



TOWN OF MENDON

SELECT BOARD

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Notice of Meeting

May 12, 2021

6:00 PM-REMOTE

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Board Members

Mark W. Reil Jr., Chairman

Christopher Burke

Lawney Tinio

Meeting

Minutes

At 6pm a regular Select Board meeting was called to order. Present: Mark Reil, Chris Burke, Lawney Tinio, Kim Newman and Laura St.John-Dupuis. Ms. St.John-Dupuis read the introduction to the meeting. Mr. Reil provided the ground rules.

Citizen Statements and Petitions

Mr. Reil thanked Chris Burke for being a Select Board member and his service to the Town of Mendon.

Correspondence to the Board

Consider request to hang a "Solarize Mendon" banner at the Town Hall

Mr. Burke made a motion to authorize Anne Mazar to hang a "Solarize Mendon" banner on the side railing of Town Hall, until June 15, 2021. Second by Mr. Tinio. The motion passed unanimously.

Roll call vote: Reil-Aye, Tinio-Aye, Burke-Aye.

Discuss/Consider Street Names for 29 Hartford Avenue West Subdivision and Consider Request to Name Street at 29 Hartford Avenue West Subdivision.

Mr. Burke made a motion approve the name Brackett Road for the 29 Hartford Ave West Subdivision. Second by Mr. Tinio. The motion passed unanimously.

Roll call vote: Reil-Aye, Tinio-Aye, Burke-Aye.

Reopening Town Hall Offices

Mr. Burke made a motion to reopen Town Hall Offices on Monday, May 17, 2021. Second by Mr. Tinio.

Roll call vote: Reil-Aye, Tinio-Aye, Burke-Aye.

7 PM Attend Board of Health Meeting

The Select Board adjourned to attend the Board of Health Meeting at 7pm.

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Discuss Creating a Town Newsletter

Mr. Reil suggested that he would like a quarterly Town Newsletter published on the Town's webpage in order to create more communication between boards and committees and the public. Mr. Reil stated he didn't feel that created a Facebook page was prudent. Mr. Burke agreed that a Town Newsletter would be a good mechanism for the public to be informed and involved. Mr. Tinio stated he feels this is a great idea. Town Counsel feels having printed copies of the newsletter available at the Sr. Center, Tax Collector's Office and Town Clerk's office.

Mr. Reil asked Ms. Newman if she had thoughts about a newsletter as she will be driving this. Ms. Newman asked to what extend are we asking or requiring these Boards to submit. We want these to look as professional as possible. We have to drill down to exactly what we are looking for. Mr. Reil he's not saying every board has to submit, its more about is there any information you want to get out and what is important. This can be a 1 page or double side document with short descriptions and articles of what we are doing. Ms. Newman sees a bullet style and she will look at different examples and see what times frame makes the most sense. Mr. Reil asked for this item to be continued to the next Select Board meeting.

Other Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 hours prior to Meeting

Consider Accepting a Donation on Behalf of the Town, per M.G.L. c.44 Section 53A for Open Space Maintenance at the Meadow Brook Uplands Conservation Area.

Mr. Burke made a motion to accept a Donation made by Douglas and Elizabeth Weeks on Behalf of the Town, per M.G.L. c.44 Section 53A for Open Space Maintenance at the Meadow Brook Uplands Conservation Area. Second by Mr. Tinio motion passed unanimously. Roll Call vote: Reil-Aye, Burke-Aye, Tinio-Aye

Political Sign infractions

Mr. Reil stated that there have been a couple of complaints regarding infractions of multiple signs on lots. Mr. Reil and he spoke to Ms. Newman and Ms. Amara (Town Counsel) regarding these infractions. It has been determined that a letter has to be sent to the property owner. Ms. Amara stated that the Building Department needs to enforce the sign bylaws and has to be enforced evenly equally and it is important that the Town doesn't unilaterally go onto personal property and remove someone's personal property.

Mr. Tinio stated he would like to see future discussion with the Building Department regarding the sign bylaw. Mr. Reil feels we need to address this bylaw and make some adjustments. Mr. Reil has asked the Planning Board about this in the past and feels the Board should ask again. And it really is a Planning Board item and he has asked the Planning Board to address and suggests the Select Board ask the Planning Board again to discuss with the Select Board.

Executive Session -Purpose 3, M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3): To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Mendon Town Hall Union Local 272, Mendon Highway Department Union Local 272, Mass. Coalition of Police Union AFL-CIO Local 188.

Mr. Reil made a motion to enter in to Executive Session -Purpose 3, M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3): To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Mendon Town Hall Union Local 272, Mendon Highway Department Union Local 272, Mass. Coalition of Police Union AFL-CIO Local 188. To discuss in open session may be detrimental to bargaining. Second by Mr. Tinio. The motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote, Reil- Aye, Burke-Aye, Tinio-Aye.

Mr. Tinio made a motion to exit Executive Session. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Roll Call Vote, Reil- Aye, Burke-Aye, Tinio-Aye.

Submitted by Laura St.John-Dupuis