

## MENDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING-----March 12, 2012

APPROVED-----April 9, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Mike Goddard, Selectman Michael Ammendolia and Interim Town Coordinator Ernie Horn are present. Selectman Lawney Tinio joined later.

Pledge

### New Business

1. Highway Surveyor Alan Tetreault addressed the board concerning Freeman Place. At this time it is not an accepted town road. The Planning Board declared the property in default. There is approximately \$37,678.00 in the bond account for Freeman Place. Alan needs approval from the BOS to pave the road. The curbing is OK. He would like to start making the corrections as soon as possible.

**Selectman Michael Ammendolia made a motion to allow Highway Surveyor Alan Tetreault to use the Freeman Place bond money to finish the road work and get it up to standard. Chairman Michael Goddard stepped down to second. Unanimous vote.**

2. Highway Surveyor Alan Tetreault discussed the issue of trash around town. He would like to give residents trash bags to pick up trash in front of their homes. The Highway Department would then pick up the bags. Chairman Goddard would like to think about this plan. Town Counsel was asked about liability. Town Counsel stated there is always a possibility of liability when involving volunteers. Chairmen Goddard asked for a more detailed plan. Interim Town Coordinator Ernie Horn was asked about posting anti-littering signs. There is a \$250.00 fine for littering as it is a misdemeanor. The act of littering must be observed by a police officer to be fined. Ernie stated signs were a good idea.
3. Chairman Goddard has a list of roads to be looked at for acceptance. They are Dear Hill Road, Leone Lane, Lowell Drive, Springbrook Court, Millbrook Drive, and Freeman Place. Alan stated these roads are all about 20 years old.

## **Administrative**

**Selectman Michael Ammendolia made a motion to accept meeting minutes from January 30, 2012, February 8, 2012 and February 15, 2012. Chairman Goddard stepped down to second. Unanimous vote.**

**Selectman Michael Ammendolia made a motion to appoint Shirley Spindel, 65 Taft Avenue, to the Board of Registrars to expire March 31, 2015. Selectman Lawney Tinio seconded. Unanimous vote.**

1. Selectman Ammemdolia read a citation and letter for Eagle Scout Joseph Roberto of Troop 44, Mendon. Eagle Scout, Roberto led a team of volunteers in the building of a baseball dugout at Miscoe Hill School.

**Selectman Lawney Tinio made a motion to approve common victualler 's license for Southwick Wild Animal Farm, Inc. DBA Southwick's Zoo, 2 Southwick Street, to expire Dec. 31, 2012 pending favorable approval of routing slip by the Board Of Health. Selectman Michael Ammendolia seconded. Unanimous vote.**

**Selectman Lawney Tinio made a motion to approve renewal of Automatic Amusement device for six kiddie rides for Monday through Saturday, 11:00AM to 5 PM, to expire Dec. 31, 2012 pending favorable approval of routing slip by the Board Of Health. Selectman Michael Ammendolia seconded. Unanimous vote.**

**Selectman Lawney Tinio made a motion to approve a Public Entertainment License on Sunday for (Southwick Wild Animal Farm), Justine Brewer, to expire March 12, 2013 pending favorable approval of routing slip by the Board Of Health. Selectman Michael Ammendolia seconded. Unanimous vote.**

## **Interviews**

The BOS and current Treasurer/Collector Christine Kupstas interviewed candidates Coleman Nee, Betty Clark MacLeay and Fredrick DuBois. They all provided some background on their employment history and discussed why they were interested in the position. All were questioned about their willingness to attend classes and to be certified.

The BOS thanked Christine Kupstas for her many years of dedication and service to the town as Treasurer/Collector.

Following discussion on the candidates' qualifications, the BOS selected Mr. Nee as the most suitable candidate.

**Selectman Lawney Tinio made a motion to appoint Coleman Nee as the new Treasurer/Collector conditional upon salary negotiations. Selectman Michael Ammendolia seconded. Unanimous vote.**

Mr. Nee accepts. A meeting is scheduled for Friday night March 16, 2012 for the purpose of salary negotiations.

### **New Business**

Moderator Jay Byer came forward to present his ideas on how bylaw discussions should be handled at the upcoming Special Town Meeting. He would like the bylaws to be prepared in a word document that could be displayed on a large screen from a computer projector. This would allow any proposed changes to immediately be inserted and allow people to see and read exactly what they were being asked to vote on. The key to this is holding the meeting in the auditorium instead of the Gymnasium as the lighting allows projection on a large screen. He also would encourage that the annual meeting be handled in the same fashion. Mr. Byer will obtain the capacity of both venues to determine feasibility. Mr. Byer stated he would like to handle article four of the Annual Town Meeting in blocks to shorten the process and therefore the time required to cover this article. This would require the Fin. Com. report to be provided to the townspeople prior to the meeting. The BOS asked Diane Willoughby to determine the cost of inserting it into the Town Crier and also the cost to bulk mail it to all Mendon household. The BOS agreed that having the Fin. Com. report available ahead of the meeting was a good idea.

Selectmen read and explained the 22 articles for the upcoming Special Town Meeting. Two changes were made, one to add the word Special to the header, if this is how it has been done in the past, and adding the word lease following trailer on article six.

**Selectman Michael Ammendolia made a motion to approve the Special Town Meeting warrant with the two proposed changes of adding Special to the header and word lease to article six. Chairman Goddard stepped down and seconded. Selectman Tinio abstains, Selectman Michael Ammendolia aye, Chairman Goddard steps down, aye.**

**Selectmen Tinio moved to go into Executive Session under Chapter 30A Section 21 to discuss strategy with respect to litigation and /or collective bargaining; will reconvene only to adjourn. Roll call vote is needed. Tinio aye, Ammendolia aye, Goddard aye.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Cook

Documents discussed located in Administrative Secretary's Office:

- April 10, 2012 Special Town Meeting Warrant.
- Letter from Kevin Rudden, Eagle Scout Coordinator, dated February 27, 2012
- Joseph Roberto's Eagle scout citation
- Resumes submitted by Nee, Betty Clark MacLeay and Fredrick DuBois for Treasurer/collector position
- BOS meeting minutes for Jan 30, 2012, Feb. 8, 2012 and Feb. 15, 2012