



# TOWN OF MENDON

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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MEETING MINUTES .....JANUARY 21, 2004  
APPROVED: FEBRUARY 4, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by Chairman Dale Pleau, attended by Selectmen Dennis Shaheen & Ken O'Brien.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Board recites the Pledge.

2. Warrants

Warrants are signed.

3. Class II

The Board signed Class II licenses for Champney Used Car & Richie's Driveline.

4. Minutes

Motion by Dennis Shaheen to approve January 7, 2004 minutes, Ken O'Brien 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

Motion by Dennis Shaheen to approve January 7, 2004 executive session, Ken O'Brien 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

5. Chairman Comments

Chairman Pleau commented on the Round Table discussion that they had with the Town of Millville & Uxbridge. The Town of Blackstone was invited but could not make this meeting. The event was very informative and they look forward to meeting in the future.

Chairman Pleau mentioned a letter he received from Representative Glodis – proposing legislation to exempt towns from state sales tax on gasoline.

6. Open Forum

Jim Gooding discussed with the Board the Tax Base. Mr. Gooding asked the Board how do we lower the town's tax rate? Mr. Gooding asked the Board if they would consider a dual tax rate to take some of the load off the residents. Selectmen Shaheen told Mr. Gooding the split in tax rate will be minimal and they do not want to drive out what little businesses the town has. The Board told Mr. Gooding to stop spending. Selectmen Shaheen told Mr. Gooding that Mendon is not attractive to businesses, we have no water or sewage. The Board thanked Mr. Gooding for his concerns and input and for his time on the Fin Comm.

7. Affordable Housing Overlay District-proposed bylaw

Selectmen Shaheen had spoken to 2 ZBA members who seemed supportive; he encouraged them to come to the next Planning Board meeting. Kathy Coffey Daniels, Planning Board Chairman, spoke to Ann Mazar of Land Use Committee. Ms. Daniels discussed the amount the Town is getting from the Executive Order #418. The report is advisory – no action is mandated.

## 8. Blackstone Valley Technical School

Chairman Pleau commented on a letter received from BVT regarding the use of the students for projects for Municipal improvements. Ms. Tetreault told the Board the Town used the school a few years ago to install the windows. The Board asked Ms. Tetreault to find out the labor charges for student work.

## 9. Parks Commission

Joe Flaherty & John Accica questioned the Board how the Parks Assistant position come to be in the union? The Board told the Parks Commission they could not discuss the position because they are in contract negotiations. Ms. Tetreault told the Board she spoke to Town Counsel asking if the position could be removed from the union & he told her no. Mr. Flaherty discussed with the Board the Parks Assistant position of Grade 4 Step 1, not Step 2. They would like to have Leslie Laflamme moved from step 1 to Step 2. Selectmen Shaheen told them it could not be done during contract negotiations. Mr. Flaherty asked the Board if he could listen to the tapes of that meeting. The Board asked Ms. Palmer to have the tapes ready for him to listen to at the Town Hall. Mr. Flaherty asked the Board to check if Ms. Laflamme is receiving the pay of \$ 13.48 from August 2002. Ms. Tetreault will look into it for the Board. The Board asked Ms. Tetreault to find out how the Highway got out of the Union.

Kathy Coffey Daniels asked the Board if she has to participate in the Deferred Comp or if Social Security has to be taken out of her stipend. Ms. Tetreault will find out.

## 10. Special Town Meeting Warrant

Motion by Dennis Shaheen to approve the 8 articles on the Special Town Meeting Warrant, Ken O'Brien 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

## 11. Monitoring Services Agreement

Chairman Pleau signed the Monitoring Services Agreement.

Motion by Dennis Shaheen to adjourn to Executive Session to return only to adjourn, Ken O'Brien 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. Meeting adjourned @ 8:46 pm

Roll Call, Pleau – Yes, Shaheen – Yes, O'Brien – Yes.

Respectfully Submitted

*Terry Palmer*  
Administrative Secretary  
Board of Selectmen