

Selectmen Reil, Goddard and Schofield are present at the Town Hall in Mendon
Selectman Goddard called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Selectman Reil made and Selectman Schofield seconded a motion to elect Michael Goddard as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen (BOS). The motion carried.

Chairman Goddard thanked Mr. Tinio for serving three terms on the BOS and welcomed Mr. Schofield. Chairman Goddard suggested targeting 3-5 things over the next 12 months upon which to focus. He said he would like to formulate a multi-year budget to support the schools' expense management, shared services, and have a third town on regional dispatch. He would like feedback from others for discussion at the next meeting.

Action: Ms. Willoughby to ensure committee openings are listed on Town web site.

Selectman Goddard read the Girl Scout Silver Award Citations for the recipients. **Selectman Reil made and Selectman Schofield seconded a motion to sign the Girl Scout Silver Award Citations for Michelle Arsenault, Olivia Desmond, Kathleen Kennedy, Jada Leung & Marin Schmid. The motion carried unanimously.**

Selectman Reil made and Selectman Schofield seconded a motion to award the Contract for Construction Services Related to the Installation of Landscaping at the Olney Cook Shop in the Town of Mendon to A. J. Virgilio. The motion carried unanimously.

Steve Marsden updated the Board on the rear portion of 36 Milford Street for the RFP that was awarded to SunDurance Energy. Subsequently, SunDurance 'passed the torch' to another company. Under Chapter 30B the Selectmen can award to the second bidder. Blue Wave Capital offered to match the proposal SunDurance submitted. Mike Marsh, Blue Wave Capital, joined the Selectmen and gave some background on his company. Mr. Marsh foresees 2mw dc on the back portion. He has reviewed the lease and is comfortable with the way it was being drafted with SunDurance. 2.65 dc mw can fit on the front portion. Steve Marsden said because of the way the regulations are being formulated, only 2 mw will be put on the front. The low bidder also withdrew because they are not doing projects in the U.S. Blue Wave is doing many projects in MA. There is a bond that will be in place that protects the Town if Blue Wave pulls the project out of Mendon. The application process for interconnectivity will not be slowed down. They plan to bring the Planning Board into the process to make sure the bond issue is clear. Pat and Jim Ghelli reside at 42 Milford Street and are concerned with issues with SunDurance's plan. Mrs. Ghelli said the project goes in 100' next to their boundary. The access road off Route 16 is 20 feet from her house. Chairman Goddard said they are looking at a different access point which would be closer to location of the conservation restriction. The board is willing to work with Blue Wave on all concerns including the line of site issue. Mr. Marsh also said he is willing to work with the Ghellis. **Selectman Schofield made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to select Blue Wave Capital as the developer for the solar farm on 36 Milford Street, Mendon. The motion carried unanimously.**

Quarterly Financial Review: Claudia Cataldo, Accountant, explained that there is approximately \$32,000 in estimated receipts. Motor vehicle excise is coming in higher than expected. FY15 estimates can be changed based on FY14 actual receipts. They cannot include miscellaneous, non-recurring receipts. The snow & ice deficit is \$102,000. In future years, it may cost more than \$30,000 for the ambulance lease due to interest rates increasing.

Members reviewed the Special Meeting warrant. There are a total of 50 PCs within all offices. Members discussed replacing 10 per year for five years. Jean needs \$2,000 for Paul Kapinos to attend a hearing. Mr. Tetreault said he needs more money for diesel fuel. Linda said she has less than .5% of taxes owed from FY13. For FY14 there is only three percent outstanding. Claudia thanked Troop 1 for helping with moving boxes of papers to be shredded. She will give Ms. Newman, Town Administrator, an estimate of what it would cost to have papers shredded on a regular basis. Linda Hawkes, Treasurer/Collector, suggested selling tax titles to an outside company. She is getting more details. Chief Horn and Ms. Hawkes discussed her receiving bad checks. If the Police Department gets involved, it bypasses small claims court and associated fees. The checks she has outstanding now are for burning permits and trash stickers. The Chief reported he has an opening on the Police Department beginning July 1. He would like to begin the hiring process. Members agreed. It is possible he will have to replace the Lieutenant's position. He would like the board to consider putting an acting Lieutenant in place. He recommended Sgt. Kurczy since he has been doing the work without additional pay. The Chief said he was able to get a demo vehicle. Another car that he is getting will be late because it fell off a train.

Anne Mazar, Land Use Committee Chairperson, and Ellen Gould, Agricultural Committee Chairperson, approached the board to discuss deleting the STM article for 131 North Avenue. Both Committees met to discuss the best use of the 2.5 acres. A farmer could use the land to grow produce and sell. There are issues with the property. There is a deed restriction that says the land must be used for a library. Mr. Gannett, who donated the land, is willing to work with the Town so it can be used for agriculture. There is a donation to put a well, structure and parking on the property. They would like to send out an RFP for different farmers. This would be an opportunity for young farmers as land is expensive. Jean Berthold, Principal Assessor, said she believes the deed is in the name of the Library Trustees. They would have to convey it to Mendon. The committees are considering a five-year lease at \$1 per acre. The soil is in bad shape. Soil would need to be tested to ensure land is being improved. They would require the lessee to meet with Land Use Committee to make sure lessee is meeting commitment. Chairman Goddard would like to get more people involved before the RFP is sent out. Ms. Berthold has a concern with liability and insurance on a structure that would be on the land. Resident Michael Ammendolia said we should be proactive in pursuing other Town-owned properties that would also make a good farm. Ms. Gould presented a draft RFP which was based on those used by other Towns. We need to determine if a change in the deed is necessary and put a place holder on the warrant in case a town meeting vote is needed. The Pearson farm is still for sale but a price has not been determined.

Selectman Reil made and Selectman Schofield seconded a motion to approve the conservation restrictions for Meadow Brook Uplands Conservation Area, Muddy Brook North Conservation Area and Muddy Brook South Conservation Area. The motion carried unanimously. Selectmen will come in individually and get their signatures notarized on the documents.

Selectman Reil made and Chairman Goddard stepped down to second a motion to reappoint Robert Crotty to the Board of Registrars for a term expiring March 31, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectmen reviewed the June 25 Special Meeting warrant. Article 8 is for the salary of a new laborer that is shared between the Parks and Recreation and Highway Departments. There was a pay differential between the 32 hours budgeted and 40 hours per week that were worked. Selectmen would like to know if we can reapply to stop testing the landfill. Ms. Berthold stated that the land is not owned by Mendon.

Mike Ammendolia would like copies of the well report to review. Ms. Hawkes explained another third of Officer Sinko's Worcester County Retirement deduction will be due for FY14. The bond for 3 North Avenue goes through 2024. <recess to change DVD> Ms. Hawkes asked if Route 16 can be designated as a scenic road if it is a State road. Mr. Ammendolia asked if the wording for Article 18 restricts the land's use. Would agricultural use fall into the restriction? There were questions regarding if Clough playground went out to bid yet. Mike Ammendolia asked for information on the Community Preservation Accounts. Selectman Reil offered to send him information. Chairman Goddard will have the Administrator have Anne explain the intent of Article 22 as it looks complicated. The Finance Committee is requesting that when department heads request funding on a Town meeting warrant they need to attend a Finance Committee meeting.

Resident Mike Watson asked why not all boards are aware of projects other boards are doing. Chairman Goddard said the BOS needs to discuss having representation on other boards and have periodic updates during their meetings. *Action: D. Willoughby to send Jeanne Davoren, Finance Committee Recording Clerk, the final warrant.*

Ms. Newman reported she met with Kevin Rudden and reviewed his ADA Grievance Procedure which is based on Milford's. **Selectman Reil made and Selectman Schofield seconded a motion to adopt the ADA Grievance Procedure as written in the 2013 Mendon ADA Plan.** Selectman Schofield noted that it can be changed as necessary. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Kim said only the Police contract states a longevity policy. The others reference the Personnel Policy. None of them say it has to be consecutive. Ms. Newman met with the Chief to see if there was a precedent. She was told there was one instance and it was allowed because he/she came back to the same unit. Ms. Newman recommends that when the personnel policy is modified, the language can be changed to match the intent. Members agreed they want service to be consecutive years of service.

Ms. Newman explained the need to have a policy in place for any surplus of equipment valued at \$2500 and less. Selectman Schofield asked if there is an onus on department heads to make non-useful products known to the Selectmen. Chairman Goddard said there is a by-law for annual surplus equipment lists to be submitted. **Selectman Reil made and Selectman Schofield seconded a motion to accept the Policy for Process for Disposition of Surplus Property. The motion carried unanimously.**

Selectman Reil made and Chairman Goddard stepped down to second a motion to approve the regular session meeting minutes of April 7, 23 and May 12, 2014 and the executive session minutes of April 7, 7:11 p.m. and 8:40 p.m., April 23, and May 12, 2014 not to be released The motion carried Selectman Schofield abstained.

Selectman Reil made and Selectman Schofield seconded a motion to sign the Chapter 90 Project Request & Environmental Punch List for Resurfacing Millville Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Schofield asked if he can have a brainstorming meeting regarding a communication plan. He would like to go to all meetings he can attend and come back with suggestions. He will begin with meeting with Ms. Newman.

Mike Watson, resident, said he has been able to get documents for free in the past and is disappointed he is being charged for his latest request. He noted it is expensive for a private citizen to pay \$300.

10:20 p.m. Chairman Goddard made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session M.G.L. c.30A Sec.21 (6) to consider the lease and/or value of 36 Milford Street as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town and I so declare. We will reconvene only to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. Schofield- aye, Goddard-aye Reil-aye.

Selectman Goddard made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to adjourn at 11:01 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Willoughby
Administrative Assistant

Documents Discussed located in 'Administrative Secretary's' Office:
Taft Orchard, 36 Milford Road, Mendon, MA, Preliminary Site Plan, Blue Wave Photovoltaic System dated May 19, 2014
Request for Proposal (RFP) Draft, The Mendon North Avenue Vegetable Farm