

**MENDON SELECTMEN MINUTES OF MEETING----- October 19, 2015**  
**APPROVED-----November 30, 2015**

Chairman Reil, Selectmen Schofield and Burke and Town Administrator Kimberly Newman are present in the Upper Town Hall, Mendon.

Called meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Mr. Dick Skinner, resident, requested Selectmen send a letter to Hopedale to fix a hydrant on 2 Cape Road. Selectmen agreed to do so. He also wanted the BOS to create a taxation relief committee. Selectman Schofield informed him that on October 28 the BOS will be have an agenda item to create this committee. He also want the BOS to eliminate the idea of switching the Senior Center with the Police Station. Chairman Reil and Selectman Schofield inform him they will consider all options when the time presents itself as they want to keep all options on the table.

**Selectman Schofield made and Selectman Burke seconded a motion to sign a commendation to Hannah Snow for the winning design of Mendon's 350th Anniversary logo.** Selectman Schofield commended the work of the 350th Anniversary Committee. Chairman Reil read the commendation. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**Selectman Schofield made and Selectman Burke seconded a motion that we present a proclamation to the Mendon Fire Department honoring their 90 years of service to the Town of Mendon. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Selectman Schofield made and Selectman Burke seconded a motion that we allow St. Gabriel's Christmas Fair to place signs on town property.** The list of sites were reviewed. There was no discussion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

There was discussion regarding the letter from the Hampshire Council of Governments about the electricity aggregation. Selectman Schofield said we need to look at it in the future.

Chairman Reil thanked Peter Brewer for serving on the Town Forest Committee. Anyone interested in filling the open position should contact the Selectmen.

**Selectman Schofield made and Selectman made and Selectman Burke seconded a motion to allow Jada and Tyler Leung, on behalf of the Girl Scouts, to collect trash on North Ave.**

Selectman Schofield inquired about their choice of road. He recommends Cemetery Street. Ms. Newman noted there is a certificate of liability insurance from the Girl Scouts. The road was chosen as they frequently walk that route. Chairman Reil thanked the Leungs for undertaking the project. **The motion carried unanimously.**

No members of the Conservation Commission are present to discuss allowed and prohibited uses of the Meadow Brook Uplands. Selectmen tabled discussion until they hear from the Conservation Commission.

Future meeting dates were discussed. Upcoming meetings will be November 9, November 17 at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Special Town Meeting, November 30, December 14 and 28.

A special meeting to discuss improving communication will be held on December 7. Ms. Newman will send an invitation to one representative from each board and committee to join Selectmen at the table. All board and committee members are welcome to attend.

**Selectman Schofield made and Selectman Burke seconded a motion to authorize Chairman Reil to sign the Commonwealth Community Compact on behalf of the town.** Ms. Newman summarized the compact which the state assists the town monetarily and/or by providing resources for best practices. Mendon sent an initial application of interest in the area of infrastructure. This compact is the formal agreement. One component is housing and economic development. If Selectmen agree to sign the two-year agreement, the Lieutenant Governor will be in Upton signing the two-year agreements with both towns. The achievable goal is creating a CIP plan. She intends to involve the Capital Planning Committee. If the goal is not met, Chairman Reil expects the State resources would be taken away. Ms. Newman noted that if the goals are met, Mendon would get extra points on future grant applications. She has already been contacted by a representative from the State who will be working with Mendon on the compact. The state is also eager for the town to succeed. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Newman reported that she has been meeting with Blackstone, Uxbridge and Millville regarding collaboration with them. She hopes to have representatives from those towns to come before the Board for discussions. Ms. Newman expects the town hall basement renovation to be completed within the next couple of weeks. There have been some server and wiring issues. She would like the police trailers removed before it snows. The main item at next Wednesday's Selectmen's meeting will be a presentation on the Classification and Compensation Study. The Finance Committee will also be in attendance.

Applications for the Town Accountant position are due this Friday. Ms. Newman has received several already. She may add an executive session next Wednesday to review the applications. She hopes to schedule interviews the first or second week in November.

Chairman Reil noted that the discussions with other towns who may be willing to collaborate with Mendon stemmed from Mendon approaching Millville. He emphasized that Mendon is willing to work with and welcomes any other interested towns to contact them.

Mrs. Lowell mentioned that the Taft Library roof has been leaking. The roof had been replaced in 2000 and repaired in 2007. Cook roofing came today and determined the clapboards in the belfry are lifting. There is no flashing. There is an article on the warrant to repair the roof. Mrs. Lowell said there is \$10,000 in Community Preservation funds for the roof. Mrs. Lowell had approached the Library Trustees with the issue but they are focused on the new library. Ms. Newman is meeting with the Library Director and Finance Committee and will follow up on the problem. Selectman Schofield said there will be money in Budgeted Reserve at the STM.

Chairman Reil made and Selectman Schofield to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L. C.30A S.21 to conduct strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining with the Mendon Police Civilian's Employees Association and Mendon Permanent Fire Fighters Union and to conduct strategy session with respect to potential litigation as an open session may be detrimental to the Selectmen's bargaining and litigating positions. We'll reconvene only to adjourn. A roll call vote is needed. Burke-aye, Reil-aye, Schofield-aye.

**Selectman Schofield made and Selectman Burke regular seconded a motion to adjourn. 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 printed name and title.

Diane Willoughby  
Administrative Assistant

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

Hannah Snows 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo Commendation  
Mendon Fire Department 90-Year Anniversary Commendation