

MENDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING----- August 12, 2013

APPROVED----- August 26, 2013

Chairman Tinio, Selectmen Goddard and Reil are present.

Chairman Tinio called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. and led the pledge.

Arthur Pearlman addressed the board to discuss his pledge of license request. This gives the bank the right to apply for the license or sell the business and transfer the license. Any transfer of license would have to go through the ABCC and selectmen. **Selectman Goddard made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to allow the pledge of license for P&P Liquors, Inc., d/b/a Pop N Kork, 1A Cape Road, pending town counsel review. The motion carried unanimously.**

Don Handley was not present to discuss renewal of his license for Pop's Popcorn, 82 North Avenue.

Joyce Firth approached the board to discuss damage to the stone wall and pillars at her driveway on 52 Washington Street due to vibration damage. She explained that someone from the Highway Department said he would 'throw the rocks back up'. She wasn't happy with the repair being done in that manner. She called contractors for prices. Her insurance would only cover if the cause was a direct hit. She got several quotes. The most reasonable was about \$13,000 to repair the 'front portion'. Someone from the Highway Department fixed the stone wall, pillars only in an unacceptable manner while she was gone. They are loosely packed. People have leaned against the wall and rocks have fallen off. Chairman Tinio believes that the road work that damaged the wall was done by a town contractor. A claim should go through them. Joyce said since a town employee touched the wall, the town should be responsible. Alan will contact the contractor and get Joyce the contact information. Joyce was concerned that the incident happened a year ago and she will be reporting it now. Alan said he will back her up confirming that the town was contacted a year ago.

Linda Hawkes, Treasurer/Collector, approached the board to discuss a bond. The BAN that was issued to purchase the St. Michael's property matures in September and will be paid with the bond that will be sold at end of October. The money would be available in November. Linda recommends purchasing a 15-year, term bond because it gives more flexibility in 2017. Tax bills will go down then unless more projects are added. This gives an approximately \$500,000 buffer in FY2017. This is what the drop in taxes would afford. Linda prepared a graph showing this. Clark will provide documents for the board to sign. *Action: D. Willoughby shall put discussion of this on the agenda for review on August 26.*

Chairman Tinio has not seen a final Fire Fighters contract for signature. *Action: D. Willoughby to follow up with counsel.*

Chairman Tinio said more discussion is needed to decide whether the \$53,000 that the School Committee will return to Mendon is best used for the Town Coordinator position. Mr. Schofield, Finance Committee Chairman, explained that money is a recurring revenue source because it will not be calculated in the town's required contribution to the school district. Mr. Schofield reiterated that

\$110,000 for Town Coordinator position includes maximum health benefits. Selectman Goddard feels the Town should move forward on using this money for a Town Coordinator. This would happen half way through FY15. Selectman Goddard suggested soliciting resumes and using a selection committee. Mr. Schofield believes the Town Coordinator Role Committee estimated the cost would be approximately \$5,000 to \$6,000. He said there may be sufficient money in free cash. *Action: D. Willoughby to add candidate search to the August 26 agenda.*

After speaking with Rich Lareau, Capital Planning Committee Member, Chairman Tinio believes the committee is looking at possibly asking for a \$100,000 to \$150,000 override for a capital expense account. The money would remain in the account every year. A town meeting would be necessary before any money is spent. Chairman Tinio requested this topic be put on all future agendas.

Selectman Goddard made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to allow the Bay State Trail Riders Association to hold their Poker Run at the Inman Hill Wildlife Conservation Area on August 18, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Goddard made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to approve the executive session minutes of July 15 and July 29 not to be released and regular session meeting minutes of July 15 and July 29, 2013. Selectman Goddard abstained as he wasn't at both meetings. The motion carried.

Chairman Goddard explained he discussed with a couple of Conservation Commission members their need for hiring a Clerk. Chairman Tinio asked Diane to post the position and narrow the candidates down to three individuals.

Members agreed to hold meetings September 9 and 23, 2013.

Chairman Tinio explained that the Police Chief has requested to work the car show as a police detail. Part of his contract is that he doesn't have to work details. He will use a vacation day. **Selectman Goddard made and Selectman Schofield seconded a motion allow Chief Horn to work the Imperial Car Show as a detail. The motion carried unanimously.**

Rich Schofield explained that he is meeting with Claudia Cataldo, Town Accountant, on August 21 to review impacts of salary increases and longevity. *Action: D. Willoughby to add longevity impact and update of personnel policy to reflect same on August 26 agenda.*

Selectman Goddard made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session (M.G.L.c30A, Sec. 21 (2)) to conduct contract negotiations with the Treasurer Collector and (M.G.L.c30A, Section 21(3)) to discuss strategy relating to collective bargaining with the Mendon Police Civilian's Employees Association, Town Hall Union and Treasurer/Collector. A roll call vote is needed. The meeting will reconvene only to adjourn. Goddard-aye, Tinio-aye, Reil-aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Willoughby
Administrative Assistant

Documents Discussed Located in the 'Administrative Secretary's' Office:
Mendon 2012 Debt Service Worksheet 1
BOS Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes of July 15 and July 29, 2013
Email from Bay State Trail Riders Association dated July 30