



# TOWN OF MENDON

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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MEETING MINUTES .....MARCH 24, 2004  
APPROVED: APRIL 7, 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. Approve Minutes

Motion by Dennis Shaheen to approve February 18, 2004 minutes, Ken O'Brien 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

Motion by Dennis Shaheen to approve February 18, 2004 Executive minutes, Ken O'Brien 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

Motion by Dennis Shaheen to approve February 24, 2004 minutes, Ken O'Brien 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

Motion by Dennis Shaheen to approve March 10, 2004 minutes, Ken O'Brien 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

Motion by Dennis Shaheen to approve March 10, 2004 Executive minutes, Ken O'Brien 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

4. Board Comments

Selectmen Ken O'Brien reminded the residents to donate age appropriate books to the school's library & reminded the residents to collect the General Mills box top for school.

Chairman Pleau asked the residents if they have extra baseball items to contact him to send them to the Dominican Republic for needy children.

5. Pole Location

Chris Parella of Verizon & Alan Tetreault the Highway Surveyor discussed with the Board the Stump pole on Hartford Ave East/Providence Street. Motion by Dennis Shaheen to accept the proposed pole location for Providence Street/Hartford Ave East, Ken O'Brien 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

The Board discussed with Mr. Parella, Mr. Tetreault and Mr. Peterson, of Mass Electric, discussed the pole in the middle of the parking lot for the Town Hall. Mr. Tetreault is not in favor of having an island in the middle of the parking lot for plowing purposes. Mr. Peterson told the Board if the pole goes across the street it could cost the town up to \$ 10,000.00. Selectmen O'Brien suggests burying the wires and seeing if there are any grants for the cost. He would like to have the Town of Northbridge contacted and see how they have done it. Public Safety Committee requested a time to present the new police station preliminary plan to the Selectmen. The Board will meet at 6pm on Wed., Mar. 31 to see the plan.

## 6. Open Forum

Art Holmes Chairman of the Finance Committee discussed with the Board the Mendon-Upton Library District budget for FY05. Selectmen Shaheen would like to have the District deed the land back to the Town so it can be covered by our insurance.

Mr. Tom Allaire presented the Board a petition for the Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Allaire has 12 signatures from residents to support his petition. Chairman Pleau told Mr. Allaire the Board has no objections to his request and will have the Town Clerk certify the signatures. Mr. Pleau reminded Mr. Allaire the request for articles for the warrant needed to be in by March 15, 2004. Ms. Tetreault will give the petition to the Town Clerk to certify and if it cannot make the Annual Town Meeting she will notify him for requirements for a Special Town Meeting.

## 7. Affordable Housing Overlay District Bylaw

The Board discussed with Kevin Rudden & Kathy Daniels, of the Planning Board, Roger Marquis, Patrick Guertin, Don Keller, Jim Carty & Brett Thibault of the ZBA, the proposed Bylaw for the Overlay District.

## 8. Annual Town Meeting Warrant

The Board discussed the ATM Warrant. The Board will look at a ballot question for the proposed Police Station at the next meeting, on March 31, 2004.

## 9. Administrative Issues

Motion by Dennis Shaheen to approve the Festival Committee's request for an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 10, 2004 at the Mendon Gift Barn, Ken O'Brien 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

Motion by Ken O'Brien to extend the Trailer permit for Duncan Stewart, 31 Hartford Ave East to expire on December 31, 2005, Dennis Shaheen 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

Motion by Dennis Shaheen to appoint Margaret Nogueira, of 8 Mary Drive Registrar with a 3 year term to end 3/31/07, Ken O'Brien 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

The Board discussed disposition of the safe in the Treasurer/Collector's office.

The Board set a Special Town Meeting date of April 21, 2004 in the Town Hall meeting room at 7:00 pm.

The Board set the date for the Land Use Hearing for April 21, 2004 @ 8:00 pm in the Town Hall meeting room.

The Board set a Special Town Meeting date of June 21, 2004.

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 @ 9:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

*Terry Palmer*  
Administrative Secretary  
Board of Selectmen