



# TOWN OF MENDON

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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MEETING MINUTES .....MARCH 10, 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

Board signed the warrants.

3. Board Comments

Selectmen Ken O'Brien discussed the tour at the new Clough School. He commented the Library is in need of books and encouraged residents to spring clean for books that are age appropriate for the School's Library. Selectmen O'Brien also discussed open burning and encouraged the residents to be careful with their fires.

Chairman Dale Pleau discussed the video tape length for the meetings. Ms. Palmer will contact cable 8 and inquire about the tape length and also about the cable company running ads on the Public Access Channel. Chairman Pleau discussed the Treasurer/Collector looking into direct pay on line for the residents to pay their fees and taxes on line.

Selectmen Dennis Shaheen discussed again asking for volunteers to run the cameras at the Selectmen's meetings.

Chairman Pleau introduced Eunice Kim the new reporter for the Milford Daily News.

4. Pole Location

Chris Parella was not able to attend the meeting the Board moved the hearing to March 24, 2004.

5. Committee Meeting Minutes

The Board discussed having all board forwarding their meeting minutes to a central location and also would like to find out how to have the minutes accessible on the web site. The Board requested a memo be sent to all boards asking them if they are receptive to this idea. The Board discussed having the Town Clerk and Library as a central location for all hard copies. They would like to have the minutes available before the next board meeting, close to 7 days after approval of minutes.

Ms. Tetreault discussed with the Board the Annual Town Meeting and the possibility of a Special Town Meeting for week of April 19, 2004. Ms. Tetreault will give the Board a draft of the ATM Warrant.

6. Kevin Rudden – CMRPC

Kevin Rudden, Mendon's representative to the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission, informed the Board that CMRPC is developing its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) list for FY 2005 to 2009. This is a list of highway, bridge, transit and intermodal projects slated for federal-aid funding. A recent regional transportation study done by CMRPC identified 4 intersections in Mendon that need improvement-Rt. 16/North Ave/Main St, Maple St./Main St., Maple St/Rt. 16, and Rt. 16/Hartford Ave. West. Kevin suggested a letter be sent to CMRPC requesting that these intersections be added to the list to start the process for getting federal funding should the Town decide to proceed with improvements to these intersections. Mr. Rudden volunteered to draft the letter and email to the Selectmen's office to be put on town letterhead as the request must come from a community's chief official. The Board agreed this would be a good idea to get these projects in the pipeline. The Board thanked Mr. Rudden for his work on this project.

7. Street Name for Park Place road

The Board discussed with the developer, Michael Curatola the name for the road in the Park Place subdivision. Motion by Ken O'Brien to name the street in the Park Place Development Freeman Place, Dennis Shaheen 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

8. Chief Johnson

Chief Johnson told the Board that the Fire Department is only days away from ASL certification. Chief Johnson discussed with the Board a proposal for the Fire Department. He proposed hiring 2 more fire men and told the Board the current Fire Fighters were willing to reduce the pay scale \$3.00 per hour. This will have no mandatory Over Time after 48 hours, they would be required to work 2 – 24 hour shifts, & would put the ALS program into effect. The coverage will be 24/6. Chief Johnson will have totals for FY 02 & FY 03 billed and actual collected for the Selectmen.

Chairman Pleau asked Ms. Tetreault to have all Departments at a meeting with the Board of Selectmen to discuss any issues they have.

Motion by Dennis Shaheen to go into Executive Session to return only to adjourn under MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B for Contract Negotiations, Ken o'Brien 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor

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

Meeting adjourned @ 9:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Terry Palmer  
Administrative Secretary  
Board of Selectmen