



TOWN OF MENDON

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Mike Ammendolia
Brian Guzman
Norm Round
Heather Alcock

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2015
Time Called to Order: 7:00 PM
Time Adjourned: 9:45 PM
Location: Town Hall - Main Meeting Room
Meeting Chair: Chris Burke
Recorder: Jeanne Davoren

<u>Member:</u>	<u>Present</u> ¹	<u>Remote</u> ²	<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Remote</u>
Chris Burke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Ammendolia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brian Guzman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Merolli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Willem Angenent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Norm Round	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeanne Davoren	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heather Alcock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Topic Name:	Approval of Minutes
Summary:	Mike M moved, seconded by Mike A to approve minutes of February 4, 2015.
Decisions Made:	VA, Willhem abstained
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:	Mendon Upton Regional School Budget Dr. Joe Maruschek
Summary:	<p>Dr Maruschek presents a summary of his five year Strategic Plan, outlining the key Ideas and also ideas from feedback from the parents and a community surveys. He remarks that we should think about if the school budget is based on budget or need. Budget average increase over several years is approximately 1.7%. Average class size is 21.5 students per class. Salary increase projected for FY16 is \$690,000 or 1.25 to 1.75% Employee Benefits is 3.55%inc Transportation increase is 8%, etc.</p> <p>Other consideration is for increasing the Business Manager position from part time to full time with an increase of \$42,000 to \$95,000. Dr M reviews his recommendation and the reasoning for this request.</p> <p>In summary the FY16 Proposed Budget “asks” for the Mendon Upton School is \$32,064,248 which is an increase of \$2,138,928 or a 7.15% increase. Chairman Chris asks Dr M to speak to what will happen should Mendon NOT be able to fund the school in this upcoming fiscal year. Dr. M says it is his job to get the school budget to meet the demands of the education of the students, Chris asks what he can cut out, Dr M says he will put together some options of other ways to adjust and or fund the suggested asks although it will be difficult to get to a level funded budget. He does not want to see the school budget funded at the expense of other services.</p> <p>Mr. Mike Watson speaks to the spending of the school budget and the annual increases and the reasons for the increases.</p>
Decisions Made:	
Actions to be Taken:	
Related Documents or Exhibits:	

Topic Name:	Conservation Commission Damian Tinio
Summary:	This department is asking for a 76% increase in their budget. But Con Com member Peter Coffin explains that a new law has come into effect saying that Con Com can now charge a fee to developers for their work, fees which we have missed out on in the past. Maybe this revenue can help substantiate paying more money in salary for a clerk who can do more, and therefore upgrade her to more hours.
Decisions Made:	Chris explains the shortfall we are facing for all the departments. He pointed out that the Con Com should do their homework and get all the information regarding this new law and how it works, so this fee structure can be brought forth.
Actions to be Taken:	
Related Documents or Exhibits:	

Topic Name:	Planning of upcoming Meetings
Summary:	<p>Jeanne will post march Meetings for March 4, 11, 18.</p> <p>March 4th meeting will begin at 6:30 and go later than usual as STM warrant will be reviewed with Kim, Town Administrator so that each article is clearly understood by Fin Com.</p>
Decisions Made:	
Actions to be Taken:	
Related Documents or Exhibits:	