



# TOWN OF MENDON

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**Notice of Meeting**  
**April 18, 2019**  
**Mendon Town Hall**  
**6:00 PM**

**Board Members**  
**Mark W. Reil, Jr., Chairman**  
**Christopher Burke**

## **Meeting** **Minutes**

At 6:00 PM a regular Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order. Present: Mark Reil, Chris Burke, Kim Newman and Laura St.John-Dupuis.

### **Correspondence to the Board**

#### **a) Consider Economic Development Committee's Request for Support to Repeal Tax on Farm Animal and Equipment**

Mr. Merolli addressed the Board requesting support to repeal the tax on farm animals and equipment. Mr. Merolli stated that since Mendon is a right to farm town, having this tax sends a contradictory message. Mr. Reil and Mr. Burke stated that they will support this, however Town Counsel will have to provide the ballot language and the Board will vote to approve.

#### **b) Consider allowing the Lions Club to Hold a Toll Road May 11, 2019, 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM**

Mr. Burke made a motion to allow the Lions Club to Hold a Toll Road May 11, 2019, 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Step down second by Mr. Reil. The motion passed.

#### **c) Consider allowing parking on Lot 3 North Avenue & Lots 6 & 20 Milford Street & Fee Waivers for the Lions Club Circus on July 15, 2019.**

Mr. Burke made a motion to parking on Lot 3 North Avenue & Lots 6 & 20 Milford Street & Fee Waivers for the Lions Club Circus on July 15, 2019. Step down second by Mr. Reil. The motion passed.

### **Discuss Electricity Aggregation**

Mr. Mark Cappadonna and Ms. Denise Allard of Colonial Power Group addressed the Board. Mr. Cappadonna presented an aggregation plan that would need to be made public and asked the Board to approve an aggregation plan.

Mr. Burke made a motion to approve a Community Choice Power Supply Program Aggregation Plan. Second by Mr. Reil. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Economic Development Committee Update**

Mr. Tom Merolli, Chair of Economic Development Committee provided an update on what EDC is working on currently. The repeal of the farm/tax, a Blackstone valley restaurant week for the first few weeks in June. Open for Business Breakfast May 15<sup>th</sup> 8:30 – 10am. Guests and business owners. New project undertaking, to create a routing slip type so that the process is more streamlined.

**Interview and Consider the appointment of Todd Gleason to the Economic Development Committee.- This item was passed over.**

## **Consider Renewal and Extending Cable Licenses- Verizon and Comcast**

Cable Attorney, Bill Solomon addressed the Board regarding renewals of both the Verizon and Comcast cable licenses. Mr. Solomon is working on getting these licenses renewed, however things are taking longer than expected and he will send a summary of the key license parts to the Town Administrator.

Mr. Burke made to approve the extension Verizon Cable License to May 31, 2019. Second by Mr. Reil. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Burke made a motion for the extension of the Verizon New England Cable License between the Town of Mendon, MA and Verizon New England to May 31, 2019.

**Consider the Request of ZBA to retain Jason R. Talerman of Mead, Talerman & Costa, LLC for legal services.** This will be followed up on at the 5/3/19 ATM as more information is required.

## **Consider Signing the Annual Town Election Warrant**

Mr. Burke made a motion to sign the Annual Town Election Warrant. Second by Mr. Reil. The motion passed.

## **Discuss Marijuana Host Agreement**

Mr. Reil stated that Town Counsel sent draft language for Marijuana Host Agreements just prior to this meeting. At this point the Town Administrator, Police Chief, Fire Chief and Selectmen will need to review the document and move forward.

7 PM Attend ZBA Public Hearing -147 Hartford Ave East

## **Other Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours Prior to Meeting**

Ms. Newman stated that Fin Com voted to approve the bottom line of the budget, there was a change that did not affect the bottom line. There will be a more money into Fin Com Reserve.

Mr. Burke made a motion to accept the budget as amended. Second by Mr. Reil. The motion passed.

Ms. Jayne Lowell, member of the Local Historic District Commission has asked when the Local Historic District Commission will have its membership complete as It is long overdue. Mr. Burke stated that if there are candidates that are interested to send a letter of interest so that the Board can appoint these members to the committee.

## **Adjournment**

Mr. Burke made a motion to adjourn. Second by Mr. Reil. The motion passed.

Submitted by Laura St.John Dupuis

Approved