

Chairman Goddard, Selectmen Reil and Schofield and Town Administrator Newman are present in the Upper Town Hall, Mendon.

Chairman Goddard called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Selectman Schofield made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to approve the regular session meeting minutes of August 18 and 25, 2014 and the August 18 executive session minutes not to be released. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Skinner approached the board and apologized for not being able to attend the Ice Bucket Challenge in which the Selectmen participated. Therefore, he will donate \$400 to ALS. Selectman Schofield will post the video. The Finance Committee was also challenged.

Chairman Goddard reported that the Board received an invitation from the Mendon-Upton Sports Boosters to participate in the Harlem Wizards' fundraiser game. Selectmen Goddard and Reil said they would participate. Selectman Schofield volunteered to play.

Selectman Reil made and Selectman Schofield seconded a motion to proclaim Sunday, September 21 as Senior Citizen Day and to proclaim Robin Fletcher the 2014 Senior Citizen of the Year. The motion carried unanimously. Members agreed Mr. Fletcher is very deserving of the award. Selectman Reil read the proclamations.

Amy Wilson-Kent thanked Lion's Club and Selectmen for supporting and carrying on the 37-year old tradition. Amy invited all to attend the Senior of the Year event. Amy also thanked Friends of Elders, Beautification Committee members and Tree Warden Howie Phipps. Recertification has begun for those who have had fuel assistance in the past. November 1 is start date for new applicants. COA Assistance is not only for seniors. Amy urged seniors to not wait until they have 1/4 tank of fuel before asking for assistance. People are using the new web site to get information. Ms. Wilson-Kent commended Margaret Bonderenko and the website committee for their assistance. Deadlines will be put on the web site. Caregiver guides are available at the Senior Center. Ms. Wilson-Kent would like outreach worker's hours extended from six hours per week to 10 or 15 hours per week due to the need. This is funded through a grant. Other services have been forgone so the outreach worker could be funded. Chairman Goddard asked if 20 to 25 hours per week is all the hours needed or because she felt that was all that is attainable. Ms. Wilson-Kent said more hours could be used as she is the only town employee other than the van drivers. Chairman Goddard said that 'ask' should be under consideration for future budget planning.

Discussion of the cellular tower funding is pending a meeting with the Police Chief. A meeting should be scheduled prior to the next Selectmen's meeting to align with the November 5 STM deadline.

Chairman Goddard would like to narrow down FY15 focus for actions and opportunities at their Sept 22 meeting.

Chairman Goddard said the Conservation Commission has an alternate approach for the 43 Quissett Road property. The Board needs to determine which of two approaches they want. One would be to purchase a portion of the property using Community Preservation funds. At the next meeting, we close on whether one or two articles should go on the warrant. Selectman Schofield said the Community Preservation Committee should make a recommendation. Everyone should come together here for the next meeting to decide what should go on warrant. Mr. Ammendolia, Conservation Commission

member, said his Commission sent a letter to the Selectmen on August 28 stating that it is imperative to save the piece of property as town owned. The time limit is 120 business days which will give the Town time to negotiate with other parties. We could purchase the entire property with a bond similar to how the Taft Orchard property was purchased. Citizens should have the opportunity to decide whether the Town should purchase it. Chairman Goddard said Mr. Ammendolia should attend the meeting on the 22nd to further discuss. Selectman Schofield said that if it does not negatively impact the town financially, the town should save it. John Gomersall, Quissett Road, reiterated that purchasing the entire piece of property should be put on the warrant. He has been working with Anne Mazar, the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife and Northeast Farm Access.

Selectman Reil made Selectman Schofield seconded a motion to appoint Deborah Perro, 35 Vincent Road to the Cultural Council with a term to expire June 30, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Reil made Selectman Schofield seconded a motion to extend the agreement for audit services with R. E. Brown & Company subject to Town Meeting appropriation for 2015 at \$12,000, 2016 at \$12,500 and 2017 at \$13,000. The motion carried unanimously.

Members discussed Lawney Tinio's interest in the Zoning Board of Appeals open alternate position. Ms. Willoughby stated she notified the ZBA but has not received a reply yet and suggested they may not have had a meeting since. Members agreed to table the appointment.

Selectman Reil made Selectman Schofield seconded a motion to allow the Cultural Council to hang a temporary, 2' x 6' banner on the railing in front of the entrance to Town Hall. The banner may be in place from September 15 – October 15, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Goddard explained that an application for a Community Innovation Challenge Grant came out of a multi-board meeting. Mendon was supposed to sign the agreement last spring when the grant was coordinated with the school districts and Upton. However, no one was available. **Selectman Reil made and Selectman Schofield seconded a motion to allow Chairman Michael Goddard to sign the Community Innovation Challenge Grant 'Application' for Sharing Hydraulic Lifts Among Towns & Regional Schools. The motion carried unanimously.** The equipment has already been obtained.

Ms. Newman reported the solar lease for the Taft Orchard Property is almost ready to be signed. We are waiting to hear results of the application for the National Grid easement. Ms. Newman believes that the interconnect permit was obtained. *Action: Ms. Newman to get written confirmation.*

Mr. Skinner encouraged Selectmen to thank Pat (Fleming, ABMI), for a workaround for broadcasting their meeting. Someone had moved cables around on the equipment. Mr. Skinner has put up a sign requesting no one touch them. *Action: Chairman Goddard requested a formal letter be sent to Mr. Fleming thanking him.*

Selectman Reil made and Selectman Schofield seconded a motion to enter into executive session under M.G.L. Chapter 30A Section 21 to receive results on final report and discuss internal investigation relative to Donald Blanchette. A roll call vote is needed. Schofield-aye, Goddard-aye, Reil-aye.

MINUTES OF MEETING----- September 8, 2014
APPROVED-----September 22, 2014

Selectman Reil made and Selectman Schofield seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Diane Willoughby". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Diane Willoughby
Administrative Assistant

Document Discussed located in 'Administrative Secretary's' Office:
Community Innovation Challenge Grant FY14 Application, Blackstone Valley Tech; Mendon-Upton;
Mendon; Upton
Regular Session Meeting Minutes of August 18 and 25, 2014 and August 18 Executive Session Minutes
September 21, 2014 Senior Citizen Day Proclamation
Robin Fletcher 2014 Senior Citizen of the Year Proclamation
Letter from Leah Cameron dated August 28, 2014