

Chairman Reil and Selectmen Schofield are present for a 'meet and greet' at the Senior Center, 62 Providence Street, Mendon.

Chairman Reil called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The Selectmen addressed residents' questions regarding the override vote. Sharon Cutler requested that the Selectmen have a united front to address this community issue. Selectman Schofield said that just because he has an opinion, it doesn't mean that will be the decision of the board. He feels we would make cuts to town services--not a cut across departments but a cut of entire departments. Mrs. Cutler suggested an operational override for the Fire Department. Selectman Schofield said 27 percent of school overrides pass. None of the town services overrides have passed. Mrs. Holmes feels it is wrong to publicize cuts to town departments. Mr. Goddard spoke about looking at this issue as a whole, not as a department-versus-department issue. Mr. Kent spoke commented that debt exclusions pass. He would like an explanation of all the numbers. *Action: Selectman Schofield will confirm the details requested and will provide them.*

Ann Vandersluis emphasized the importance of the Senior Center. Mrs. Cutler commented about the legal function that the Senior Center and the services the town must provide.

Residents asked to put the senior abatement program eligibility at the schools. Amy Wilson Kent requested additional eligibility for the program at the schools.

Mr. Skinner discussed a handout he distributed. He asked why the town does not measure the results of increased spending.

Residents asked and Selectmen answered questions regarding State funding formula for schools, how the money is spent, how the School Committee can ask the voters for an override again after the same amount was already voted down and the joint-town-meeting process.

Mr. Taft said that the full-time firefighters have too much overtime. The call firefighters are not getting a cost of living adjustment.

*Action Items: Examine the impact of an increase to the Call Firefighters.
Ask Board of Health if they are considering single-stream recycling.
Look at portion of Trails By-law that says, "motor-powered device" cannot be operated on the town trails.*

Residents from Crestview Drive are having major issues with extreme noise nuisance from the drive-in. *Action: Chairman Reil suggests we start talking to the Department of Environmental Protection to look for assistance to address noise complaints.*

Selectmen developed the following main goals for the next year.

1. Developing plans for police station.
2. Economic development/Revenue Generation
3. Advancing community outreach and communications
4. Getting all departments together at one meeting to go further with communications.

Selectman Schofield made and Selectman Reil stepped down to second a motion to adjourn at 12:05 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Willoughby". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Diane Willoughby
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Documents Discussed located in 'Administrative Secretary's Office:
MURSD FY11 Thru FY16 Growth
MURSD Budget Increases