



TOWN OF MENDON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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MEETING MINUTESAPRIL 21, 2004
APPROVED: MAY 4, 2004

The Board attends the Special Town Meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 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. Administrative Issues

Chairman Pleau announced to the residents that the assessor's office will be doing assessments on certain streets.

Chairman Pleau asked Chairman Holmes of the Fin Com to explain the proposed Police Station. Mr. Holmes explained the debt for the next few years.

Motion by Dennis Shaheen to approve Common Victuallar, Automatic Amusement Device License & Public Entertainment on Sunday for Southwick's Wild Animal Farm, Ken O'Brien 2nd, all in favor.

Motion by Dennis Shaheen to approve a Yard Sale Permit and to close off Chapin Court subject to approval from the Chief of Fire & Police for May 22, 2004, Ken O'Brien 2nd, all in favor.

Motion by Ken O'Brien to approve the request from the American Legion for a parade on May 31, 2004 for Memorial Day, Dennis Shaheen 2nd, all in favor.

Ms. Tetreault asked the Board to change the time for the May 4, 2004 meeting from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm. The reason for the time change is the Town Clerk will be swearing in newly elected officials from 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm.

Motion by Ken O'Brien to appoint Tim Aicardi effective 7/1/04 or at the resignation of current Fin Com appointment, whichever comes first for 3 years to expire 6/30/07, Dennis Shaheen 2nd, all in favor.

Chairman Pleau announced the celebration for Helen Irons 100th birthday on Saturday, April 24, 2004 at the Senior Center.

4. My One Wish

Mr. Tony Brenna of the My One Wish foundation announced that the organization will be presenting to the Parks Department, handicap accessible play ground equipment, for use at Town Beach, to the Town of Mendon. The proposed opening date for the equipment is June 30, 2004. The Board thanked Mr. Brenna and all the people involved for the donation to the Town.

Mr. Brenna & the Mendon Police Association announced Connor Martell to be the next candidate to receive his "One Wish". There will be a celebration on May 2, 2004 at the Senior Center to grant Connor's wish. The Board turned the meeting over to Mr. Martell who announced, "Kids rule and parents don't."

5. Board Comments

Chairman Pleau discussed with the Board the success of the Network meeting with all Departments. The Board would like to have all departments have their meeting minutes on the website and would like to televise more of the meetings.

Selectmen Shaheen discussed with the Board the need for a new Police Station and announced to the residents that Chief Horn will have a televised program on Monday, April 26, 2004 with the ability to call in with questions for the Public Safety Building Committee to answer.

Chairman Pleau reminded the residents that April 27, 2004 is candidates night in the upper Town Hall meeting room and will be televised live.

6. Land Use Committee 5 Year Plan Hearing

Selectmen Shaheen read the Land Use Committee 5 year plan. No one had any comments on the plan.

7. Open Forum

Mr. Fennelly, Mr. Perrone & Mr. Bridges discussed their concerns with the Soccer field on Colonial Drive. They also discussed the need for porta potties at the field. Officer Massey told the Board the units have been ordered and will be installed soon. They will also be restrained so they may not get knocked over.

Chairman Pleau reminded everyone that they are willing to work with any issues but can't help anyone if they are not aware of any issues. The Board would like to have these residents back again in 1 month to discuss these issues. Selectmen O'Brien would also like to invite the soccer association to the meeting.

8. Dog Hearing

Hearing was opened by Chairman Dale Pleau. The following persons were sworn in by Admin. Assist. MargaretTetreault:

Francis Perrone, 18 Colonial Dr.

Josh Perrone, 18 Colonial Dr.

William Fennelly, 7 Colonial Dr.

Brian Bridges, 6 Colonial Dr.

Janet Dubois, Animal Control Officer

Janet stated there has been an ongoing problem in the Colonial Dr. area with dogs running loose. She stated that she had spoken to these 3 dog owners more than once and this had not resolved the problem. She recounted the most recent incident in which a woman reported that she was driving on Colonial Dr., had to swerve to avoid a dog in the road and her car veered towards 9 children waiting for a school bus. The dog

owners maintain that the speed of the car was the problem, not the loose dog. Mr. Perrone admitted his dog chases cars. Mr. Fennelly stated he thinks this is a frivolous matter.

She has received numerous complaints, but the complainants do not want to identify themselves. Dale states there is not much the Board can do without a complainant. Dennis asks if there have been any serious incidents. Answer is no. Both Dennis and Dale advise the dog owners to keep their dogs to themselves before they have more problems.

Dale declares the hearing closed. No action is taken.

More Board Comments

Selectmen Shaheen & O'Brien note that this is Dale's last meeting as Chairman; state that they feel he has been an asset to the Town of Mendon and it has been a pleasure working with him.

Dale agrees this Board has worked well together and been a proactive Board.

Selectman O'Brien inquired if we have scholarships for students. Ms. Palmer will contact ANP and see if they are planning to give the Town a donation for Scholarships as they have in previous years.

Mr. O'Brien reminded everyone that Saturday April 24, 2004 is maintenance day at the Ball Field and encouraged the public to get involved and reminded everyone that May 1, 2004 is Opening Day for Base Ball. Mr. O'Brien also reminded everyone to bring their box tops for education to the school.

Selectmen Shaheen & O'Brien noted this is the last meeting with this Board and thanked the current Board for all their time & effort and the accomplishments they have done as a proactive productive Board.

Chairman Pleau thanked Bob Carlson for his volunteering to operate the cameras tonight.

Motion by Dennis Shaheen to go into Executive Session to return only to adjourn under MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B, Ken O'Brien 2nd, all in favor.

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

Meeting adjourned @ 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Terry Palmer
Administrative Secretary
Board of Selectmen