



TOWN OF MENDON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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MEETING MINUTESMARCH 22, 2006
APPROVED: MAY 3, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:17 pm by Chairman Kenneth O'Brien, attended by Selectmen Sharon Cutler & Lawney Tinio.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Board recites the Pledge.

2. Warrants

Board signed the warrants.

Chairman O'Brien discussed the Mendon – Upton Trivial Team and the Mendon – Upton Hoopsters event.

3. Fire Station Status

Chief Horn gave the Board an update of the Fire Station.

- Trailers would cost about \$75,000.00, a year.
- Rent the duplex across the street – Cost \$18,000.00 a year, includes heat.
- Must have mechanical ventilation in the current building.
- Must have decontamination equipment & no turnout gear in their office and living area.
- Decontamination washer & dryer is movable equipment therefore not a loss to the Town for the cost from \$18, 000.00 – 25,000.00.

Chief Horn asked the Board what direction they would like him to go.

The Board discussed with some residents their concerns. Vinnie Cataldo asked the Board why OSHA is all around us? Chairman O'Brien responded that they received an anonymous call to report issues, Chief Horn assured the Board that the call did not come from the current fire fighters.

Motion by Lawney Tinio to allow Chief Horn to enter into a lease with the Mendon Village LLC for the amount of \$1,500.00 per month for 2 years effective April 1, 2006, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

Motion by Sharon Cutler to authorize Chief to answer OSHA's response Lawney Tinio 2nd, all in favor.

4. Open Forum

Sharon Cutler discussed the articles on the Annual Town Warrant.

Selectmen Tinio asked regarding the Landfill on Bellingham St. Mr. Mike McCue discussed with the Board it was left with the BoH to be handled by the BoH. The Board would like to have the BoH cc Mike with all outgoing info.

Highway needs a roof.

Storm water management – Mr. McCue told the Board he is keeping contact with Linda and doing his part.

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5. Municipal Hearings Officer

Chairman O'Brien discussed the Municipal Hearings Officer and stated that the State Representative has a petition to drop the stipend fee. When the state adopts this bill the Town will adopt the Municipal Hearings Officer.

6. Adam Klein – Eagle Scout

Adam Klein asked the Board if he could clear the land called Nipmuc Woods as presented to Con/Com with their approval for a walking trail. Mr. Klein would like a letter of support to work on about 15 acres walking trails from the Board.

Motion by Lawney Tinio to have Mr. Mike McCue draft a letter of support for Con/Com to allow Adam Klein clear the woods for a walking trail as presented, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

7. Water Board

The Board discussed with the Water Board, water with Bellingham. Bellingham has the capacity & the interest; the start up cost would be Mendon's. Mr. McCue will continue to move forward with Bellingham.

8. Friends of Mendon Elders

Motion by Lawney Tinio to waive the \$5.00 fee for the Friends of Mendon Elders for the Annual Fundraiser on June 6, 2006, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

9. STM Warrant

Board vote to sign the STM Warrant.

Motion by Lawney Tinio to approve article 1, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

Motion by Lawney Tinio to approve article 2, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

Motion by Lawney Tinio to approve article 3, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

Motion by Lawney Tinio to approve article 4, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

10. Administrative Issues

Chairman O'Brien discussed the \$10.4 million proposed by the Carell Group for the Public Safety Building.

Mr. McCue told the Board that he would be drawing up a contract to start the Forced Main Sewer that was awarded to Tetreault & Sons & construction will begin in early May.

The Board discussed the BoH clerk hours from 37.5 to 40 hrs.

The Board discussed the Assistant Assessor 's request for billing 2X's a year with double billing.

The Board discussed the Mendon Lion's Club Annual Clean up on 4/22/06.

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Fin Com discussed with the Board the budget. Town expenses are about \$100,000.00 - \$125,000.00 short. Mr. McCue will send a letter to departments with a heads up.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted

Terry Palmer
Administrative Secretary
Board of Selectmen