



TOWN OF MENDON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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MEETING MINUTESFEBRUARY 8, 2006
APPROVED: FEBRUARY 22, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:33 pm by Chairman Kenneth O'Brien, attended by Selectmen Sharon Cutler & Lawney Tinio. This meeting was held at the Miscoe Hill Elementary School Library.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Board recites the Pledge.

2. Margaret Bonderenko & Senator. Bertonazzi

Senator Bertonazzi presented to the Board the Senator Louis P. Bertonazzi Foundation, a non-profit organization established to advance education and culture, now announces this newest endeavor in the area of citizenship. The Board discusses with the Senator his new program.

3. Nipmuc Booster Club

Cindy Bettano, Lorie Arcadi & John Housekeeper from the Nipmuc Booster Club discussed with the Board having fundraising activities, like Bingo Nights. Selectmen Tinio suggest Mr. Housekeeper to contact Mr. McCue regarding the correct way to have a Bingo Night.

Motion by Lawney Tinio to approve Bingo for the Nipmuc Football Booster Club to pursue to the rules and regulations set by the lottery commission, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

Mr. McCue will look into National Football Grants.

4. Superintendent of School Search

Paul Harmon introduced himself to the Board and gave a little of his background to the Board, he feels spending money on children's programs is very important.

Motion by Lawney Tinio to appoint Paul Harmon to the Superintendent of School Search Committee, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

Mr. McCue will send a letter to Mr. Harmon welcoming him to his appointment.

5. Warrants

The Board signed the warrants.

6. Minutes

Motion by Lawney Tinio to approve the Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2005. Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

Motion by Lawney Tinio to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2005. Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

Motion by Lawney Tinio to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2006. Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

Motion by Lawney Tinio to approve the Meeting Minutes of December 28, 2005. Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

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Motion by Lawney Tinio to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes of December 28, 2005. Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

Motion by Lawney Tinio to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2006. Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

Motion by Lawney Tinio to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2006. Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

Motion by Lawney Tinio to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2006. Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

Motion by Lawney Tinio to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2006. Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

Motion by Lawney Tinio Executive meeting minutes approved but not released, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

7. Open forum

The Board discussed how to diversify the use of Snow Angles with Seniors and to contact Pam Ratcliff at the Senior Center for more ideas.

The Board reminded residents to continue to clip the Box tops for Education and to drop them off at the school.

8. Lottery Distribution

Selectmen Tinio Read a letter sent from the Town of Kingston regarding the legislator to remove the current cap on lottery distribution to the cities and towns, and requesting support to draft a letter on town letterhead to remove the current cap on lottery distribution. **Motion by Lawney Tinio to have Mr. McCue draft a letter on behalf of State Legislative to remove the current cap on lottery distribution to the cities and towns, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.**

9. KVS information

Selectmen Tinio would like to invite the Water Board to the Board of Selectmen's next meeting.

10. Mendon –Upton District Library Trustees

Upton contacted their State Representative to dissolve the Library District. Representative Parente suggest the Board put a letter together to sign to support the absolving the Mendon – Upton District Library. **Motion by Lawney Tinio to release a letter to dissolve the Mendon – Upton District Library Committee, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.**

11. Class I & II License

The Board discussed what the revenue would be and asked Ms. Palmer to present what other surrounding towns are charging and report at the next meeting.

12. Town Hall Structure

There was no update at this time.

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13. No Parking Signs on North Ave

Motion by Sharon Cutler to create a no parking zone from Clough Elementary School to Rte 16, Lawney Tinio 2nd, all in favor.

14. National Burn Week

The Board discussed Nation Burn Week.

15. Mendon Lions Club

The Board discussed that the Mendon Lion's Club will have a Concert on Sunday, March 12, 2006 at Nipmuc High School in Upton @ 1pm and encouraged all to attend.

16. Resignation

The Board read a letter of resignation from Cheryl Landry from the Planning Board, and thanked her for her years of service to the Town.

17. License

Motion by Lawney Tinio to approve the Common Victualler's license for Airport Video, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

Motion by Lawney Tinio to approve Automatic Amusement Device Licenses for Airport Video for 16 – 19" TV's, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

Motion by Lawney Tinio to approve Automatic Amusement Device Licenses for Airport Video for 6 – 13 TV's, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

Motion by Lawney Tinio to approve Sunday Automatic Amusement Device Licenses for Airport to expire December 31, 2006 Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

18. Fuel Petition

Motion by Lawney Tinio to send a draft letter from the Board of Selectmen by Administrative Assistant Michael McCue referencing legislation, HB#4809 repealing the state tax for fuel, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

19. Com Cast

The Board discusses the new contract for Com Cast. The Board would like to send a letter to start negotiations with the new contract.

20. Administrative Issues

The Board discussed with Mike McCue his authority to sign on grants. **Motion by Sharon Cutler to allow Administrative Assistant, Mike McCue to sign Grant Applications for the Town of Mendon, Lawney Tinio 2nd, all in favor.**

21. Aflac

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The Board discussed the meeting Mr. McCue attended with Aflac. Mr. McCue told the Board that the dental was the most wanted plan. The Board would like to have Aflac attend the next meeting.

22. Treasurer/Collector

Mr. McCue made the recommendation of Chris Kupstas as the Treasurer/Collector to the Board. Mr. McCue will start discussing a contract with Ms. Kupstas and present it to the Board at the next meeting. Lawney Tinio discussed with Mr. McCue his other options.

Motion by Lawney Tinio to appoint Chris Kupstas as Treasurer/Collector subject to approval of contract, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

23. Verizon

Mr. McCue will contact other towns that have flags on poles that verizon owns and see how they got the flags on the poles and report back to the Board.

Motion by Lawney Tinio to go into Executive Session to return only to adjourn under MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B to purchase real property, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

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

Meeting adjourned @ 9:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Terry Palmer
Administrative Secretary
Board of Selectmen