



TOWN OF MENDON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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MEETING MINUTESOCTOBER 18, 2006

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 21, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Chairman Sharon Cutler, attended by Selectmen Lawney Tinio and David Breen.

Also in attendance was Administrative Assistant Mike McCue.

Open Forum

No one rose to speak

- **End Zone additional hours**

Anna and Roy Vaz addressed the board in support of their request to extend the hours of the liquor license at their business, The End Zone, from 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The Board discussed the need to also extend other licenses that expire at 1:00 a.m. such as live entertainment and automatic amusements.

Motion by Selectman Tinio to extend the hours of the liquor license held by Roy Ventures Corporation d/b/a The End Zone Sports Pub, on Fridays and Saturdays from 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., pending no objection from the Police and Fire Departments and as allowed by State Law, Selectman Breen 2nd. All in favor

Motion by Selectman Tinio to extend the hours of the four automatic amusements licenses, pool tables, held by Roy Ventures Corporation d/b/a The End Zone Sports Pub, on Fridays and Saturdays from 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., Selectman Breen 2nd. All in favor

Motion by Selectman Tinio to extend the hours of the live entertainment license held by Roy Ventures Corporation d/b/a The End Zone Sports Pub, on Fridays and Saturdays from 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., Selectman Breen 2nd. All in favor

- **Minutes**

Motion by Selectman Tinio to approve the meeting minutes of October 11, 2006, Selectman Breen 2nd, all in favor.

Chairman Cutler mentioned the following items

- The next installment of quarterly property tax bills would soon be due
 - MassHighway would conduct an informational meeting on the construction at Rt. 140 and Hartford Avenue East on October 19, 2006 at 7:00 in the Upper Town Hall Meeting Room.
 - Applications for the ad-hoc Zoning By-Law Review Committee were still being sought. Selectman Tinio indicated his interest in also having a General By-Law Review Committee in the near future.
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- **Heritage Landscapes**

Ann Mazar, Chairman of the Mendon Land Use Committee appeared to discuss Mendon's potential involvement in the Heritage Landscapes program. She explained that it is a community-based project provides an opportunity for residents to come together and identify those landscapes that make their community unique. Through this project, Department of Conservation and Recreation and Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission are aiming to increase awareness about the many different types of heritage landscapes found throughout this region and help communities plan for their preservation. Such Mendon locations that could be considered are the Mendon Gift Barn or the Mendon Village Center or Maple Farm on North Avenue. Ms. Mazar also explained the need to go through an application process for consideration.

Motion by Selectman Tinio to approve a letter of application to Heritage Landscapes to be signed by the chair as authored by Mike McCue and Ann Mazar, Selectman Breen 2nd, all in favor.

- **Animal Control services**

Chief Ernie Horn and Animal Control Officer Joy Gareri discussed efforts to regionalize animal control services between Mendon, Uxbridge and Douglas to achieve cost savings. Ms. Gareri would be retained to perform this regional service. Uxbridge would maintain her as a full time employee and provide benefits, while Mendon and Douglas would pay a share of the salary costs. Chief Horn indicated that conversations have been underway for some time with the Chiefs and Administrators in the other two communities, and that the question on the upcoming Special Town Meeting warrant would allow the Selectmen to inter into an agreement once it is finalized. The board had favorable comments as to the effort.

- **Old and New Business**

Selectman Breen expressed his concern over two possible mold issues in the new Fire Station/Police Station trailers.

A.A. McCue asked that the Board consider a verbal request from the organizer of the St. Michael's Harvest Feast to waive the fee after the fact for the one-day beer and wine license issued for September 24, 2006. An official letter of request would need to follow.

Motion by Selectman Tinio to waive the fee for the one-day beer and wine license granted to the September 24, 2006 St. Michael's Harvest Feast, Selectman Breen 2nd. All in favor.

A.A. McCue mentioned a letter from Highway Clerk Linda Hawke requesting the board's support for a Blackstone River Coalition meeting on Thursday, November 9, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It would entail a presentation on Low Impact Development, Storm water Management. It was requested that A.A. McCue post the Selectmen for that day.

- **Cemeteries**

Chairman Cutler spoke of a request by the Swandale Cemetery Trustees for the town to take over maintenance of the George St and Locust Hill Cemeteries, as they no longer had the funding. It was estimated to be eight hours a month work. A.A. McCue said that he had discussed the issue with Park and Rec. Chairman A.J. Byrne and believed it was within the Park and Rec. budget to perform this task. He also suggested that the article on the Special Town Meeting warrant that would allow the Town of Mendon to take possession of the cemeteries be passed over as the afore mentioned approach was more appropriate at this time.

Chairman Cutler also mentioned an e-mail from Gary Smith inquiring as to the right-of-way to Cook Cemetery and the Historic Society's interest in cleaning up Cook Cemetery.

Motion by Selectman Tinio to allow the Historic Society's permission to access the Cook Cemetery for the purpose of cleaning and clearing provided that all liability and access issues were addressed, Selectman Breen 2nd. All in favor.

The Selectmen asked A.A. McCue to contact the Town Engineer and Town Counsel to look at the issues surrounding the previous motion.

Motion by Selectmen Tinio to adjourn @ 8:25pm, Selectmen Breen 2nd, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael W. McCue
Administrative Assistant