at Manning Park between March 9th and April 15th to coincide with Ramadan. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Board voted unanimously by roll call to approve the cultural light display.

BRADLEY: YES

MUSTO: YES

WELLS: YES

ZOLL: YES

ZULLAS: YES

8. Discussion/Approval – School Building Committee's Recommendation for a Designer for the new school project

Mr. Sean O'Rourke, Chair of the School Building Committee joined the Board to provide an update and review the Committee's recommendation for a Designer for the new school project. The Committee has chosen Arrowstreet to work with the Town of Milton on the Feasibility Study and Schematic Design for the proposed new Upper Middle School and pre-K early education wing to be located along Giles Road near the existing high school.

Following his presentation, Mr. O'Rourke fielded questions from the Members regarding costs and construction timeline.

Mr. Wells moved to approve Arrowstreet as the Designer for the new school project, recommended by the School Building Committee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Board voted unanimously by roll call (5-0) to approve Arrowstreet as the Designer for the new school project.

BRADLEY: YES

MUSTO: YES

WELLS: YES

ZOLL: YES

ZULLAS: YES

9. Discussion/Update/Approval - FY2025 Budget Recommendation

Ms. Bradley, Chair of the Finance Committee and Mr. Milano, Town Administrator provided an overview of the 2025 budget. Ms. Bradley did indicate that the budget for FY2025 is more restrictive than in past years.

Mr. Milano shared the Big Picture for FY2025:

Expenditures:

- Level Service Budget to maintain existing services
- Needs Based: received request from Town Departments and Schools regarding needs to expand services, but not putting forward any needs based requests
- Milton Retirement System: fully funded in FY2024
 - \$1.5 million contribution to OPEB Trust for long term liabilities for retiree benefits
 - \$1 million contribution to Milton Retirement to build reserves, above full-funding
 - Approximately \$2.5 million savings in the Operation Budget

Revenues:

- Assumes growth typical to Milton's recent history
- State Aid

FY2025'Balanced Budget

Property Taxes:	101,653,946
Local receipts	9,971,018
Indirect Costs from Enterprise Funds	\$1,459, 500
State Aid	\$17,554,429
Available Funds	\$255,000
+ Free Cash	\$1, 809,658
+ ARPA	\$394,914
+ Trash Fee Increase (Local Receipts)	\$380,000
FY 2025 Revised Revenues	\$133,478,465

Mr. Milano also shared updates on Health Insurance, Trash Fees and State Aid.

Mr. Milano did note that the FY2025 Budget does not address the structural challenges facing the Town. Overall expenditures continue to outpace revenue growth. Future budget years will be more challenging than FY2025.

10. Discussion/Update/Approval – Milton Landing Lot B Proposals from Dexter Southfield and the Milton Yacht Club

Mr. Milano, the Town Administrator provided an update on the Milton Landing, Lot B Proposals. He has been collaborating with representatives from Dexter Southfield and Milton Yacht Club to reach a storage agreement that benefits all parties, including the Neponset Rowing Club.

Milton Yacht Club will have access to Lot A with the understanding that Dexter Southfield will have Lot B. A short-term lease will be executed for the remainder of the 2024 winter season for Dexter Southfield to use Lot A. The Town of Milton will draft and advertise an RPF for Lot A.

Dexter Southfield will construct a new low-profile dock that will be open to the public.

Mr. Wells and Ms. Musto expressed their support in favor of the agreement and thanked all parties for their patience and support.

Mr. Wells moved to approve the Milton Landing Lot B Proposal for Dexter Southfield. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Board voted by roll call (5-0) to approve the Milton Landing Lot B Proposal for Dexter Southfield.

BRADLEY: YES

MUSTO: YES

WELLS: YES

ZOLL: YES

ZULLAS: YES

11. Discussion/Update/Approval –Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 6, 2024

- a. Acceptance of MGL c. 40 s. 57 and establishment of a bylaw to allow departments to deny or revoke licenses and permits for failure to pay property taxes and utility charges, if unpaid for more than 12 months
- b. Home Rule Petition re: Liquor Licenses

Per Mr. Milano's recommendation this matter has been deferred.

12. Discussion/Approval – Board and Committee Appointments

- a. Equity and Justice for All Advisory Committee
 - i. Rabbi Alfred Benjamin

Mr. Zoll moved to appoint Rabbi Alfred Benjamin to the Equity and Justice to the Equity and Justice for All for a term to expire on June 30, 2025. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Board voted unanimously by roll call vote (5-0) to appoint Rabbi Alfred Benjamin to the Equity and Justice to the Equity and Justice for All.

BRADLEY: YES

MUSTO: YES

WELLS: YES

ZOLL: YES
ZULLAS: YES

13. Discussion/Approval –Request of the Milton Public Library to reserve the Baron Hugo Gazebo for the Milton Public Library’s Annual Picnic and Children’s Concert featuring Ben Anna Band on June 5, 2024, from 11:00AM-12:00PM

Mr. Wells moved to approve the request of the Milton Public Library to reserve the Baron Hugo Gazebo for the Milton Public Library’s Annual Picnic and Children’s Concert featuring Ben Anna Band on June 5, 2024, from 11:00AM-12:00PM. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Board voted unanimously by roll call vote (5-0) to approve the request of the Milton Public Library to reserve the Baron Hugo Gazebo.

BRADLEY: YES
MUSTO: YES
WELLS: YES
ZOLL: YES
ZULLAS: YES

14. Town Administrator’s Report

Mr. Milano extended his appreciation to the Town Clerk and her dedicated office staff for all of their hard work in coordinating the Special Town Meeting Ballot Election that took place on February 14th.

Special thanks to:
Susan Galvin
Gayle Neville
Karen Dilworth
Katelyn Neville
Mary Martin
Bill Neville, Constable

15. Chair’s Report

Chair Zullas deferred his report.

16. Public Comment Response

Public Comment response was addressed earlier in the evening.

17. Future Meeting Dates

The Select Board is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 and Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

18. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Zoll requested that the Board discuss plans for a Menorah Lighting for 2024.

20.

Executive Session: Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(6) – To discuss the lease, purchase, exchange or value of real property (Milton Landing)

Mr. Milano, the Town Administrator stated that this Executive Session is no longer needed.

19. Executive Session – Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) – Discussion regarding strategy with respect to litigation that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has threatened to commence against the Town relating to M.G.L. c. 40A §3A (entitled “Multi-family zoning as-of-right in MBTA communities”)

At Chair Zullas moved to adjourn from Open Session and enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has threatened to commence against the Town relating to M.G.L. c. 40A §3A (entitled “Multi-family zoning as-of-right in MBTA communities”) based on my belief that discussion of this matter in open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Select Board. The Select Board will not return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Board voted unanimously by roll call (5-0) to adjourn and enter Executive Session.

BRADLEY: YES

MUSTO: YES

WELLS: YES

ZOLL: YES

ZULLAS: YES

21.

Executive Session- Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) – to discuss a response to an Open Meeting Law complaint, received on February 5, 2024, filed by Timothy Lyons against the Milton Select Board and/or Select Board members Michael Zullas, Erin Bradley and Benjamin Zoll

Chair Zullas moved to adjourn from Open Session and enter into Executive Session to discuss a response to an Open Meeting Law complaint, received on February 5, 2024, filed by Timothy Lyons against the Milton Select Board and/or Select Board members Michael Zullas, Erin Bradley and Benjamin Zoll based on my belief that discussion of this matter in open session may

have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Select Board. The Select Board will not return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Board voted unanimously by roll call (5-0) to adjourn and enter Executive Session.

BRADLEY: YES

MUSTO: YES

WELLS: YES

ZOLL: YES

ZULLAS: YES

22. Executive Session: Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) – Discussion/Strategy with respect to threatened litigation against the Town by a Town Employee

Chair Zullas moved to adjourn from Open Session and enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to threatened litigation based on my belief that discussion of this matter in open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Select Board. The Select Board will not return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Board voted unanimously by roll call (5-0) to adjourn and enter Executive Session.

BRADLEY: YES

MUSTO: YES

WELLS: YES

ZOLL: YES

ZULLAS: YES

23. Executive Session: Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) – Discussion/Strategy with respect to litigation (Risa King et al. v. Patricia Lio, Town of Milton, Milton Police Department, John E. King)

Chair Zullas moved to adjourn from Open Session and enter into Executive Session to discuss (litigation) strategy with respect to litigation (Risa King et al. v. Patricia Lio, Town of Milton, Milton Police Department, John E. King) based on my belief that discussion of this matter in open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Select Board. The Select Board will not return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Board voted unanimously by roll call (5-0) to adjourn and enter Executive Session.

BRADLEY: YES

MUSTO: YES

WELLS: YES

ZOLL: YES

ZULLAS: YES

24. Executive Session- Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) – To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining: Milton Firefighters, Local 1116

Chair Zullas moved to (adjourn from Open Session and) enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining: (Milton Firefighters, Local 1116), based on my belief that discussion of this matter in open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Select Board. The Select Board will not return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Board voted by roll call (4-0-1) to adjourn and enter Executive Session.

BRADLEY: YES

MUSTO: YES

WELLS: ABSTAIN

ZOLL: YES

ZULLAS: YES

Respectfully submitted by Lynne DeNapoli, Executive Assistant to the Select Board

Documents

Letter from Secretary Augustus, Ex. Office of Housing and Livable Communities to confirm Milton's non-compliant status

Draft: Milton Landing lease Agreement , Lot B

Lease Addendum- Dexter Southfield

School Building Committee – Powerpoint Presentation

Response to RFS – Arrowstreet – Design Services for the new school building project

Draft: Town Meeting Warrant Article -Liquor Licenses

Powerpoint Presentation - “Moving Forward as One Town”

Application to reserve the Milton Town Green and Baron Hugo Gazebo on June 5, 2024 from the Milton Public Library

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Select Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 3/4/2024

Select Board Members in Attendance: Michael Zullas, Chair; Erin G. Bradley, Vice Chair; Roxanne Musto, Secretary; Richard G. Wells, Member; Benjamin Zoll, Member; Nicholas Milano, Town Administrator and Lynne DeNapoli, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Select Board

Guests: Attorney Peter Mello, Office of Town Counsel

Meeting Location: ZOOM/WEBINAR

Time Meeting called to order: 5:05PM

Time Open Session Adjourned: 5:06PM

Time Meeting Adjourned from Ex. Session: 6:28PM

1. Call to Order

Chair Zullas called the Select Board meeting to order at 5:05PM.

2. Executive Session – Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) –Discussion/Strategy with respect to litigation filed by the Attorney General v. the Town of Milton et. al., No. SJ-2024-0078 (Supreme Judicial Court, Suffolk County)

At 5:06PM, Chair Zullas moved to adjourn from Open Session and enter into Executive Session to discuss “I move to adjourn from Open Session and enter into Executive Session for a discussion regarding strategy with respect to litigation filed by the Attorney General v. the Town of Milton et. al., No. SJ-2024-0078 (Supreme Judicial Court, Suffolk County). based on my belief that discussion of this matter in open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Select Board. The Select Board will not return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Board voted unanimously by roll call to adjourn from Open Session and enter Executive Session.

BRADLEY: YES

MUSTO: YES

WELLS: YES

ZOLL: YES

ZULLAS: YES

Respectfully submitted by Lynne DeNapoli, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Select Board

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Select Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 3/11/2024

Select Board Members in Attendance: Michael Zullas, Chair; Erin G. Bradley, Vice Chair, (ZOOM); Roxanne Musto, Secretary; Richard G. Wells, Member; Benjamin Zoll, Member, (ZOOM), Nicholas Milano, Town Administrator and Lynne DeNapoli, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Select Board, (ZOOM)

Guests: Attorney Peter Mello, Office of Town Counsel

Meeting Location: Hybrid- Cronin Conference Room

Time Meeting Called to Order: 8:03AM

Time Open Session Adjourned: 8:04AM

Time Meeting adjourned from Ex. Session: 11:24AM

1. Call to Order

Chair Zullas called the Select Board meeting to order at 8:03AM.

2. Executive Session – Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) –Discussion/Strategy with respect to litigation filed by the Attorney General v. the Town of Milton et. al., No. SJ-2024-0078 (Supreme Judicial Court, Suffolk County)

At 8:04AM, Mr. Zullas moved to adjourn from Open Session and enter into Executive Session for a discussion regarding strategy with respect to litigation filed by the Attorney General v. the Town of Milton et. al., No. SJ-2024-0078 (Supreme Judicial Court, Suffolk County). based on my belief that discussion of this matter in open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Select Board. The Select Board will not return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Board voted unanimously by roll call (5-0) to adjourn from Open Session and enter Executive Session.

BRADLEY: YES

MUSTO: YES

WELLS: YES

ZOLL: YES

ZULLAS: YES

Respectfully submitted by Lynne DeNapoli, Ex. Administrative Assistant to the Select Board

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Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: 3/12/2024

Members in Attendance: Michael F. Zullas, Chair; Erin G. Bradley, Vice Chair, (Zoom); Roxanne F. Musto, Secretary; Richard G. Wells, Jr., Member; Benjamin D. Zoll, Member;; Nicholas Milano, Town Administrator and Lynne DeNapoli, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Select Board (Zoom)

Guests: Noreen Dolan, Milton Residents Fund, (Zoom); Pat Brawley, Director of Milton Community Food Pantry, Inc, (Zoom); Richard Fernandez, President of Beth Israel Deaconess-Milton Hospital, (Zoom)

Meeting Location: Council on Aging- Hybrid

Time Meeting Called to Order: 8:50PM

Time Meeting Adjourned: 9:20PM

1. Call to Order

At 8:50PM, Chair Doyle called the meeting of the Trustees of the Governor Stoughton Trust to Order.

Chair Zullas asked Mr. Milano, the Town Administrator to provide a financial update on the Trust.

The balance in the account is \$5,628,000. The balance includes a \$5,000,000 endowment for land from Pulte Homes of New England, LLC and \$350,000 for the easement. There is currently \$273,000 in discretionary/expendable funds available to the Trustees.

2. Discussion/Approval – Requests for Funding from the Governor Stoughton Trust

- a. Milton Residents Fund**
- b. Milton Community Food Pantry**
- c. Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital – Milton**

a. Milton Residents Fund

Noreen Dolan, Administrator of the Milton Residents Fund joined the meeting and provided the Board/Trustees with an overview of services the Milton Residents Fund provides to families and individuals in need. The Milton Residents Fund requested financial support in the amount of \$140,000 for 2024.

b. Milton Community Food Pantry

Ms. Brawley, the Director joined the meeting to provide the Trustees with an update on the goings-on at the Milton Community Food Pantry and to request financial assistance to support local families during challenging economic times. The additional funds will support the Dairy Voucher program.

Ms. Brawley noted that rising food costs at the grocery stores have resulted in more Milton families dealing with food insecurity. The Pantry currently supports 165 families, 536 residents, including 98 seniors and 160 children. Without the resources of the Milton Community Food Pantry, our clients would be unable to purchase the food they need and would be faced with choosing between paying utility bills and feeding their families.

c. Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital – Milton

At 9:09PM, Ms. Musto recused herself from this discussion.

Mr. Richard Fernandez, the President of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center joined the Trustees to provide an update on the goings-on at the BID Milton Campus and to request \$15,000 in financial support for the Free Care Program.

BID Milton provided unreimbursed free care to Milton residents that totaled over \$75,000 in 2023. During 2022 and 2023, BID Milton lost \$17.5 in revenue.

In addition to the Free Care Program, Milton BID has formed partnerships with/support of local organizations: Milton Public Schools, Milton Council on Aging and the Milton Coalition to name just a few.

Despite the challenges, BID-Milton has continued to make upgrades to their facilities. Patient rooms have been updated, a new Neurology Testing Site is open and the Cardiology Suite is undergoing renovations and will be renamed in honor of Dr. Mark Hodgeman.

Mr. Wells moved to approve \$20,000 in support of free care at Beth Israel Deaconess-Milton Hospital. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zoll. The Trustees voted by roll call (4-0-1).

BRADLEY: YES

MUSTO: RECUSED

WELLS: YES

ZOLL: YES

ZULLAS: YES

Mr. Fernandez thanked the Trustees for their continued support and generosity.

Ms. Musto returned to the meeting at 9:14PM.

Mr. Wells moved to approve \$140,000 for the Milton Residents Fund. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Trustees voted unanimously by roll call (5-0) to approve \$63,000 to the Milton Residents Fund.

BRADLEY: YES

MUSTO: YES

WELLS: YES

ZOLL: YES

ZULLAS: YES

Ms. Dolan extended her thanks to the Trustees for their continuous generosity and support.

Mr. Wells moved to approve \$63,000 for the Milton Community Food Pantry. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Trustees voted unanimously by roll call (5-0) to approve \$63,000 to the Milton Community Food Pantry, Inc.

BRADLEY: YES

MUSTO: YES
WELLS: YES
ZOLL: YES
ZULLAS: YES

Ms. Brawley expressed her sincere appreciation to the Trustees.

At 9:20PM, Mr. Wells moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Trustees voted unanimously by roll call to adjourn.

BRADLEY: YES
MUSTO: YES
WELLS: YES
ZOLL: YES
ZULLAS: YES

Respectfully submitted by Lynne DeNapoli, Ex. Assistant to the Select Board

Documents:

GST Finance Report
Milton Residents Fund Report/Narrative for 2023
Request from Milton Community Food Pantry
Request from Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital – Milton

DRAFT**Trustees of the Governor Stoughton Trust Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: 10/24/23

Members in Attendance: Michael Zullas, Chair; Erin G. Bradley, Vice Chair (REMOTE); Roxanne Musto, Secretary; Richard G. Wells, Jr., Member (REMOTE); Benjamin Zoll, Member; Nicholas Milano, Town Administrator, (REMOTE), Colin Loiselle, Assistant Town Administrator and Lynne DeNapoli, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Select Board (REMOTE)

Meeting Guests: Noreen Dolan, Milton Residents Fund

Meeting Location: Council on Aging - Hybrid

Time Meeting called to Order: 9:11PM

Time Meeting Adjourned: 9:48PM

1. Call to Order

Chair Zullas called the meeting of the Trustees of the Governor Stoughton Trust to order at 9:11PM.

2. Discussion/Approval - Request for Funds: Milton Resident Fund

Noreen Dolan, Administrator of the Milton Residents Fund joined the meeting and provided the Board/Trustees with an overview of services the Milton Residents Fund provides to families and individuals in need. She also provided a cost breakdown of expenses. The Milton Residents Fund requested additional financial support for the remainder of 2023.

Mr. Wells moved to approve \$40,000 to the Milton Residents Fund as a supplemental appropriation for the 2023 calendar year. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Trustees voted unanimously by roll call (5-0) to approve the appropriation to the Milton Residents Fund.

Prior to the roll call vote, the Trustees briefly discussed whether they can expand their spending allowance cap. Mr. Milano reviewed the 2023 disbursements and noted that he will seek the advice of Town Counsel regarding the spending cap.

MUSTO: YES

ZOLL: YES

BRADLEY: YES

WELLS: YES

ZULLAS: YES

3. Discussion/Approval – Request for Funding: Milton Health Department's Ready to Go Food Assistance Program

Ms. Musto noted that she will recuse herself from the discussion/vote. She is a Member of the Board of Health.

Mr. Milano, the Town Administrator provided an overview of the request from the Milton Health Department's "Ready to Go" Food Assistance Program.

The request of \$1,000 will be allocated for emergency food bags for residents in need. Many communities have created similar programs and they have been successful. The Health Department would like to start with 15 bags and store them in their office. The food bags will assist over a weekend, school vacation or until residents are able to get to the food pantry. Food insecurity remains a challenge among many residents and families. Not everyone who is experiencing food insecurity qualifies for SNAP and other programs.

Mr. Wells moved to approve the \$1,000 for the Milton Health Department's "Ready to Go" Food Assistance Program for the 2023 calendar year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zoll. The Trustees voted by roll call (4-0) to approve the appropriation to the Milton Health Department's Ready to Go Food Assistance Program

MUSTO: RECUSED

ZOLL: YES

BRADLEY: YES

WELLS: YES

ZULLAS: YES

4. Discussion/Approval – Use of Town Farm for Affordable Housing/Request for Proposals for Affordable Housing on the Town Farm

Chair Zullas provided the Trustees with an update from the Attorney General's office regarding their review of the affordable Housing RFP. The Attorney Geneal's team does not need to approve the proposal but requested that they be kept abreast of the Town's plans.

Mr. Zoll, a member of the Affordable Housing Trust provided a report from the Committee. The Members will review the proposal and make suggestions that are reflective of the concerns raised by residents during the public hearing. The Members of the Affordable Housing Trust will share their recommendations with the Trustees.

The Members also shared their thoughts and concerns regarding potential lawsuits on the affordable housing proposal.

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Mr. Zoll noted that he would abstain from this vote. He was not a Member of the Select Board or a Trustee of the Governor Stoughton Trust at the time this meeting took place.

Mr. Wells moved to approve the meeting minutes for April 11, 2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Trustees voted unanimously by roll call (5-0) to approve the meeting minutes.

MUSTO: YES

ZOLL: ABSTAIN
BRADLEY: YES
WELLS: YES
ZULLAS: YES

Ms. Musto requested that the minutes for August 8, 2023 be deferred.

Mr. Wells moved to approve the meeting minutes for June 13, 2023 and August 22, 2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Trustees voted unanimously by roll call (5-0) to approve the meeting minutes.

MUSTO: YES
ZOLL: YES
BRADLEY: YES
WELLS: YES
ZULLAS: YES

5. Adjourn

Mr. Zoll moved to adjourn from the Meeting of the Trustees of the Governor Stoughton Trust. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musto. The Trustees voted unanimously by roll call (5-0) to adjourn and return to the Select Board Meeting.

MUSTO: YES
ZOLL: YES
BRADLEY: YES
WELLS: YES
ZULLAS: YES

Respectfully Submitted by Lynne DeNapoli, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Select Board

Documents:

Milton Residents Fund- Profit and Loss Detail
E-Mail Correspondence from Noreen Dolan, Fund Coordinator of the Milton Residents Fund to Nicholas Milano, Town Administrator
Town Farm- Request for Proposal – Affordable Housing
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Meeting Date: 11/14/23

Members in Attendance: Michael Zullas, Chair; Erin G. Bradley, Vice Chair; Roxanne Musto, Secretary; Richard G. Wells, Jr., Member; Benjamin Zoll, Member; Nicholas Milano, Town Administrator and Lynne DeNapoli, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Select Board (REMOTE)

Meeting Guests: Attorney Peter Mello (REMOTE), Office of Town Counsel,

Meeting Attendees: Julie Creamer and Tom Callahan and Ms. Conlon (REMOTE), Trustees of the Affordable Housing Trust

Meeting Location: Council on Aging - Hybrid

Time Meeting called to Order: 7:55PM

Time Meeting Adjourned: 8:39PM

1. Call to Order

Chair Zullas called the meeting of the Trustees of the Governor Stoughton Trust to order at 7:55PM

2. Discussion/Approval –Request for Proposals for Affordable Housing at the Town Farm

Mr. Zoll, the Representative for the Trustees of the Affordable Housing Trust, (AHT) reviewed the most recent changes to the Request for Proposals, (RFP) with the Board Members. The revisions reflect feedback provided by the residents.

Please see Attachment A: Comparative Evaluation Criteria (pages 15-17) and References, Site Visits and Interviews (page 18) of the RFP for details.

The Members discussed the RFP and provided their feedback.

Ms. Musto reiterated her concerns regarding potential lawsuits and legal representation. Chair Zullas suggested that the Members move to agenda item 4: Governor Stoughton Trust legal counsel. The Members had no objection. The discussion regarding the Request for Proposals for Affordable Housing at the Town Farm will continue.

Attorney Peter Mello from the Office of Town Counsel joined the Board Members and responded to Ms. Musto's concerns regarding lawsuits and legal representation. Attorney Mello thanked Ms. Musto for her inquiries. He explained that historically the Trust has been treated like any other town body and is represented by Counsel. Attorney Mello will re-confirm with the Town's Insurance Carrier.

The Members returned to item 2: Request for Proposals for Affordable Housing at the Town Farm to continue their discussion.

Ms. Bradley moved to approve the amended request for Proposals for Affordable Housing at the Town Farm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zoll. The Trustees voted to approve the Request

for Proposals for Affordable Housing at the Town Farm. Chair Zullas, Ms. Bradley and Mr. Zoll voted in the affirmative. Ms. Musto and Mr. Wells voted in the negative.

3. Discussion/Update –Trust Fund Financials

Mr. Milano, the Town Administrator, provided the Trustees with a financial history.

Fiscal Year 2021- Present

Earned: \$484,000 Expended: \$350,000

Fiscal Year 2022: Loss: -\$44,000

Remaining years showed solid growth.

FY2024: July 1st through September 1st: + \$35,000

Funds that cannot be expended: from the sale to Pulte Homes. Inc. and the easement on the remaining land on the Town Farm: \$5,350,000. These funds have been treated as endowments.

Presently, there is approximately \$100,000 available (over the endowments), plus additional income to earn over the rest of this year.

Mr. Milano informed the Board that he has conferred with Attorney Mello regarding the status of the \$350,000. Could it be treated as income earned by the trust or should be part of the \$5 million endowment? The Court documents related to the Sale to Pulte do not reference the easement for \$350,000, just the \$5million.

Mr. Zoll suggested that the Trustees explore avenues that will provide better return on the Trustee's endowment fund. The Members were receptive to the suggestion, but want to continue to support organizations such as the Milton Residents Fund and the Milton Community Food Pantry. Mr. Zoll offered to research and provide an update at a future meeting.

4. Discussion – Governor Stoughton Trust legal counsel

This matter was addressed earlies this evening.

5. Discussion/ Approval - Meeting Minutes: August 8, 2023, September 19, 2023

Ms. Bradley moved to approve the meeting minutes of the Governor Stoughton Trustees dated August 8, 2023 and September 19, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wells. The Trustees voted unanimously, all in favor to approve the meeting minutes.

6. Adjourn

At 8:39PM, Ms. Bradley moved to adjourn from the meeting of the Trustees of the Governor Stoughton Trust and return to the Select Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zoll. The Trustees voted unanimously, all in favor to adjourn the meeting of the Trustees of the Governor Stoughton Trust.

Respectfully submitted by Lynne DeNapoli, Ex. Administrative Assistant to the Select Board.

Documents

Revised Draft-Request for Proposals for Affordable Housing on the Town Farm

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