

Chairman Goddard, Selectmen Reil and Schofield and Town Administrator Newman are in attendance at the Town Hall, Mendon.

Chairman Goddard opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. and led the pledge.  
There were no minutes available to approve not citizen statements nor petitions.

Ms. Willoughby explained that a resident on Tower Road has been without cable and internet service since the home was purchased in January. She has been working, at the Selectmen's direction, with Attorney Bill August. Charter provides services nearby in Millville and is willing to install it for the homeowner. Comcast will not has no problem with this. There is an issue with the agreement with Verizon not including this road. However, Verizon will not put in writing that they will not waive their rights to service the area. Selectman Schofield feels Verizon should be required to provide service. *Action: Selectman Schofield will contact Attorney August to better understand why service is not being provided.*

Bill Daike, Advisor, to the Town Forest Committee and Committee Members, Sue Barnett and Paul Doucette, approached Selectmen to discuss the Memo of Understanding (MOU) for Ongoing Trails Maintenance with the New England Mountain Bike Association (NEMBA). Mr. Daike explained the wording is from the Army Corps of Engineers. Anne Mazar, Land Use Committee, said four of the five committee members approved of it. One individual abstained. The MOU gives the Town control over it. Selectman Schofield asked if usage would go up because of this agreement. Mr. Daike replied affirmatively. Additional easements have been granted and will be maintained. Bikes are not motorized. Discussion included limiting use of Town Forest during hunting season to reduce risk of liability. Ms. Mazar added that most people avoid the trails during hunting season. Mr. Iadarola, Land Use Committee Member, has a problem with letting a non-town group use town land and making trails for organized rides. He feels it should be left as is; no trees should be cut down. Ms. Mazar said properties are open to the public and are deemed as such when applying for related Town Grants. Mr. Daike stated there are 176 members of the NEMBA who may come into Town to buy gas, food, etc. Ms. Barnett's concern is that trails will be made and marked but is afraid they will not be maintained once that is done. The Committee wants to ensure there is ongoing maintenance. Selectman Reil stated that volunteer hours were also part of the grant application. *Action: Chairman Goddard wants town counsel to look at the draft agreement and see if it is needed. Ms. Newman will get an official response on how this can be done.* Chairman Goddard suggested getting Nipmuc and BVT students who need volunteer hours for future projects.

Sue Barnett said the Town Forest Committee discussed changing the name of the Town Forest to the Shirley Smith Memorial Town Forest to honor her. Chairman Goddard said this would be a great tribute but wondered about others who have done a lot for the town as this is a significant precedent. Selectman Schofield stated there are other things being consider in honor of Mrs. Smith. The Town Forest Committee members stated she was very passionate about the forest. Mrs. Lowell said other things in Town have been named after individuals. *Action: Ms. Newman will meet with Mrs. Smith's son, Gary, to ensure that this is something in which the family is interested.*

Lisa Ruggiero, resident, voiced concern that she and her dog have been bitten when she has been out running. In one instance, the dog's owner was not outside and not able to verbally control the dog. Selectman Reil said having a voice control regulation in the by-law doesn't force people to comply and questioned whether a leash law would force compliance. Chairman Goddard feels there is an

enforcement issue. Selectman Reil said there is an issue with breaking the by-law that a dog must be in voice control. Selectman Schofield would like to see something on a future Town warrant. Selectman Goddard reiterated that it needs enforcement. Selectman Schofield suggested calling Millville to see if having a leash law would be easier to enforce. Chairman Goddard feels if a dog is contained on its property, via invisible fence, it would not need to be on a leash. *Action: Ms. Newman will talk with the Animal Control Officer (ACO). Members agreed to put an article on a future town meeting if necessary after discussion with the ACO.*

Ms. Newman explained the administration contract for the new library needs to be amended for the Green Communities grant. Mr. McHenry, Green Communities Coordinator, said projects under \$100,000 can be done under a Green Communities Coordinator. The library project is over that because of the design and bidding specifications. He is expediting this for the Library Building Committee. **Selectman Reil made and Selectman Schofield seconded a motion to sign the Amended Project Management Services Contract for the New Library in Conformance with the Green Communities Technical Assistance Grant Application. The motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Newman explained there is an application for a grant to study a campus-style design of the Town Hall, Library and Fire Station. The three buildings are already on the historical register. The deadline is May 15. The study costs \$60,000 and the grant is matching funds. Highway Surveyor, Alan Tetreault, is looking at an additional grant for sidewalk and curbing in front of Town Hall. Ms. Newman said this is one way we can maintain and repurpose our existing buildings. Mrs. Lowell, Historical Commission, said that studies show maintaining town buildings will attract businesses. **Selectman Reil made and Selectman Goddard seconded to authorize Kim Newman to sign the Mass. Preservation Project Fund Grant Application for the study of Main Street Town buildings and authorize Kim Newman to manage the project for the Town of Mendon. The motion carried unanimously.** Ms. Newman explained there was an open meeting regarding this project. There will be another meeting in June. If anyone is interested, contact the Selectmen's office. Ms. Lowell said that an article needs to go on the warrant after the CPC recommends the expenditure to set aside matching funds. Chairman Goddard suggested seeing if a letter from the BOS saying it will be on the warrant, as the warrant will not be signed in time, is sufficient. Another option would be to make it the first Article on the June warrant if the State needs the wording for the draft.

Ms. Newman reported that 12 contractors walked through the basement in preparation for bidding on its renovation. We received two bids: \$34,800 and \$24,900. The original bids had a completion date of April 29 but these came in over budget. The bathrooms were removed from the current request for bids. Therefore, there is a delay in the project. Some employees working in the police trailers will be without a work space. We could continue to rent the trailers at \$14,050 per month for one or two months. The project budget included for this space. There are also removal and transportation costs which are not shown on any signed document. We could continue to rent for \$5250. Removal and transportation costs total \$11,800. The company offered to sell the trailers outright for \$15,850 which is the equivalent of one year's rental. We would be responsible for removal when we are done with them. Lt. Kurczy said we could sell them when we are done with them or contractors would take them away for free. He has confirmed that there is a demand for them. Ms. Newman stated she doesn't want to be stuck with contaminated trailers. She is looking for authority to negotiate a proposal to purchase which would save on the removal costs. *Action: The Board gave Ms. Newman direction to pursue negotiating a purchase price.* Lt. Kurczy said there are other uses for the trailers in Town. This would also give the Town some

flexibility with the construction schedule. *Action: Chairman Goddard wants an answer about the removal and transportation costs.*

**Selectman Reil made and Selectman Schofield seconded a motion to award the Town Hall Basement Renovation bid to Dan Gardner Carpentry. The motion carried unanimously.** Ms. Newman explained that they will be receiving separate bids for HVAC, wiring and demolition during June for the basement. Things will be stored in the upper Town Hall meeting room temporarily. The project should be complete in the summer.

**Selectman Reil made and Selectman Schofield seconded a motion to allow the renewal of the following junk licenses pending return of favorable departmental routing slips: Bob White, 50 Cape Road and David Lowell, 4 Main Street. The motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Goddard recused himself from discussion regarding the selection of scholarship winners and left the room. Ms. Newman explained that she read all the applications which were excellent; essays were impressive. **Selectmen Reil and Schofield reviewed the scholarship applications and discussed Ms. Newman's recommendations. Selectman Reil made and Selectman Schofield seconded a motion to award the following scholarships: \$500 Good Citizenship Scholarship to a Nipmuc Female Student Applicant Number three. \$500 Good Citizenship Scholarship to a Nipmuc Male Student to Applicant Number one, \$500 Excellence in Government Scholarship to a Nipmuc Student to Applicant Number six. The motion carried unanimously.**

Announcements were made regarding Candidates Night 7:00 p.m. tomorrow at the Senior Center. Next Tuesday, May 12 is the election. The deadline to submit articles for the June 24 Special Town Meeting is May 21.

Chairman Goddard returned and said his five years serving as Selectmen have been interesting. He had the opportunity to work with dedicated people and is taking a little break.

**Selectman Schofield made and Selectman Reil second motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Willoughby  
Administrative Assistant

Documents Discussed located in 'Administrative Secretary's' Office:

Letter dated February 20, 2015 from Michael A. Pagano, AIA to Ms. Kim Newman

Dan Gardner Carpentry Town Hall Renovation Bid dated April 29, 2015

M&C Building, LLC Proposal dated April 30, 2015 for Town Hall Renovation to Portion of Basement

Letter dated May 4, 2015 from Kimberly Newman to Brona Simon, Massachusetts Historical Comm.

Memo of Understanding Between the Mendon Town Forest Committee (MTF) and the New England

Mountain Bike Association Blackstone Chapter

Fourteen Scholarship Applications