



TOWN OF MENDON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Notice of Meeting

October 12, 2016

Mendon Town Hall

6:30 PM

Board Members

Richard W. Schofield, Jr., Chairman

Mark W. Reil, Jr.

Christopher Burke

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

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Open Meeting & Pledge

A regular Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 6:30PM. Present: Richard Schofield, Chris Burke, Mark Reil participated remotely and Kim Newman.

Mr. Burke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Statements & Petitions - none

Correspondence to the Board- none

Taxation Aid Committee Presentation

Mr. Skinner, Ms. Brugos and Mrs. Hawkes were present and provided an update for the Taxation Aid Program.

The application form is now available and the deadline is February 1, 2017. There are grants for those who are qualified.

Qualifications: The applicant needs to be 60 or older or disabled and Mendon resident for 5 years. Applications are confidential. The Committee will review and vote on applications. The total funds currently in the account is \$2,683.00. The monies came from donations. More information is available at Senior Center and the Town Hall

Sign November Election Warrant

Mr. Burke made a motion to sign the November Election Warrant. Mr. Reil seconded. All were in favor.

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Award RFP for 34 George Street- Historical Commission.

The Historical Commission stated the house is in on a 2-acre parcel. About 20 acres of open space are around the house. The house is in tough shape. Two people submitted proposals. One that was financially stable. A lot of the house needs to be torn down. The applicant looking to save wood work, fireplaces and granite pieces as well and will build on the foundation. The selected applicant had an awarded amount of \$25,900.00. The Town spent \$7,000 on this parcel. 6,000 pounds of trash were cleaned from this home.

Mr. Burke made a motion to award the RFP to Peter Coffin in amount of \$25,900.00. Mr. Reil seconded. All were in favor.

Consider Appointment of Michelle Chesley as Municipal Clerk- Treasurer/Collector

Town Treasurer Linda Hawkes addressed the board and stated that there were 4 applicants. Two were interviewed. Ms. Hawkes would like to hire Michelle Chesley contingent upon being bonded and background check.

Mr. Burke made a motion to appointment Michelle Chesley as Municipal Clerk Grade M7, Step 1 \$16.00 per hour upon a successful background check and ability to be bonded. Mr. Reil seconded. All were in favor.

Consider Appointment of Laura St. John-Dupuis as Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator

Ms. Newman stated there were over 100 applicants, narrowed down to 25 candidates and interviewed 5. Laura currently holds position in another municipality. She has passed background check and can start Nov.7th.

Mr. Burke made a motion to appoint Laura St. John- Dupuis as Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectman and the Town Administrator. M5 Step 12, \$24.87 per hour, 32 hours per week. Mr. Schofield seconded. All were in favor.

Appointing David Kurczy as Police Chief

Ms. Newman stated that the Board decided 6 months ago, to go ahead to separate the Fire Chief and Police Chief position.

Mr. Schofield stated that Mr. Kurczy does not need any further interviewing.

Mr. Reil stated given that Mr. Kurczy is the acting chief and been with town for 19 years, has master's degree and is dedicated to the Town, Mr. Reil would like to make motion

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Mr. Burke agrees with both selectman. He stated it is a big position to community. Acting Chief Kurczy is qualified. Another qualified candidate was present, Mr. Guy Kowkoski. Currently a sergeant on the mid night shift. Who has the same qualifications, Chief Kurczy has more time in. No problem going internally.

Mr. Dunleavy addressed the Board stating he worked with Mr. Kurczy for the last 19 years and feels he is very qualified.

Detective Blanchett addressed the Board stating he was here when the Town hired acting Chief Kurczy 19 years ago, he mentored many kids in this town. He is a true leader.

Sergeant Guy Kloczkowski addressed the Board stating that he and acting Chief Kurczy have the same qualifications and education however, Acting Chief Kurczy has more experience. Sergeant Kloczkowski stated that he has no problem with the position not being posted internally.

Mr. Schofield stated he did not like the culture, we need new culture and is confident in that kind of culture will not continue.

Mr. Reil made a motion to appoint David Kurczy as Police Chief pending on contract negotiations. Mr. Burke seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Schofield read a letter that acting chief David Kurczy submitted to the board.

Chief David Kurczy addressed the Board and stated that he wanted to thank the Board of Selectman and is going to strive to make the Town proud. And would be getting back to basics for both the Fire and the Police Department. Moving forward together.

Sign November 22nd STM Warrant

Ms. Newman stated that they subtracted 10 articles, 24 articles are left.

Mr. Burke made a motion to approve and sign the November 22nd warrant as presented, Mr. Reil seconded. All were in favor.

Other Time Sensitive Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 hours prior to Meeting- none

Executive Session- Purpose 2 for Executive Session, M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(2) – To conduct a strategy session in preparation for contract negotiations with the Public Safety Director and Police Chief

Mr. Reil is participating remotely and stated that no other person is present with him or able to hear the discussion once the Board enters into executive session.

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Mr. Schofield made a motion to enter Executive Session, M.G.L c. 304, 21 (a)(2). To conduct a strategy session in preparation for contract negotiations with the Public Safety Director and Police Chief. The Board will reconvene only for adjournment. Mr. Burke seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

By roll call vote: Burke-Aye, Schofield –Aye, Reil-Aye.

Adjournment

Submitted by: Loriann M Braza

Approval Date: 3/20/17