



TOWN OF MENDON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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Notice of Meeting

**June 17, 2019
Mendon Town Hall
6:30 PM**

Board Members

**Christopher Burke, Chairman
Mark W. Reil Jr.
Lawney Tinio**

Meeting Minutes

At 6:31 PM a regular Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order. Present: Chris Burke, Mark Reil, Lawney Tinio, Kim Newman and Laura St.John-Dupuis.

Mr. Burke let the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes for Approval

- 2/7/19
- 3/6/19
- 3/25/19

Mr. Reil made a motion to the approve the regular session meeting minutes of 2/7/19, 3/6/19 and 3/25/19. Second by Mr. Tinio. The motion passed unanimously.

Police Station Building Committee Update and Request to consider NGRID Easement Document for 22 Main Street

Mr. Don Morin, Police Station Building Committee Secretary provided an update to the Board of Selectmen. He stated that the interior is complete, slabs were poured last Friday, he further commented that the general contractor is about 1 week behind the original schedule and believes he can make up this time. Mr. Morin stated that progress pictures are being posted on the webpage and that the budget is doing fine.

Mr. Morin asked the Board to sign the NGRID Easement document for 22 Main Street Police Station power.

Mr. Reil made a motion to sign the NGRID Easement document for 22 Main Street Police Station Building. Second by Mr. Tino. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Request from Bay State Trail Riders Associates Inc. to hold a ride on June 30th out of Inman Hill Road at 8:30 AM

Mr. Reil made a motion to approve the request of Bay State Trail Riders Associates Inc. to hold a ride on June 30th out of Inman Hill Road from 8:30 AM to 3 PM. Second by Mr. Tinio. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Appointing Detective Donald Blanchette to the Administrative Position of Detective Sergeant.

Police Chief Kurczy provided a brief history of Detective Donald Blanchette's career over the last 30 years. Chief Kurczy stated that Donald Blanchette has been a detective for the past 6 years and has done very well. Chief Kurczy supports and recommends this appointment and also stated that the Police

Union wrote a letter of support and read the letter aloud. The letter was signed by the Police Union President Pichel and Vice President Pokornicki.

Mr. Tinio stated that he is in support of this appointment.

Mr. Reil stated that he supports the Police Chief as well as every officer of the Department but unfortunately cannot ignore the past. It kills him to be opposed to this promotion.

Mr. Burke asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments.

Mr. Burke stated that he supports our Police Chief 100% and stated that Chief Kurczy has a good vision for the department and trusts his judgement on this. Mr. Burke further stated that Detective Blanchette has held his head high and continued with the Explorer Program and done it with the utmost professionalism and for that reason he supports this appointment.

Mr. Tinio made a motion to appoint Detective Donald Blanchette to the Administrative Position of Detective Sergeant. The motion was opposed by Mr. Reil. The motion passed 2-1.

Consider the Appointment of Lindsay Kelley as a Per Diem EMT-Basic for the Fire Department

Mr. Reil made a motion to appoint Lindsay Kelley as a Per Diem EMT-Basic for the Fire Department. Second by Mr. Tinio. The motion passed unanimously.

Interview/ Consider the appointment of Shannon Elliott to the Mendon Cultural Council

Ms. Elliot addressed the Board and explained that her kids are grown and that they are no longer in Boy Scouts and feels she would be an asset to the Cultural Council.

Mr. Reil made a motion to appoint Shannon Elliott to the Mendon Cultural Council for a term to expire June 30, 2022. Second by Mr. Tinio. The motion passed unanimously.

Interview/Consider the appointment of Tom Merolli to ZBA

Mr. Burke stated that is on the coattail of Mr. Tinio's inability to stay on the ZBA as he is now on the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen have interviewing all of the candidates who apply to be on various boards and committees. Ms. Newman stated that we need to advertise all openings. Mr. Merolli stated that he absolutely wants to follow the process. Ms. Newman stated that Mr. Merolli should go before the ZBA.

Consider the appointment of a BOS member to Community Preservation Committee

Mr. Reil made a motion to appoint Board of Selectmen member, Lawney Tinio as a member at Large to the Community Preservation Committee for a term to expire May 11, 2020. Step down second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Temporary Trailer Permit for 138 Blackstone Street

Ms. Loriann Braza, Zoning Enforcement Officer addressed the Board and stated that there currently there is no permit with the Building Department or with the Board of Health. There was a building permit that was not acted on in 2016 and that has become null and void.

Mr. Burke stated this item will be postponed until the Building Permit and the permit with the Board of Health has been pulled.

Discuss 3 and 13 Main Street Properties- Historical Society

Dan Byer addressed the Board stating that the Historical Society would like to have the property and the National Grid bills to go back into the Town's name. Mr. Byer stated that he would do the digging to find out who owns the buildings at 3 and 13 Main Street as neither of the property cards do not show that.

Mr. Tinio stated he assumed these buildings are the Town owned and would err on the side of caution and that the Town will need to make repairs to make sure nothing happens to these buildings.

Mrs. Lowell stated that there should be some water remediation. There is a sump pump in the record room, and we replaced the roof of some buildings. They are inefficient and do not work.

Ms. Byer stated that the Town Clerk used to work in the records room. She thinks the Town owns the building. In the museum there is the Town's weights and measures cabinet.

Mr. Burke asked Ms. Newman about insurance for the buildings. Ms. Newman stated that if we are using the buildings for storage that is fine, then it is not considered vacant building.

Mr. Byer stated that in 1889 the building was gifted at Town Meeting. Ms. Newman wondered if it was gifted and not formally accepted.

Mrs. Lowell, water remediation needs to be now, and it had gotten worse and not sure why.

Mr. Burke stated that we have not budgeted any money for the repairs. Mr. Tinio stated that he can bring this to a CPC meeting once we have a list of repairs.

Mrs. Kathy Schofield stated that there was a structural study done on both locations a couple weeks ago. That information would be important.

Mr. Burke stated that we can ask the Historical Commission to take a look at it. There is nothing we can do about it until the November Town Meeting.

Ms. Newman stated that CPC can spend up to \$10k administratively.

Mr. Tinio asked Mrs. Schofield to send her records to all of the BOS members.

Mr. Byer will send the National Grid Electric bills to the BOS Executive Assistant Secretary, Laura St. John-Dupuis to have transferred to the Town of Mendon.

Housing Production Plan Update

Mr. Bill McHenry (Housing Coordinator) stated that the Planning Board has adopted the housing production plan. It would be an advantage for us to have a plan with the DHCD (Department of Housing and Community Development), it gives the town some input for 40B's.

Mr. Tino stated that Zoning has 1 comprehensive permit coming in for a 40B. the Planning Board is doing some give back with 2 affordable homes. This is also helpful to that cause for the goodwill of the Town and it is a step in the right direction.

Mr. Bill Ambrosino of the Planning Board stated that it is going to be hard for a Town like Mendon to get to the 10% threshold but as we are working to this and the DHCD wants to see effort. Having Bill McHenry in his position as Housing Coordinator is a big help to the Town and the DHCD.

Mr. Reil made a motion to accept the Housing Production Plan. Second by Mr. Tinio. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Voting to Exempt L. Tinio from the Provisions of MGL 268A, S. 20. Code of Ethics for Worldband

Mr. Tinio abstained.

Mr. Reil made a motion to exempt Lawney Tinio, Tinio Consulting, Inc. DBA Worldband as from the Provisions of MGL Ch 261A Section 20. Code of Ethics. Step down second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Water Supply

Not all members of the Water Board were in attendance, the item was passed over.

Discuss Marijuana Host Agreement

Town Counsel, Cindy Amara addressed the Board regarding the draft marijuana host agreement between the Town of Mendon and Green Era LLC. Atty Amara mentioned there were some comments the couple of small changes from the draft.

Mr. Burke stated he is in favor of approving the agreement with the changes and that it can be adjusted later.

Mr. Reil made a motion to approve the Marijuana Host Agreement between the Town of Mendon and Green Tea Era LLC. Second by Mr. Tinio. The motion passed unanimously.

** The Board of Selectmen amended their motion to have the Town Administrator, Kimberly Newman to sign the Host agreement with Green Tea Era LLC. Second by Mr. Tinio. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider 1 Year Appointments

Mr. Reil made a motion to make the following one-year appointments to expire on June 30, 2020. Second by Mr. Tinio. The motion passed unanimously.

ADA Coordinator –Kevin Rudden
Affordable Housing Coordinator- William McHenry
Building Inspector- Timothy Aicardi
Building Inspector-Assistant - John Erickson
CMRPC-Planning William Ambrosino
Custodian Soldiers & Sailors Graves-Robin Fletcher
Election Warden-Kathryn Rich
Election Warden-Deputy- Nancy Fleury
Emergency Management Director-David Kurczy
Insurance Advisory Committee- Margaret Tetreault
Municipal Hearings Officer- Jean Berthold
Master Plan Committee- Bill Ambrosino
Chief Procurement Officer-Kimberly Newman

Highway Procurement Officer-Alan Tetreault
Town Counsel-Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP
Veterans' Agent-Robin Fletcher
Veteran's Burial Agent-Robin Fletcher
Wiring Inspector-Jack Grenga
Wiring Inspector, Assistant- Albert Jones
ZBA-alternate-Shirley Grant

Consider 3 Year Appointments

Mr. Reil made a motion to make the following 3-year appointments to expire, June 30, 2022. Second by Mr. Tinio. The motion passed unanimously.

Three Year Appointments

Agricultural Committee
Peter Hawkes
Jane Belleville
Peter Denton
Capital Planning Committee
Matthew O'Brien
Jay Byer
Conservation Commission
Peter Coffin
Timothy Aicardi
Economic Development Committee
Anne Mazar
Tom Merolli
Seth Shufro – Non-Voting Member
Kim Newman- Non-Voting Member/ Town Administrator
Bill Ambrosino- Non-Voting Member/ Planning Board Chair
Finance Committee
Jack Hodgins
Nicholas Ciantra
Norman Round
Historical Commission
Tom Merolli
Land Use Commission
Peter Coffin- Con Com Rep
Barry Iadarola- Planning Rep
Anne Mazar
Local Historic District Committee
Janice Muldoon-Moors
Taxation Aid Committee
B. Joyce Gilmore
Town Forest Committee
Susan Barnett
Zoning Board of Appeals
James Carty

Consider Seasonal Renewal of Hawker, Peddler Transient License for S&C Flowers- Lamberts 1 Cape Road

Mr. Reil made a motion to approve the renewal of the Seasonal Hawker, Peddler Transient License for S&C Flower/Lamberts at 1 Cape Road. Second by Mr. Tinio. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider End of Year Transfers

Ms. Newman explained the transfers that she would like approval.

Mr. Reil made a motion to approve End of the Year Transfers as presented. Second by Mr. Tinio. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Police Compensatory time in the Police Contract

Chief Kurczy stated that he has excess in the Police Department salary line item. Several officers have excess compensation time. He further stated that the Union would allow compensatory time to be paid out. The Treasury will not pay this out until the Board votes to approve this.

Mr. Reil made a motion to approve payment of Compensatory Time for the Police Department per section 4.2 of the Police Union contract. Second by Mr. Tinio. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Upcoming Meeting Dates

Next Board of Selectmen meeting will be Monday, July 15th.

Executive Session- Purpose 2 for Executive Session, M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel- Library Director-contract.

** Executive Session has been tabled. The Library Director is unavailable.

Adjournment

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

Submitted by Laura St.John-Dupuis