

MENDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING-----February 27, 2012

APPROVED-----March 26, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Mike Goddard and Selectmen Michael Ammendolia and Lawney Tinio are present.

Pledge

Administrative

1. **Selectman Lawney Tinio made a motion to approve the license renewal for George's Surf and Turf, located at 116 Uxbridge Road. Seconded by Selectmen Michael Ammendolia, unanimous vote**
2. A citation was read by Selectman Ammendolia for Eagle Scout Christopher R. Merolli of 52 Millville Road, Mendon. His Eagle Scout project was a patio in front of the statue of Mary at St. Gabriel's Church in Upton.
3. A review of the changes in electrical fees schedule was passed over.

Old Business

1. Review of FY 2013 Parks/Beach Budget
 - Conducted a review of the Parks Department to include the town beach funding. The beach will be open for nine weeks, offering swimming lessons for six of those weeks. Including fees and admission the beach is essentially self-funding. Beach salaries will be tracked as a separate budget line item.
2. Overall review of FY 2013 budget
 - The FY budget was level funded except for four contractual items requiring an increase.
 - The FinCom was able to fund all asks except for road material. Asks that were funded include \$160,000 for the school; 121,000 for BVT; the third shift ambulance; Tri Valley Services, and the increase in fuel and oil for Parks and the Senior Center.
 - Chairman Mike Goddard asked how many hours were included for the Selectmen's office. He was told 24 hours.
 - Health insurance usage for town employees was lower resulting in no increase in premiums, a savings of \$31,000.
 - Highway Department, having a full supply of snow and ice supplies feels comfortable with level funding.
 - Chairman Goddard stated that at this time everything looks good. He thanked everyone for their hard work.
3. Chairman Goddard asked if anyone present had any questions or issues to bring forth.
 - Michele Diodati, 28 Butler Road, asked about the status of an easement on her property. The selectmen indicated that this item will be on the warrant for the Special Town Meeting scheduled for April 10, 2012.

4. The selectmen discussed date for Town meetings, warrant close dates, and selectmen and FinCom meeting dates, selecting March 12, as the date for their next meeting.

Selectman Tinio made a motion to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant as of February 27, 2012 and to close on March 27, 2012. Seconded by Selectman Ammendolia. Unanimous vote.

5. Selectmen discuss the Treasurer/Collector stating the window for applications has closed. Many applications were received. Selectman Ammendolia stated he had a note in his binder indicating that the town personnel policy manual states positions must be advertised in a local paper, which was not done. Selectmen's office to follow up. Possible participants in an initial screening process might include Chief Horn, Town Accountant and FinCom Chairman. The question how to support the office in the interim was raised. Possible solutions include temporary help or possible outsourcing.

Selectman Tinio made a motion to extend application deadline for the position of Treasurer/Collector if needed. Seconded by Selectman Ammendolia. Unanimous vote.

New Business

1. A request was received from Troop 44 Mendon Boy Scouts of America to hold a can and bottle drive, erect signs and hold a campout.

Selectman Tinio made a motion to allow Troop 44 Mendon Boy Scouts of America to hold a can and bottle drive on April 7, 2012 in the Town Hall parking lot. Seconded by Selectman Ammendolia. Unanimous vote.

Selectman Tinio made a motion to allow Troop 44 Mendon Boy Scouts of America to erect signs at Founders Park and on the island at the intersection of Millville Road and Route 16, Selectman Tinio amends the motion to include signs to be compliant with public safety. Seconded by Selectman Ammendolia. Unanimous vote.

Selectman Tinio made a motion to allow Troop 44 Mendon Boy Scouts of America to hold a campout on the Kelly property, Inman Hill Road from April 13, to April 15, 2012. Seconded by Selectman Ammendolia. Unanimous vote.

Selectman Tinio states all approvals are pending certificate of insurance.

2. Green Communities Project Mgr, Mark Reil, stated that information was just received that as a green community the town can apply for resident participation in a solar energy project. If selected, the town residents could get a volume discount on solar panel purchase and installation. Additionally,

the Green committee needs an item on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to transfer funds that will be reimbursed. The contract with Constellation New Energy has not been received back from Town Counsel. Mark asked if the Selectmen can aid in moving this along.

3. Selectman Tinio commented on the reverse 911 call about the Worcester State Hospital patient. He stated that there will be extra police presence, and suggested that residents keep their doors lock and be careful.

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. Unanimously approved. Tinio aye, Goddard aye, Ammendolia aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Cook

Documents discussed located in Administrative Secretary's Office:

Letter dated February 27, 2012 from Kevin Rudden, Troop 44
Fincom Balanced Budget Recommendations dated February 27, 2012
Letter dated February 17, 2012 from Theresa Belliveau re: Christopher Merolli
Christopher Merolli Citation dated February 27, 2012