

Chairman Tinio, Selectmen Reil, and Goddard, Rich Schofield, Finance Committee Chairman, Mark Bucchino, Mike Zarella, James Huth, and Charlie Phipps, Firefighters are present at the Mendon Town Hall.

Chairman Tinio opened the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Mike Zarella wants to understand how the school system gets funded. He said they constantly get everything for which they asked. Selectmen clarified that they did not get what they wanted this or the past two years. Mr. Schofield recommended splitting new growth with Proposition 2.5 expansion. Dr. Maruszczak, MURSD Superintendent, asked for additional money and the Finance Committee said they couldn't accommodate. Last year and the year before Mendon gave them less than half of that amount. Subsequent to that discussion, another \$60,000 of new growth was received from Verizon. The Selectmen told the Superintendent that they couldn't afford to split that. BVT is growing faster than the MURSD. School teachers' increase this year is less than three percent per Mr. Schofield and Chairman Tinio. Chairman Tinio explained that Mendon is in a re-build stage and requested that Dr. Fitzpatrick not expand BVT's program this year. Mr. Schofield has gone to other towns' budget meetings to convince them to do the same. There is three percent built into the FY 15 budget for town employee raises this year.

Mark Bucchino wants a new top step added into the contract at \$21.56 per hour. That would be for Christiaan Polovitch. This year the hourly rate is \$19.61 as a new hire. Normal progression would be the next step which would be an increase of \$4885.92 annually. The total value of a three percent increase is \$9138.39. Mr. Bucchino calculated three percent at \$10,032.87. Mr. Zarella would like private duty detail to mirror what the private sector pays for details. Selectman Goddard said the Fire Department's contract needs to mirror the Police Department's contract. Mr. Schofield reviewed what he had for each Fire Department employee to find the discrepancy. It was found in the \$1,000 paramedic stipend and \$200 for each uniform allowance. Being a paramedic requires training but brings in money for the town. Mr. Bucchino said Mendon has the lowest stipends in the area.

**Selectman Reil made and Selectman Goddard seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. Tinio-aye, Goddard-aye, Reil-aye**

Respectfully submitted,



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Documents Discussed located in 'Administrative Secretary's' Office:  
FY2015 Contract Negotiations from Mendon Permanent Fire Fighters Association, Inc.