

Chairman Tinio, Selectmen Reil, and Goddard are present at the Mendon Town Hall.  
Chairman Tinio called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. and led the pledge.

Joe Cronin joined Selectmen to discuss items that are still at the church and will not be needed for the library. They include 16 light fixtures and the altar. The Town Crier is willing to do an article on the items. *Action: Diane will put a list on the new web site.*

Chairman Tinio read announcement for Fire Department 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee meeting.

Selectman Reil stated they need to discuss use of the front piece of 36 Milford property for solar.  
*Action: Diane to put a place holder on the Annual Town Meeting warrant.*

Alan Tetreault, Highway Surveyor, has had an employee out on medical leave since Feb. 24. He will probably not come back until April 14. He will keep Selectmen up to date. Alan has been charged with getting information about insuring new Police Station. The town's insurance company will get a price to Alan who will give it to the Friends of the new Police Station. Alan needs more money for snow and ice removal costs. He is \$10,000 over the last amount allowed. He thinks \$20,000 will get him through the rest of the year. **Selectman Goddard made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to increase snow and ice deficit by another \$20,000. The motion carried unanimously.**

Maximilian Carbone, Animal Inspector, joined Selectmen to inform them he is not receiving help from the Animal Control Officer (ACO). His duties are overlapping hers. He recommends combining the positions. The annual cost is \$9800 for the ACO. Max said the Board of Health was asking for a \$1,000 to \$3,000 increase for the Animal Inspector for FY15. He writes and releases quarantines and takes statements of those who have been bitten and makes sure barns are inspected and permitted. He also did a dog license audit which the ACO is supposed to do. He has made complaints to ACO about dogs that are not licensed and have not been for nine months. Chief Horn oversees the ACO. Chief Horn joined the Selectmen. The \$9800 also includes storage costs and other things. The Uxbridge Police Chief manages their ACO. *Action: The Chief will file a report on what \$9800 includes. Max will get together with Finance Committee to understand actual costs.* There is a requirement to attend an ACO academy.

Chairman Tinio announced the hearing for a license transfer for Myriad Ballroom. **Selectman Goddard made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to open the public hearing to consider the application to transfer a Restaurant/All Alcohol License at 6 Nipmuc Drive from Rouleau & Son, Inc. d/b/a Myriad Ballroom to Imperial Ballroom LLC. The motion carried unanimously.**

Attorney Joe Antonellis, introduced John Doherty-Dixon CFO, and Sharon Santucci, Manager of the facility. The transfer has taken place for the real estate. The new owner would like to continue to operate as it has in the past for weddings and family functions. Chief Horn endorsed Sharon as the manager. Chairman Tinio mentioned prior problems the business had with the building inspector regarding the sprinkler system and alarm system. If there is expansion, it would require additional compliance. Mr. Doherty said issues will be taken care of this week. **Selectman Goddard made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to close the public hearing to consider the application to transfer a Restaurant/All Alcohol License at 6 Nipmuc Drive from Rouleau & Son, Inc. d/b/a Myriad Ballroom to Imperial Ballroom LLC. The motion carried unanimously. Selectman Goddard made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to transfer the Restaurant/All Alcohol**

**License at 6 Nipmuc Drive from Rouleau & Son, Inc. d/b/a Myriad Ballroom to Imperial Ballroom LLC pending receipt of a positive routing slip and to approve Sharon Santucci as manager of the establishment. The motion carried unanimously.**

Chief Horn and Andrea Bicki joined the Selectmen. Chief Horn received 465 resumes for the Public Safety Administrative Assistant. A committee evaluated and narrowed the choices down to 17. They were evaluated and scored. Andrea Bicki came out number one. She was the City Clerk for the City of Woonsocket. A new mayor was elected and brought his own administration. Ms. Bicki ran the law dept and was able to reduce the staff. Sergeant Kurczy said she had the best background check he has ever done.

**Selectman Goddard made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to open the hearing for Mass/Electric/NGRID to install one pullbox over existing underground primary and run new conduit to feed a new development on Strawberry Lane.** Chairman Tinio read the hearing notice. **The motion carried unanimously.** The hearing will continue after discussion regarding the Administrative Assistant.

Chief Horn said he rated the position as a grade 6 step 5 at \$22.64 per hour. He will sacrifice money in other parts of the budget to fit the position into his budget. He will save money on overtime which has been used in the past two years. Finance Committee Chairman Schofield said the Finance Committee hasn't discussed it yet. The original discussion was for a Police Clerk at a grade 5. However, this position is for an Administrative Assistant who would not be eligible to be part of the union because of the confidential classification. Selectman Reil feels the position should be a grade 5.

The National Grid hearing continued. Dana Larson from National Grid approached the board. There were no comments from those in the audience. **Selectman Goddard made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to close the hearing for Mass/Electric/NGRID to install one pullbox over existing underground primary and run new conduit to feed a new development on Strawberry Lane. The motion carried unanimously. Selectman Goddard made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to allow Mass/Electric/NGRID to install one pullbox over existing underground primary and run new conduit to feed a new development on Strawberry Lane. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Schofield joined the Chief and Ms. Bicki. **Selectman Goddard made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to appoint Ms. Andrea M. Bicki to the position of Administrative Assistant for the Department of Public Safety at a grade 5 step 8 with an hourly rate of \$22.69 effective March 24, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Rudden apologized for missing the last meeting. Mr. Rudden requested that the Selectmen approve the ADA Grievance Procedure included in the update he provided. A parking space will be moved to the rear of the Town Hall. Community Preservation funds can be used to repair the walkway. The CPC approved funds for an ADA accessible path at the ball field. Curb strips could be added to the Town Hall parking lot area even though they are not part of ADA requirements. The adjacent area is going to be paved and it is small enough to include. Outstanding items that will still need to be addressed include the new library having visiting exhibits from the Historical Building. A sign (\$50) would need to be put on the front of the building directing them to library. Bathroom fixtures at the Fire Department will still

need to be made accessible (\$1,000). Kevin has been monitoring plans for the new Library. The Senior Center is having a fund drive for an additional handicap accessible door. The new website will show the current version of the transition plan. Chairman Tinio said to have town counsel review the Grievance Procedure.

**Selectman Goddard made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to accept the ADA Grievance Procedure on page 4 of the submitted document pending review from town counsel. The motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Rudden said he will update the new Town Administrator when she starts.

Chief Horn joined the Selectmen to discuss energy use at the old Fire Station. Selectman Reil spoke with Bill McHenry, Green Communities Coordinator and learned there was a 400% energy usage increase last winter. There was an open storm window that could have been causing a problem. Chief said the building is used for tanker and oxygen cascade system. Temperature must be maintained for those items as well as mold control. The Chief is working on another oxygen system that is more cost effective. The system is old which means it is grandfathered and would no longer be allowed if it was moved.

Chief Horn said he modified the Regulations for Second Hand Dealers to be more reasonable. The new dealer is amenable to new regulations. **Selectman Goddard made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to adopt the Rules and Regulations for Second Hand Dealers as presented March 24, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.**

Chief Horn recommended that the BYOB Policy be worded to change wording to Police Officer and not specifically 'Mendon'. Selectman Reil questioned whether the policy's reference to not allowing BYOB at fast food establishments, which are characterized as restaurants with no table service would eliminate Uber Café. *Action: The Chief will review the policy and address the definition of table service. It will be put on the agenda for March 31. Chief Horn will send a revised version electronically before the next meeting.*

**Selectman Goddard made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to grant a Monday through Saturday Entertainment License to Northmen LLC, d/b/a Uber Café, 32 Hastings Street, Suite 101, from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in their café and outdoor patio. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Selectman Goddard made and Chairman Tinio stepped down to second motion to renew the Seasonal Common Victualer, Monday through Saturday and Sunday Automatic Amusement Devices Licenses for Southwick's Wild Animal Farm Inc., d/b/a Southwick's Zoo, 2 Southwick Street & Dawn Phaneuf d/b/a Mendon Driving Range 37 Hastings Street. The motion carried.** Selectman Reil abstained as he works at Southwick's Zoo.

Selectman Goddard informed members about Senate Bill 2019 for net metering which would allow us to proceed with the solar farm. There is a Senate Bill 2030 drafted by National Grid which would slow things down. **Selectman Goddard made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to support Senate Bill 2019. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Selectman Goddard made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to proclaim Tuesday, April 8 as Equal Pay Day. The motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Tinio stepped down to discuss purchasing a replacement printer for Assistant Treasurer/Collector as he owns Worldband. He explained there is an older ink jet printer in the Treasurer/Collector's office as well as in other town offices. He recommends it not be replaced with another ink jet printer. Any ink jet printers should be replaced with a laser printer as the cost-per-print is considerably less. The Assistant Treasurer/Collector's is currently hooked up to a laser jet printer in the office. Selectman agreed they need to consider the entire infrastructure and to keep the set up as is for the short term.

*Action: Chairman Tinio will write the Selectmen's page for the Annual Town Report tonight.*

**Selectman Goddard made and Selectman Reil seconded a motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting Minutes of February 3 (7:00 p.m.), March 10, 2014 and the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2014 not to be released. The motion carried unanimously.**

Members discussed whether they should reconsider their support of the tax classification if Mendon doesn't classify the taxes to be shifted to larger businesses. They agreed that the town doesn't have enough large businesses to carry the tax burden of the small businesses. They do support the concept.

Members agreed to give the higher amount quoted to refinish the Town Hall floors to the CPC for flooring quote.

Members agreed to meet April 7 & 21, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Annual Town Meeting and May 12.

Mr. Schofield joined to discuss FY15 budget for Blackstone Valley Tech. High School. He wrote and sent the warrant article to Diane Willoughby today for the \$2.9 million debt contingent on a Proposition 2.5 debt exclusion and a ballot vote which is contingent on the same. If we do not do that, and the vote passes in other towns, then Mendon students would not be able to use the new facility for legal and protective services, veterinary assisting and engineering. Some Finance Committees and Town Managers in other towns within the district also feel they cannot afford the new debt nor the increase that would occur within the operational budgets. Mr. Schofield explained that there are three parts to BVT's budget. One is the minimal, local contribution, which the Finance Committee agrees is mandatory, \$661,000. The second he considers a gray area which includes transportation, retiree medical and capital expenses, \$84,000. The additional contribution, which is voluntary, was not recommended by the Finance Committee, \$10,801.

The Building Inspector's salary will be discussed at the next meeting. The prior Building Inspector was paid minimally. The current Building Inspector has evaluated the position and the salary isn't compatible. He believes the salary needs to be increased in the future as he doesn't feel anyone could be hired to do the job for the existing salary. Members agreed the new Town Administrator needs to look at all salaries.

**Selectman Reil made and Selectman Goddard seconded a motion to adjourn 9:04 p.m.**  
**The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Willoughby  
Administrative Assistant

Documents Discussed located in 'Administrative Secretary's' Office:  
Memo from Kevin Rudden, ADA Coordinator dated March 24, 2014, Update on ADA Activities  
Equal Pay Day Proclamation  
Letters dated March 24, 2014 to Representative Fernandes & Senator Moore regarding SB2019