

MENDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING----- May 29, 2013

APPROVED----- June 17, 2013

Selectmen Goddard, Tinio and Reil are present.

Chairman Tinio called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led the pledge.

Selectman Tinio read the bill of sale for the 1997 COA Van. Chairman Tinio will apply for a duplicate title tomorrow. **Selectman Goddard made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to authorize the sale of the 1997 Ford Cutvan to Linda F. Sears, 42 Orchard Street, Blackstone, MA. The motion carried unanimously.**

Chief Horn and Deputy Fire Chief Bucchino approached the board and discussed their requests for interdepartmental Chapter 77 transfers. Selectman signed all the requested transfers.

Margaret asked to be put on agenda for June 4 to talk about the website.

Chairman Tinio explained that contract with Town Hall Union has been finalized for the next two years. Selectmen signed the contract.

Chairman Tinio read the hearing notice for Copart of Connecticut's fuel storage application at 82 Cape Road.

Chairman Tinio called a recess for five minutes until scheduled dog hearing.

Selectman Goddard made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to open the dog hearing for Michael Murphy, 106 Millville Street, Mendon. The motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer Webb, 57 Blackstone Street, complainant, stated the problem started Labor Day 2012 with a dog chasing her from off the dog's property. She asked that dogs be kept on the property and a muzzle order be issued. She asked that the first time offense for a bite be \$100. There have been a total of four incidents.

Michael Murphy, 106 Millville Street, stated the law suit was settled with his insurance company. The dogs have been kept locked up for eight to nine months.

Lisa Ruggiero, 13 Lovell Street, stated she was also bitten by the Murphy's dog in July 2010. It was reported to the dog Officer and Police Chief. The dogs have chased her subsequently. She would like to see a leash law since she walks and has been chased by dogs.

Kevin Sullivan, 149 Elm Street, Blackstone, Animal Inspector, Mendon, suggests a muzzle and that the dogs be kept in a pen or the house. He also recommended putting a committee together for reviewing the animal control bylaw.

Joyce Gareri & Susan Banner, Animal Control Officers said there were no incidents in the past year. They do not know of four incidents.

Jennifer Webb spoke again citing incidents: One on January 3, 2009, March 17, 2009, July 24, 2009 and September 3, 2012. She gave the documents to the Selectmen (Exhibit A).

Mr. Murphy & Ms. Webb approached the Board. Chairman Tinio said if everyone is in agreement, and town counsel reviews, he wants the dogs kept muzzled or on a leash when not in a pen or the house.

The bylaws will be reviewed in a year's time.

Michael Ruggiero, 13 Lovell, Street, stated he also had an incident after his wife did. It was logged with police.

Selectman Goddard made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to close the dog hearing for Michael Murphy, 106 Millville Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Goddard made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Diane Willoughby". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Diane Willoughby
Administrative Assistant

Documents Discussed Located in the 'Administrative Secretary's' Office:

Chapter 77 Transfers dated May 23, 2013 Fire Department (2), Police Department

Agreement Between Public Employees Local Union 1116 of the MA Laborers District Council of the Laborers International Union of North America, AFLCIO on Behalf of the Mendon Town Hall Employees & Town of Mendon, July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2015

Hearing Notice for Copart of Connecticut, Inc., 82 Cape Road, Fuel Storage Application

Exhibit A presented by Jennifer Webb

Bill of Sale 1997 Ford CUTVAN, \$1500.00