



# TOWN OF MENDON

## SELECT BOARD

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### **Notice of Meeting**

**February 2, 2022**

**6:00 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting**

Microsoft Teams meeting

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### **Board Members**

**Mark W. Reil Jr., Chairman**

**Lawney Tinio**

**Michael Merolli**

### **Meeting**

### **Minutes**

At 6:03 a hybrid Select Board meeting was called to order. Present: Mark Reil, Lawney Tinio, Michael Merolli, Kim Newman and Laura St.John-Dupuis.

Mr. Reil led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Merolli wanted to recognize the service of former Police Officer Joe Bishop who recently passed away.

### **Citizen's Statements and Petition- Mailbox Replacement Policy**

Mr. Matthey, 3 Daniels Road stated he spoke to Alan Tetreault regarding damage sustained to his mailbox during a recent storm. He was advised by Mr. Tetreault that the Town of Mendon's mailbox policy is to not replace or reimburse for damaged mailboxes. Mr. Matthey stated he would like to see a policy offering some type of reimbursement. Reil stated that maybe we should start look at surrounding Towns to see how they handle these situations and that the state has a policy for some compensation and we will take a look at this moving forward.

### **Discuss RFP for Morrison Drive and Milford Street**

Mr. Hunter, Planner addressed the Board stating that he has been getting interested in the Milford Street site and the Morrison Drive locations, there was some interest from an abutter and non-abutter for the Morrison Drive parcel. Mr. Hunter would like to see if there is any interest for either property and advertise an RFP and if there is interest come to Town Meeting if the Board chooses to pursue. The Select Board agreed.

### **Discuss Water Study**

Mr. Hunter stated he attended a Water Board meeting to introduce himself and talk about the possibility of obtaining a water and sewer study as the Town has received an earmark of \$150K. Mr. Hunter would like to apply for a grant and estimates the Town will need \$300K for the study and advised that ARPA funds can be used for these types of things. In addition, he submitted to the Blackstone Chamber of Commerce for a water study as the Chamber of Commerce is offering funds.

### **Discuss Roosters with Animal Control Officer**

Mr. Kevin Sullivan, Animal Control Officer, addressed the Board stating that currently the Town does not have a bylaw pertaining to roosters. Quite a few Towns are banning roosters as a rooster can crow at almost a higher decibel as a jet plane. Mr. Sullivan stated that Blackstone and Millville both have no roosters allowed. Uxbridge amended their bylaws to not allow roosters at all.

Mr. Reil asked Town Counsel what the Town can do. Ms. Amara stated that if any animal is creating a nuisance a noise complaint that be made to the Police Department. The Town of Mendon needs to look and see what makes sense for a bylaw, it is a matter of how big of a problem this is and what the Town ultimately wants to do.

The Select Board agreed that Mr. Sullivan should speak to the neighbor who has the rooster and try to resolve this issue. If this cannot be resolved. The Select Board will invite them to an upcoming Board meeting to discuss.

**6:30 PM Public Hearing Continued- Showtime Entertainment, 49 Milford Street, Alteration of Premises to Existing Alcohol License and Amendment to Existing Adult Entertainment License**

Mr. Tinio Read Public Hearing Notice

The Mendon Select Board will hold a public hearing in the Upper Town Hall Meeting Room, 20 Main Street, Mendon, MA on the 28th Day of September 2021 at 7:00 p.m., to consider an application for the alteration of premises for an existing Annual General On-Premises All Alcoholic Beverages license and to amend the existing Adult Entertainment license for Showtime Entertainment LLC, George Funari, 49 Milford Street Mendon, MA 01756 under MGL Ch. 138, Section 12. This hearing was continued to 12/1/21 and then to 2/2/22. Public comment will be heard.

Mr. Tinio made a motion to open the Public Hearing, to consider and application for the alteration of premises for an existing Annual General On-Premises All Alcoholic Beverages license and to amend an existing Adult Entertainment license for Showtime Entertainment LLC, George Funari, 49 Milford Street Mendon, MA 01756. Second by Mr. Merolli. The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Lesser, representing Showtime Entertainment LLC, stated that he came before the Select Board in December, an updated traffic study was requested at that time. The traffic study was done and submitted to the Select Board. The study does not show there to be a problem with traffic after 6 PM.

Mr. Tinio made a motion to close the public hearing. Second by Mr. Merolli. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tinio made a motion to approve the alteration of premises application for the existing Annual General On-Premises All Alcoholic Beverages license for Showtime Entertainment LLC, George Funari, 49 Milford Street, Mendon, MA changing the planned establishment from a 2,000 square foot establishment with seating capacity for 74 people to a 4,806 square foot establishment with seating capacity for 165 people and to serve alcohol from 12:00 PM to 1:00 AM also, to amend the existing Adult Entertainment license for Showtime Entertainment LLC, to operate a building larger than 2,000 square feet and taller than 14 feet high, operate before 4:30 PM and serve alcohol. Second by Mr. Merolli. The motion passed unanimously.

**Budget Presentations**

Ms. Newman stated there is a working budget document that will continuously be updated. We are in a unique position with a slight surplus coming into tonight's meeting. Everything they have requested is in the budget in its entirety. There will be six budget presentations tonight. Mr. Tinio is in the process in setting up an online folder for members of the Select Board and Finance Committee to view the live budget document and any supporting paperwork that departments have submitted for their FY23 Budget.

Highway- Mr. Alan Tetreault (Highway Surveyor) presented the FY23 budget

Town Clerk- Ms. Ellen Agro, Town Clerk, presented the Town Clerk FY23 budget.

Library- Mr. Andrew Jenrich, Library Director presented the Town Clerk FY23 budget.

Police Department- Police Chief Kurczy made the Police Department FY23 budget.

Fire Budget – Fire Chief Kessler presented the Fire Department FY23 budget.

Ms. Newman stated there are additional costs related to the town hall well to level out the ground for access to drill the site for the well. McClure engineering is working out what needs to be done. We do have the funding, as the quote came in lower than what was budgeted for.

#### **Consider Renewal of Seasonal Licenses**

- a. George's Surf-N-Turf, 116 Uxbridge Road**
- b. Mendon Driving Range, 37 Hastings Street**

Mr. Tinio made a motion to approve seasonal license renewals for George's Surf-N-Turf, 116 Uxbridge Road and the Mendon Driving Range, 37 Hastings Street. Pending the receipt of positive routing slips. Second by Mr. Merolli. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Open Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

Mr. Tinio made a motion to open warrant for the Annual Town Meeting on May 6, 2022 at 7PM. Second by Mr. Merolli. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Update -Town Newsletter**

Ms. Newman stated that she has a newsletter and anticipates there will be another one prior to Town Meeting.

**Discuss Brothers of the Brush Block Party-** Mr. Tinio stated things are still progressing, working on vendors and music. The Brothers of the Brush meet on Saturday's here at the Town Hall at 2pm.

**Executive Session-Purpose 2, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(2) to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel – Police Chief Contract, Fire Chief Contract and Library Director Contract.**

**Executive Session-Purpose 3, pursuant M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation-Litigation update.**

Mr. Tinio made a motion move to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L. c.30A Sec. 21 Purpose 2, to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel – Police Chief Contract, Fire Chief Contract, Library Director Contract and under Purpose 3 to discuss strategy with respect to litigation-Litigation update. discussion in open session may be detrimental to the bargaining or litigating position. The motion passed unanimously.

By roll call vote: Reil-aye, Tinio-aye, Merolli-Aye

#### **Adjournment**

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

Submitted by Laura St.John-Dupuis