

MENDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING----- February 25, 2013

APPROVED-----March 19, 2013

Chairman Ammendolia, Selectmen Tinio & Goddard are present.

Chairman Ammendolia called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and led the pledge.

Selectman Tinio made and Selectman Goddard seconded a motion to renew the Common Victualler's License for George LeFrancois d/b/a/ George's Surf 'N Turf, 116 Uxbridge Road pending favorable routing slips. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Tinio made and Selectman Goddard seconded a motion to renew the Common Victualler, Drive-In Theater – No X-rated & No NC-17 Rated Movies, Automatic Amusement and Public Entertainment on Sunday Licenses for Nostalgia Entertainment, Inc. d/b/a/ Mendon Twin Drive-In, 35 Milford Street pending favorable routing slips. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Tinio made and Selectman Goddard seconded a motion to renew the Common Victualler's License, Automatic Amusement Devices License (3 Kiddy Rides & 2 Video Machines from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday – Sat) and Automatic Amusement Devices License (3 Kiddy Rides & 2 Video Machines from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays), for Mendon Driving Range, Inc., 37 Hastings Street pending favorable routing slips. The motion carried unanimously.

Members discussed pending Myriad Ballroom license routing slip for Common Vic, All Alcohol and Public Entertainment Licenses. Chairman Ammendolia spoke with the Fire Chief about issuing a temporary license. Selectmen will hold the licenses until receipt of a favorable routing slip. They will review issues again at the end of March and discuss with the Chief at the next meeting. **Selectman Tinio made and Selectman Goddard made a motion to allow Myriad Ballroom to continue to operate until March 31, 2013. During this time they are to come up with a plan of action to rectify any violations noted on the routing slip. The motion carried unanimously.**

Selectman Tinio made and Selectman Goddard seconded a motion to dedicate the 2012 Annual Town Report to Charles Wood and Arthur Holmes. The motion carried unanimously. *Action: Chairman Ammendolia to send Diane Willoughby the Selectmen's page for the Annual Town Report.*

Chairman Ammendolia said they will wait to sign the Treasurer/Collector's and Police Contract.

Selectman Tinio made and Selectman Goddard seconded motion to appoint Brian Guzman to the Finance Committee with a term to expire June 30, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Tinio made and Selectman Goddard seconded a motion to appoint Mary Ann Hopkins, 25 King Philip Path to the Council on Aging for a term to expire June 30, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

Mark Bucchino approached the board to discuss the Mendon Permanent Fire Fighters Association membership to the International Association of Fire Fighters. The Selectmen's approval is required. The union offers health care, life and death benefits, financial assistance and they are part of the legislature as well as collective bargaining. The Fire Fighters Union did not have members in the past to join. There are five, full-time fire fighters. Chairman Ammendolia would like to see benefits in writing. None of the Selectmen had a problem with them joining the union. Mark will bring written benefits tomorrow night and Selectmen will sign the necessary approval document.

Duncan Chapman, Steve Marsden from Northeast Real Estate Solutions and Robert Mangiaratti approached the Selectmen. Ken O'Brien asked to join the table as he made promises to the taxpayers as Selectman when land was first purchased. Duncan led the presentation. He spoke with BVT & MURSD regarding buying power from whoever leases the land. Soil testing of the front portion of the land will be done when the weather allows. This could be used commercially. Attorney Mangiaratti pointed out that the RFP/RFQ is specifically for solar power. Commercial use is not included. Steve indicated once soil testing is done by Northeast Real Estate Solutions another RFP/RFQ is sent out for commercial purposes. Solar RFP/RFQ's would have already gone out. Attorney Mangiaratti suggested thought must be given to where 15 -30 acres of solar panels would be placed. He also made Selectmen aware that property will be tied up during the process of the RFP/RFQ. Selectmen want flexibility to not accept any proposals for any reason. Allen Giles, the owner of an engineering company and someone with interest in the community, stated that there is currently too much supply in the area. It is difficult to get new approvals from the State. Duncan stated six companies have looked at the site and are interested in it. Solar arrays are exempt from property tax so value of land can be assessed at a higher rate. <Recording paused to put in new DVD.> Members agreed they would like to charge permit fees, want to maximize lease as opposed to selling power at a reduced rate and have no energy procurement program. There are qualifications requirements for bidder such as a performance bond posted by bidder. Members agreed to include a bid bond in the RFP/RFQ. Duncan will confirm with the DOR. Attorney Mangiaratti will review the RFP/RFQ and will let Chairman Ammendolia know when he receives it.

Selectman Tinio made and Selectman Goddard seconded a motion to deficit spend the Snow and Ice Removal Account up to \$60,000 through June 30, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

Members discussed with Attorney Mangiaratti whether an article can be on the March Special Town Meeting Warrant which isn't in effect until FY14. Attorney Mangiaratti said it cannot. Attorney Mangiaratti will research if Article 16 can be contingent to an override in FY14 budget.

Selectman Tinio made and Selectman Goddard seconded a motion to remove Article 16 for the March 19 Special Town Meeting regarding mosquito control program. The motion carried unanimously. Selectman Goddard stated this is a monetary article for FY14 which will effect the budget and needs a source of revenue. *Action: Diane Willoughby will have new warrant printed for signatures tomorrow night renumbered without Article 16.* Shirley Smith, W. Ambrosino and Ted King approached the board to discuss Planning Board Articles. New districts were added. The rest of the Planning Board By-law Articles are inter-connected or are housekeeping articles. **Selectman Tinio made and Selectman Goddard seconded a motion to accept the warrant as amended for the Special Town Meeting at the Miscoe Hill School in said Mendon on March 19 at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon. The motion carried unanimously.**

Selectmen signed the FY 13 Treasurer/Collector's Contract. Members reviewed the police contract to be amended and signed at a future meeting. Chairman Ammendolia read and signed the public hearing notice for the Wine & Malt Beverages Only License for Imperial Gas to be held on March 11, 2013 at 7:45 p.m. Chairman Ammendolia read and signed 39 Northbridge Street, National Grid hearing notice for March 11, 2013 at 8:05 p.m.

Mr. Skinner, resident, said demolition on Cape Road went very well and owner should be commended.

Chairman Tinio made and Chairman Goddard seconded a motion to adjourn at 11:15 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Willoughby

Documents Discussed Located in the Administrative Secretary's Office:
Town of Mendon Review of RFQ Issues for the Taft Orchard Property dated February 25, 2013
March 19, 2013 Warrant (21 Articles)
Contract Between The Town of Mendon and The Massachusetts Coalition of Police, AFL-CIO, Local 188, July 1 2012 through June 30 2015
Employment Agreement Between Town of Mendon and Linda J. Hawkes, FY13