



TOWN OF MENDON

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MEETING MINUTES **DEC. 14, 2004**

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Selectmen met with the Finance Committee at their meeting. All selectmen were in attendance.

Police Dept

- Chief Horn was present to reiterate the importance of making some decisions about a police station. All three members of the Board of Selectmen were present and Mike explained the Chief's position from a financial standpoint and how we are just sinking money into temporary fixes for that building and it is no longer wise or economical. Mike asked the Selectmen where we are supposed to get the money for the overtime for the Police Dept. without a permanent solution even in sight. Board Chairman Dennis said we will have to go for an operational override.
- Dennis discussed the feasibility of looking at a new police station built on the corner of the newly purchased Fino Land, all members voiced their opinion and Chief Horn agreed he didn't care where the new station is built, he just wants to get on with a plan.....
- Chief Horn asked the Selectmen if he had their permission to call the Contractors back in.

Ken moved, seconded by Sharon to give Chief Horn the OK to call the Contractors back in to look at the land and see what has to be done to revitalize the contract to create a design on the Fino Land. All in favor.

- Chief Horn will now call in the Maguire Group, and also he'll contact the Public Safety Committee (Mike Peterson, Joe Scott, and Joe Cronin to see if they will regroup and take a look at the same.

Chairman Mike asked Dennis what Plan B will be if Plan A doesn't work, and Dennis reiterated "an operational override."

In other business Tom reminds the Selectmen that the Fin Com is hoping the Selectmen are looking closely at the insurance plan for employees and also Chairman Mike commented on the request made by Fin Com to get the COLA figure as soon as possible from the Board. Tom said he will refuse to vote to ask the town for an operational override if we are still giving a high COLA and paying 90% of the employee insurance.

Tom wants to meet more often with the Board of Selectmen before Special Town Meetings to make sure we are all on the same page and there are no last minute surprises on either end. The Board agreed this was a good meeting and we should try to do this more often.

Selectmen adjourned and left the FinCom meeting at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Davoren

Finance Committee Recording Clerk