

MEETING MINUTESSEPTEMBER 14, 2009
APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 28, 2009

Attended by: Chairman Ammendolia, Selectmen Tinio & Breen
Town Coordinator Dale Pleau

Meeting open @ 7:38 pm

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1. Open Forum

Ken O'Brien discussed with the Board a senior in town in need who can't afford, yet would like to participate in the recycling program. She does not participate in the trash program.

The issue is just with the recycling program.

Selectmen Breen feels there are 2 issues:

- How do we take care of this senior – his company will pay for the trash removal and therefore on the short term her trash will be picked up.
- How do we address the current issue of recycling

Selectmen Tinio has been discussing with the Chairman of the Board of Health to discuss with the current vendor to pick up the recycling in town.

Chairman Ammendolia request an official letter be sent to the Board asking them to look into the problem and if there is nothing to be done now then in the spring when the contract is be negotiated see to it that they address it.

Mr. Pleau discussed with the Board the Town of Blackstone has approached Mendon to recycle and the option to use them.

Mr. O'Brien announced this Sunday is the Senior Citizens award and Shirley Smith has been announced as the Senior Citizen of the year.

Chairman Ammendolia announced this coming Saturday is the Boy Scouts Bottle and Can Drive & encouraged the residents to participate.

2. Bonding for Taft Orchard

Treasurer Collector, Chris Kupstas and Clark Rowell discussed with the Board Bonding of the Taft Orchard. The options are;

- Bonding
- Doing a 5 year note for 1.2 million

Ms. Kupstas explains the property has been split up in 3 parts, CPA, possible public use and this portion which was to be sold and kept has been kept on a note. Notes cost more for the Town. Term of the note is about 100 thousand dollars. Mr. Pleau asked if the property needed an appraisal on the property, Mr. Rowell responded no. Selectmen Breen inquired about the request of a person to purchase a small parcel as a buffer for their property, Mr. Rowell responded it would be 5% of the par amount of the issue.

Mr. Pleau will get the impact in the taxes from the assessor's office for the next meeting.

Chairman Ammendolia recaps to Bond it for approximately 1.240 million dollars for 6 years, in 6 years the land will be paid off. Chairman Ammendolia asked what is owed on the rest of the land. Mr. Pleau reminded the other portion is currently 5 years into a 20 year bond, expiration of

that is 2024. Mr. Rowell discussed with the Board a 2 month note to secure the Bond.

Motion by Selectmen Tinio to extend the note for the Hopedale side of the Fino property for 2 months, Selectmen Breen 2nd, all in favor.

3. Building Fees

Mr. Pleau discussed with the Board the letter from the Building department. Selectmen Tinio read the letter. Selectmen Breen comments a 30% reduction and would like the Building Inspector to be at the meeting. Selectmen Tinio commented he spoke to the inspector about the developers and residential rates. Chairman Ammendolia would like to take the matter under advisement and added to the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Pleau will get clarification for the next meeting.

4. Minutes/Warrants

Motion by Selectmen Breen to accept the meeting minutes of March 25, 2009 & August 24, 2009 as written, Selectmen Tinio, all in favor.

The Board signed the Warrants.

5. MUEF Rock and Roll One Day All Alcohol License

Motion by Selectmen Tinio to approve the One Day All Alcohol Licenses for the Mendon-Upton Education Foundation for a Rock and Roll for Education to be hosted @ Imperial Ford on November 6, 2009 from 6 pm to 11:30 pm, Selectmen Breen 2nd, all in favor.

Motion by Selectmen Tinio to waive the fee for the One Day All Alcohol licenses for the Mendon-Upton Education Foundation Rock and Roll for Education, Selectmen Breen 2nd, all in favor.

6. Mendon Lions Club Country Fair

Motion by Selectmen Breen to approve the Mendon Lions Club’s request to use the property known as Taft Orchards for parking for the Mendon Lions Club Fair on October 10, 2009 with Sunday October 11, 2009 as a rain date, Selectmen Tinio 2nd,

The Board discussed if it was necessary to contact the CPA for parking on the land, Mr. Pleau announced it is for no motorized vehicles. Mr. Pleau reminded the Board it is a State restriction not a town restriction. **All in favor.**

7. Administrative issues

- Aflac – Mr. Pleau discussed with the Board the allowing at no cost to the town allowing the employees the option.

Motion by Selectmen Tinio to allow Aflac insurance to come in to discuss Aflac insurance with the employees, Selectmen Breen 2nd, all in favor.

- Budget – Chairman Ammendolia would like to send a letter to all departments to watch their budgets, also to have meeting with Fin/Com to get a jump on the budget once a month
- Have the budget go thru Mr. Pleau – he has to go to bat for the departments

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would like a letter from Mr. Pleau to all departments to explain free cash, also on another subject begin the budget process early, a projection of current budget & how they feel they will fulfill the current year.

8. New Business

Willow Brook Restaurant – Common Vic Licenses

Motion by Selectmen Tinio to approve the Common Victualler’s Licenses for Willow Brook Restaurant subject to an occupancy permit, Selectmen Breen 2nd, all in favor.

9. Blackstone Valley Regional Development Council

Selectmen Breen briefly discussed with the Board the letter from BVRDC. The intent is to:

- Put together sub-committees
- Do research on organizational structure
- Municipal participation
- A representative from Mendon

The Board discussed a person from the business community. Mr. Pleau will get the info on the web site; the media will get the info in the papers.

10. Dispatch agreement

Mr. Pleau discussed with the Board the Dispatch agreement. Hopedale and Mendon have had no problems. Millville has agreed to come on November 1, 2009. There will be a joint meeting with the three boards to agree. Projected numbers of saving for next year is \$130,000.00 in FY11. This number is flexible. The person who put this together in 6 months is Chief Horn; he opened the door for shared services in this area.

Motion by Selectmen Tinio to go into Executive Session under MGL Chapter 39, s23B choice #3 with respect to collective bargaining & litigation to return to adjourn, Selectmen Breen 2nd, all in favor.

Roll Call Vote, Ammendolia – Yes, Tinio – Yes, Breen – Yes.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Terry Palmer
Administrative Secretary
Board of Selectmen