



TOWN OF MENDON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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MEETING MINUTESFEBRUARY 18, 2004

APPROVED: MARCH 24, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Chairman Dale Pleau, attended by Selectmen Dennis Shaheen & Ken O'Brien.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Board recites the Pledge.

2. Warrants

The Board signed the Warrants.

3. Minutes

Motion by Dennis Shaheen to approve Minutes of January 21, 2004 Executive Session, Ken O'Brien 2nd, all in favor.

Motion by Dennis Shaheen to approve Minute of February 4, 2004, Ken O'Brien 2nd, all in favor.

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4. Board Comments

Chairman Pleau mentioned that the Milford Daily News no longer send a reporter to cover the meetings, and encourages the residents to watch the meeting. Chairman Pleau reminds the residents that just watching the meetings is good but you can't ask questions from your home and again encourages the residents to get involved with their town.

Selectmen O'Brien mentioned the Planning Board will have a hearing on Affordable Housing Overlay Bylaw on Monday, February 23, 2004 and the meeting may be televised with the possibility to have a call in line for questions.

5. Open forum

Ann Farrell gave the Board an update of the Clough School. It is scheduled to open on Monday, February 23, 2004. Bob Duff of Cullinan Engineering will test the septic on full power and sees no problem with the system. The OP will be ready for signatures on Monday @ 7:30 am. The Town employees may tour the school because the same insurance company covers them. There will be an open house for the residents in the future. Selectmen Shaheen thanked Ms. Farrell for all the time she has dedicated to the school and is reminded that this is the largest Municipal project for the town. Ms. Farrell has been a tremendous help in keeping everything going as smoothly as it could go. The Board recognized all the departments that also helped make this project as productive as it was. Ms. Farrell stated there is a large "punch list" but it will be taken care of in the spring.

6. Water Commission

Chairman Shirley Smith, Bob Carlson & Jim Turner met with the Board to discuss the Hopedale/Bellingham water. The Board reminded the Water Commissioners that there is a deadline with Hopedale and would like to know what progress they have made. Selectmen Shaheen mentioned there are 3 points he wanted to see met.

- 1) Long term
- 2) Grist Mill be included
- 3) Moderate expansion

7. Fin Com

The Board discussed with the Fin Com the FY04 Budget. Chairman Holmes told the Board the Snow & Ice deficit is 60K, they also asked the Board to support them with requesting a 2% volunteer reduction of the current budgets. The Board agreed to send a letter to all departments with the Fin Com request.

8. Police Station Design Proposal

Joe Scott & Joe Cronin from the Public Safety Building Committee presented the Board with the Design Contract for the Police Station. The project should take 2 years to complete and cost 2.1 Million dollars. Motion by Dennis Shaheen to accept the contract with the McGuire Group to design the Police Station, Ken O'Brien 2nd, all in favor. Chairman Pleau signed the Contract.

9. Administrative Issues

Chairman Pleau asked Ms. Tetreault to give the Administrative Secretary to the Board of Health a copy of the letter from Hopedale.

Ms. Tetreault told the Board that a developer requested names for the street in the Park Place Development to be considered. The Board would like to do this at the next meeting.

Ms. Tetreault told the Board that there is a need for a dog hearing. The Board set a date of February 24, 2004 as a date for the hearing.

Motion by Dennis Shaheen to go into Executive Session to return only to adjourn under MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B for Contract Negotiations.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:45 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Terry Palmer
Administrative Secretary
Board of Selectmen