



TOWN OF MENDON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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MEETING MINUTESMARCH 30, 2005
APPROVED: APRIL 6, 2005

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Board recites the Pledge.

2. Meet New Lt. Deputy Fire Chief

Chief Horn introduced Dept Fire Chief Mark Poirier to the Board of Selectmen. The Board welcomed Mr. Poirier.

The Selectmen and the Chief commended the Deputy Chief and the fire department on the excellent job done at the recent structure fire on Kinsley Lane.

3. Warrants

Board signed warrants

4. Minutes

Motion by Ken O'Brien to approve Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2005, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.
Motion by Ken O'Brien to approve Executive Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2005, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

5. Open Forum

Highway Surveyor Alan Tetreault discussed another position open in the Highway Department. Mr. Tetreault told the Board he has already advertised & interviewed and is waiting approval of a background check from the Police Department and hopes to have candidates for appointment at the next meeting.

Alan stated that work should begin next week on the Hartford Ave. East/Providence St. intersection. Work will be done during off-peak traffic times –not starting until 9am. The hope is that they get to the binder coat by fall.

Mr. Tetreault stated the snow/ice deficit is about \$200,000.

Selectmen Cutler comments for Open Forum. Ms. Cutler attended Constitution Day last year and was impressed with the 8th Grade band performance and encourages the public to attend the seniors performance on April 7th, 8th & 9th of Hello Dolly. Also March 31, 2005 they will be performing their version of the POPS and she also encourages all to attend and enjoy.

Selectmen O'Brien promoted the Box Tops for Education program and stated that more coupons have been collected this year than have been collected in the past years. Mr. O'Brien thanked the PTO and Ms. Laura Flynn-Glover for their help.

Mr. Alan Russell asked the Board what are the guidelines to establish a bylaw committee?

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Chief Horn discussed the committee would consist of about 20 to 25 persons from all different walks of life, preferably no fire, police or selectmen on the committee. The Committee would be self govern given their orders as to what the town is looking for and report back to Chief Horn.

6. ATM Warrant

The Board reviewed the proposed annual town meeting warrant.

Selectmen decided not to have a ballot question or an article to fund a new police station on this warrant. Chief Horn would like to appoint a committee of 20-25 people from all walks of life to talk to anyone they choose and come up with a consensus for a course of action to provide police and fire facilities. The committee will gather information from police and fire dept. members, but no police, fire or selectmen will be on the committee. The Chief will not be a member of the committee. The Chief would like 2 members from Finance Committee to serve. The Board gave Chief Horn the "go-ahead" to get the committee together.

Changes and clarifications are needed for the proposed Bylaw Review Committee bylaw and the commercial activity on town-owned land bylaw. Administrative Assistant will get more information.

On the article requested by the Water Commission, the Board would like more information regarding other options before agreeing to enter into a contract with Hopedale.

Two articles dealing with Community Preservation Funds will be put off until the June and Sept. STM.

The Board decided not to re-file legislation to allow elected officials to participate in the Town Insurance at their own expense. The Joint Committee on Public Service did not release it from committee, which effectively killed it.

The Warrant is down to 28 articles from 31. The Board will discuss this again at their next meeting.

7. Nextel Phones for Board of Selectmen

The Board discussed the need for selectmen to be accessible to the selectmen's office on short notice. This has put a burden on the members' personal and business cell phones which have limited minutes. **Motion by Ken O'Brien to purchase 3 Nextel phones for the Board of Selectmen, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.**

8. Appoint Matron

Motion by Ken O'Brien to appoint Giovanina Arcudi as Matron with at pay rate of \$11.00 per hour with a 4-hour minimum effective immediately, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

Motion by Ken O'Brien to go into Executive Session to return only to adjourn under MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B for Contract Negotiations and to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices.

Roll Call, Shaheen – Yes, O'Brien – Yes, Cutler - Yes.

Respectfully Submitted

Terry Palmer
Administrative Secretary
Board of Selectmen