



TOWN OF MENDON

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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 04, 2018
Time Called to Order: 7:00 PM
Time Adjourned: 9:00 PM
Location: Town Hall - Main Meeting Room
Meeting Chair: Mike Merolli
Recorder: Jeanne Davoren

<u>Member:</u>	<u>Present</u> ¹	<u>Remote</u> ²	<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Remote</u>
Mike Merolli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Norm Round	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brian Guzman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heather Allcock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Ammendolia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	John Hodgins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeanne Davoren	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nicholas Ciantra	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Topic Name	<u>Approval of Minutes</u> None approved
Summary:	
Decisions Made:	
Actions to be Taken:	
Related Documents or Exhibits:	

¹ If "Present" contains an "x" that person was physically present.

² If "Remote" contains an "x" that person participated remotely according to 940 CMR 29.10(5) a through e as approved by the Meeting Chair.

Topic Name:	FY2019 Budget Review
Summary:	Town Admin Kim reviews each Department budget and explains any changes which have been made since our last review. One of the changes is in the Con Com Budget leaving omitting \$ for weed control since there had been a donation this year to cover that. While discussing this, Chairman Merolli brought up the subject of the police presence in schools and how we can better improve that to protect our children. Chairman Merolli plans to stand up at Town Meeting and propose that we take the money that we have in the “levy headroom” and increase the police presence at the schools by having two police resource officers instead of the current one (one at each school). This would be at a cost of \$64K for the addtioanl officer, plus \$2000 for his/her training, plus \$4000/yr for annual training for both officers. Mike will look for a vote from the town to add this to the police budget and weigh in on this as a serious plan to protect our children.
Decisions Made:	
Actions to be Taken:	
Related Documents or Exhibits:	

Topic Name:	Additional Discussion about spending
Summary:	Chairman Mike speaks to the issue of having this additional levy headroom of \$123,000 and why the decision hasn’t been made to spend it on the weed control and for an additional school resource officer so that there can be one officer in each school, or for spending it on maintenance for several places in town. There was added discussion about this issue and there will be more discussion at the next meeting. Kevin Rudden clarifies “levy headroom” should actually be referred to as excess levy capacity. Levy headroom was a term coined by one of the Selectmen.
Decisions Made:	
Actions to be Taken:	
Related Documents or Exhibits:	

Topic Name:	Library Budget
Summary:	Kim reminds us that the request to make the part time children’s librarian to full time cannot go in the budget this year, but Kim wants to be sure we know that when the Library people come in next year they don’t want it to look like it’s a brand new idea. Kim just reminds us that she is advocating for them and told them she would do so.
Decisions Made:	
Actions to be Taken:	
Related Documents or Exhibits:	