

MENDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Chairman Goddard, Selectmen Reil and Town Administrator Newman are present at the Miscoe Hill School.

Chairman Goddard called the meeting to order 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Newman explained that the new Taft Library, Olney Cook Shop and fuel pump at the Highway Department were never part of our first contract with Constellation Energy. In 2017 all the Towns' accounts can be put on one contract. **Selectman Reil made and Selectman Goddard stepped down to second a motion to sign a 32-month contract with Constellation Energy effective April, 2015 to include the new Taft Public Library, 29 North Avenue, the Cobbler's Shop, 56 Hartford Avenue East and Highway Department Fuel Pump, 66 Providence Street. The motion carried unanimously.**

The agenda for the March 30 meeting will be limited to just a discussion on the budget and the bid award for the Town Hall Basement renovation. *Action: Ms. Willoughby to email the agenda to Chairman Goddard.*

Ms. Newman spoke with the Mrs. Bonderenko, Town Clerk and Chris Burke, Finance Committee Chairman about certifying the budget. *Action: Ms. Willoughby to put a notice on the Town web site about upcoming budget hearing.*

Chairman Goddard would rather have weekly meetings with small agendas as needed. Ms. Willoughby explained that having weekly meetings makes it difficult to prepare minutes for approval in a timely manner. Chairman Goddard said we should be using the municipal clerk who can watch the DVD of meetings to prepare the minutes.

Chairman Goddard recessed for Ms. Newman to speak with Chairman Burke regarding a joint meeting date.

Ms. Newman announced that the Finance Committee are able to hold a joint meeting March 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Members agreed they will have an FY16 budget update on Monday, March 30. *Action: Ms. Newman to let Selectman Schofield know tomorrow.*

Members agreed to recess until the start of the Finance Committee meeting.

7:00 p.m. Ms. Newman and Selectmen attended the Town Meeting.

Chairman Burke stated that there will be \$27,741.79 left in free cash after all transfers are approved at end of this meeting.

Article 22: Frank Bailey, Spectra Energy, explained that Algonquin Gas would like to install a system on Colonial Drive to prevent pipeline corrosion. They need two easements to do this. Charles Peabody, Spectra Energy, explained the construction of system. A backboard-mounted rectifier is the only thing above ground. They did a similar construction in Uxbridge. Chairman Goddard assured voters that the company will work with the Town Administrator and Building Department. The Selectmen still need to

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negotiate the easement. Mr. Peabody explained the life of the system is 30 years with minimum maintenance. There will be no impact on water quality. It would take one to two weeks to complete the project. Finance Committee and Conservation Commission Member Mike Ammendolia said the Conservation Commission will also monitor the project and ensure compliance with the Order of Conditions that was issued.

Selectman Reil made and Selectman Goddard stepped down to second a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Willoughby
Administrative Assistant

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

March 18, 2015 Special Town Meeting Warrant

Constellation Energy NewEnergy, Inc., Electricity Supply Agreement-Fixed Price Solutions, Start Date 04/24/15, End Date 11/20/17