



TOWN OF MENDON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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MEETING MINUTESMARCH 8, 2006

APPROVED: APRIL 12, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:04 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.

3. Minutes

Motion by Lawney Tinio to approve the Meeting minutes of February 22, 2006, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

Motion by Lawney Tinio to approve the Executive Meeting minutes of February 22, 2006, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

4. Open forum

Chairman Kenneth O'Brien expressed sympathy for the Taylor family.

Chairman Kenneth O'Brien announced that the Annual Town Meeting warrant was open and closes on March 13, 2006.

Mr. O'Brien announced that the new Administrative Assistant, Michael McCue send a letter to Draper Corporation asking for a donation of the safe that they are not using for the Town Clerk's office.

Mr. O'Brien announced Ms. Palmer received a certificate for attending a seminar on 111F on police and fire.

Mr. O'Brien announced that Peter Ballow has requested to do an Eagle Scout project of a wooden dugout at the high school.

Mr. O'Brien read a letter from Ms. Labastie requesting that Open Forum be at the end of the meeting not the beginning. Ms. Labastie explains that questions arrive at the time and can't be addressed so it would be better to have the open forum at the end.

Chairman O'Brien feels after the discussion to keep open forum at the beginning of the meeting.

Jay Washburn of Bates Street discussed with the Board purchasing water from Bellingham. Mr. Washburn would like the Board to enter to negotiations with Bellingham. Mr. Keller of Cape Road told the Board he spoke to Bellingham and they are interested to sell water to Mendon but both sides must have an interest.

Eric Peterson of Taft Ave discussed with the Board the Public Safety with the high-speed chase on February 8, 2006. Is there a policy & procedure, was Chief notified and did he authorize the procedure.

Chairman O'Brien discussed the procedure was handled accordingly.

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Paul Hermon of Vincent Road gave the Board an update on the Superintendent search.

Paul Rabs of Park Street discussed the police chase of February 8, 2006. Mr. Rabs addressed town accountability/liability & law, also the privacy of the police officers involved. Mr. Rabs also discussed Freeman Place & Park Street need a street sign and this is a safety issue.

5. Neck Hill Road Hearing

Highway Surveyor – Alan Tetreault & Tree Warden – Howard Phips discussed with the Board the trees on Neck Hill Road. Peter Warran of Oak Hill Road discussed that the problem is more speed than trees on the road. Dennis Shaheen of North Ave discussed that the road is dangerous. John O'Neal of Neck Hill Road agrees the road is dangerous. Matt Zaccarino of Neck Hill Road agrees but feels it is only 1 tree that is a problem. **Motion by Lawney Tinio to remove 7 trees on Neck Hill Road that were tagged, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.**

6. Dwight Watson

Dwight Watson Chairman of the Water Commission discussed with the Board the coverage of the water board hour's current clerk Linda Hawkes. Chairman O'Brien asked how many hours a re needed a week. Mr. Watson replied about 7 hours. The Board would like the Water Board to send a letter back with their recommendations. Selectmen Tinio questioned if this would warrant a part-time position. Chairman O'Brien asked Mr. McCue to check into job description for verbiage.

Mr. Watson discussed with the Board Bellingham Water. The Board asked Mr. McCue to contact Bellingham via a letter.

Selectmen Cutler feels Bellingham is not interested in Mendon and it is time for the Town to stand on it's own and not be dependent on others for water. Chairman O'Brien stated that Mendon has been standing up on it's own for the past 339 years and has done quite well on it's own and does not need to spend millions sinking a well.

7. Parks – Fence

Joe Flaherty & A.J. Bryne of the Parks Commission discussed with the Board opening the Beach area 24/7. The Police will keep an extra eye on it. The Board discussed with the Parks Commissioners having the beach open with out liability, the Board asked Mr. McCue to check with counsel regarding proper posting of signage.

The Board discussed with the Parks Commission the fence. Per Joe Flaherty the fence will be from the south pole to the south pole. **Lawney Tinio moves that the Board of Selectmen accept from Mendon Junior Baseball Softball an unconditional gift to the Town of Mendon of the labor, materials and ancillary expenses, if any, required for the installation of a chain link fence for the outfield of the baseball field at Memorial Field,**

provided that the installation of the fence shall be done in a good and workmanlike manner and shall be in accordance with all applicable states, bylaws, regulations, and codes, and that the work shall be performed in a manner so as not to interfere with recreational activities at Memorial Field. Upon installation, which shall be completed no later than June 30, 2006, the fence shall become the property of the Town of Mendon, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

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Chairman O'Brien reminds everyone that Opening day is April 29, 2006 and the Field Maintenance day is April 22, 2006.

8. Appointment

Motion by Lawney Tinio to appoint Shirley Spindel of 65 Taft Ave., to the Board of Registrars with a term to expire on March 31, 2009, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.

8. Division of Occupational Safety report

The Board discussed with Chief Horn & Deputy Poirier the report from DOS on the Fire Station. There were 16 items that needed action with a deadline of 3/24/06. The Chief is looking to the Board to allow him to go in to negotiations with DOS. Chief Horn told the Board portable housing would negate the whole report. **Motion by Lawney Tinio to authorize Chief Horn & Administrative Assistant, Mike McCue & the Building Inspector Tom Hackenson to enter into negotiations with DOS, Sharon Cutler 2nd, All in favor.**

9. NIMS

Mark Bucchino discussed with the Board the Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5 to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, local and trivial governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity. **Motion by Lawney Tinio for the Town of Mendon to adopt the Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5 otherwise known as NIMS, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.**

10. Fin Com – Clark Rowell (Fino Financing)

The Board discuss with Mr. Rowell extending the note on the Fino Land for 1 year. **Motion by Lawney Tinio to approve extending the note on the Fino Property for 1 year @ a rate of 3.77% & Parker Hunter is holding the note totaling \$ 3,410,000.00, Sharon Cutler 2nd, all in favor.**

11. Capital Planning Committee By-Law Change

The Board discussed with Fin Com the Capital Planning Committee By-Law, rotating/staggering terms.

12. Town Meeting By-Law Change

The Board discussed changing the By-Law to the Friday before the first Monday in May & change the poles to open @ 7:00 am not 8:00 am.

13. STM Warrant

The Board discussed having a STM on April 26, 2006 with only 1 Article on the warrant at Miscoe in the Gym.

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The Board discussed having a Draft ATM warrant at the next meeting

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

Meeting adjourned @ 11:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Terry Palmer
Administrative Secretary
Board of Selectmen