



# TOWN OF MENDON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
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**Notice of Meeting**  
**September 10, 2019**  
**Mendon Town Hall**  
**6:30 PM**

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

**Board of Selectmen**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 10, 2019**

At 6:36 PM a Regular Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order. Present: Christopher Burke, Mark Reil, Lawney Tinio, Kim Newman and Laura St. John-Dupuis

Mr. Burke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Correspondence to the Board**

Mr. Tom Merolli sent correspondence to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Merolli addressed the Board stating that he would like to see the following items on the Special Town Meeting Warrant on November 20, 2019.

- Change the name from of the Board from "Board of Selectmen" to "Select Board"
- Expansion of the Board of Selectmen from 3 to 5 people
- Establish a policy requiring all Board/Committee meetings to be taped

Mr. Burke stated that the Board will have to look at all aspects of the correspondence that Mr. Merolli submitted.

Mr. Reil stated that in his opinion, the recording of meetings is a good idea and having access to those recordings can be helpful to the community.

Mr. Tinio stated that the recording piece is something that was discussed in the past. Budgetary limitations will need to be looked at as well as meeting room availability. If the BOS will be requiring it, the only place we can have it is here in the upper town hall meeting room. The other factor, if it's a simple webcam that is easier, than having to have an understanding of how to run the recording system. These hurdles need to be overcome before we say we require this. In addition, Mr. Tinio also stated he would disagree with the 5-member board and the Board name change.

Ms. Newman advised that this idea has been looked at in the past. The spacing was a problem. An easy change is to start asking Boards/Committees to have their meetings here in the upper town hall meeting room. The lower part of the library was designed to eventually tape their meetings.

Mr. Burke stated he concerned about having volunteers to tape meetings as the BOS cannot require people to volunteer. He would like to see some sort of proposal on what this is supposed to look like. As we need a plan before we can have a policy.

Mr. Merolli, asked if the BOS would put the items he is requesting on a further agenda before the STM warrant closes on 10/3/19.

Mr. Burke stated that he would like to digest this a little bit and can't see why we would not want to talk about it further.

### **Consider Participating in the MA Ambulance CPE Program**

Chief Kessler addressed the Board describing the CPE program which allows a larger payout of money for ambulance services for patients who have Mass Health. Chief Kessler estimates that Mendon can get reimbursed up to \$5K per year by signing up for this program.

Mr. Burke asked how much personnel time this would take and if we are not happy can we get out of the program. Chief Kessler stated that it takes about 3 to 4 days annually to manage the program working with accounting and the online system. Chief Kessler did indicate that the Town can get out of the agreement if we are unhappy.

Chief Kessler stated that enrollment would take place in October.

Mr. Reil made a motion to participate in the MA Ambulance CPE Program. Second by Mr. Tinio. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Discuss PILOT Agreement**

Patrick Kay from Bluewave addressed the Board regarding a PILOT agreement located at 35 Cape Road. Currently, Bluewave is looking to put the finishing touches on the project.

Ms. Newman stated that currently Mendon has 3 PILOT Agreements and we will need to go to Town Meeting to get authorization from the Town as this is a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT). Ms. Newman and Town Council, will work on the language that has been required in the past. We need to go to STM on 11/20 and agree to the numbers once we get there.

Mr. Burke asked if Bluewave has to go to a ZBA meeting. Ms. Newman stated that Bluewave has to go through the permitting process.

Ms. Newman also asked for Mr. Kay to have someone from Bluewave be present at the 11/20 Special Town Meeting for any questions that arise from the residents. Mr. Kay stated there would be a representative at the Town Meeting 11/20/19.

### **Interview and Consider the Appointment of Anthony Genna to the Economic Development Committee**

Mr. Reil made a motion to appoint Anthony Genna to the Economic Development Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2021. Second by Mr. Tinio. The motion passed unanimously.

**Consider Appointment of Candidate to the Municipal Clerk Position –** This item was tabled.

**Consider Amending the Date for the Special One Day Beer and Wine License for Brothers of the Brush-Mendon Fest to Saturday, September 28, 2019.-** This item was tabled, the event has been postponed until 2020.

**Consider allowing North Ave for the purposes of parking for the Mendonfest event on Saturday, September 28, 2019.** This item was tabled, event has been postponed until 2020.

**Consider Chapter 90 Reimbursements-Asylum Street, Blackstone Street and Park Street**

Mr. Reil made a motion to approve Chapter 90 Reimbursements for Asylum Street in the amount of \$114,170.95, Blackstone Street in the amount of \$201,886.52 and Park Street in the amount of \$75,348.00. Second by Mr. Tinio. The motion passed unanimously.

**Discuss Trackless Snow Blower- Alan Tetreault will be in attendance**

Mr. Tetreault addressed the Board and stated that he wanted to look into the lease purchase of a snowblower with a mower attachment as a replacement for the 1983 tractor the Highway Department is currently using. Mr. Tetreault provided pricing in the amount of \$172,815. Mr. Tetreault added that he just spent \$8k in repairs in order to finish mowing this year.

Mr. Tinio asked what other attachments were offered. Mr. Tetreault stated there was a sweeper.

Ms. Newman indicated that this request will need to be brought to the Finance Committee and CPC should be looking at this as well and the Finance Committee, as was done last year when the Fire Chief had made a request for an ambulance.

Mr. Tetreault agreed to obtain pricing, financing, interest rates and terms as well as costs for additional attachments. This will be discussed again at the next BOS meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup> as a possible STM warrant article.

**Discuss Request to Change Animal Control Bylaw**

Ellen Agro, Town Clerk, addressed the Board requesting acceptance of provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 22 F and then to change the bylaw to remove the fee wording. This provision will amend the dog fees in the current Town bylaws. Ms. Agro stated that she feels the Town is not charging enough for dog fees as the current fees have been in place for over 30 years. Ms. Agro proposed going from \$6 for spayed and neutered to \$10 and to extend late fees from \$10 to \$15. Ms. Agro asked the BOS to support a change in the bylaws and change the fees.

Mr. Burke stated that he likes the idea of the BOS setting the rates and that it is a good proposal.

Ms. Agro stated adopting this bylaw will give the Town authority to set their own fees and will supersede anything in the bylaws.

### **Discuss Proposals for Town Owned Properties RFP**

Ms. Newman stated that she spoke to the Board earlier this year about having town owned properties. The Board requested that an RFP was advertised for a commercial realtor to undertake this. An RFP was advertised in July, there were no proposals submitted. Ms. Newman stated that she would like to hire Commercial realtor Keller William to value the property and discuss possibilities. Keller William has a Municipal Division they can get these properties valuated.

**Executive Session-Purpose 3, M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining- Mendon Fire – This item was tabled.**

**Executive Session-Purpose 3, M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigation position.  
Litigation update- Walckner**

**Executive Session-Purpose 2, M.G.L. c.30A (a)(2) to discuss strategy in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel- Treasurer/Collector**

Mr. Burke made a motion to enter into Executive Session Under Purposes 2 and 3 of M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(2) and (a)(3) to discuss strategy in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel- Treasurer/Collector. The Board will reconvene for the purposes of adjournment. Second by Mr. Reil. The motion passed unanimously.

By roll call vote: Burke- Aye, Reil-Aye, Tinio-Aye.

### **Adjournment**

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

Submitted by Laura St.John-Dupuis

Approved: October 1, 2019