



TOWN OF MENDON

SELECT BOARD

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Notice of Meeting

September 21, 2022

6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

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Board Members

Michael Merolli, Chair

Lawney Tinio, Vice-Chair

Alejna Brugos

Brendan Chenelle

Michael Goddard

Meeting

Minutes

At 6PM a regular Select Board meeting was called to order. Present: Mike Merolli, Lawney Tinio, Brenden Chenelle, Alejna Brugos, Laura St.John-Dupuis. Michael Goddard joined the meeting at 6:35 PM. Absent: Kim Newman.

Correspondence to the Board

a) Senior Citizens Day and Senior of the Year – Kevin Rudden

Mr. Tinio made a motion to proclaim Sunday, September 19, 2022 as Senior Citizen Day and to proclaim Kevin Rudden as Senior Citizen of the Year. Second by Mr. Chenelle. The motion passed unanimously.

Proclamation Awarded to The Senior Citizens of Mendon – Mr. Tinio Read the Proclamation

Whereas: The Town of Mendon is truly blessed with senior citizens who have given of their time and talents to make the Town of Mendon a better place to live and whereas those elder citizens of Mendon represent a wealth of knowledge and understanding and whereas those elder statesmen have offered themselves freely and without compensation in an attempt to improve their community and whereas throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, citizens are gathering to express their thanks to the Seniors of the Commonwealth and to reaffirm the commitment of the Commonwealth and to safeguard the independence and dignity of our elders.

Now therefore, we, the select board of the town of Mendon do hereby proclaim Sunday, the eighteenth day of September in the year two thousand and twenty-two as "senior citizens day" in Mendon, Massachusetts and urge all citizens to express their appreciation and respect to those who have served this town so well throughout their lives. Signed the twenty-first day of September in the year two thousand and twenty-two At Mendon, Massachusetts by the Mendon Select Board

Proclamation Awarded to Senior Citizen of the Year- Kevin Rudden- Mr. Tinio Read the Proclamation

Whereas: Kevin has lived in Mendon for the past 38 years and maintains that "Mendon is a wonderful place where I chose to live my adult life and raise my three children: Michael, who lives with his wife, Francesca, in Raleigh, North Carolina, plus Timothy and daughter Maia Abeille, who both live with [me] in Mendon. All three attended the Mendon-Upton school system and Blackstone Valley Technical School." Whereas: Kevin has served continuously in appointed positions and on elected town boards. Among them are the Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board, Town Moderator, and the Council on Aging. He currently serves in two elected positions on the Mendon Board of Assessors and the Water Commission and an appointed position as Mendon's ADA Coordinator. Whereas: Kevin, for roughly 20 years, was an active leader in Mendon's Cub

Scout Pack 1, Troop 1 Boy Scouts, and Troop 44 Boy Scouts, in the local Scout district and the local Scout council. One of his proudest accomplishments is personally coaching more than 25 young men to the rank of Eagle Scout. Whereas: Kevin was previously a full-time and part-time reporter in Rhode Island and Massachusetts for 45 years. Kevin was honored by two Milford Civic groups for his work as a reporter for the Milford Town Crier newspaper. Whereas: Kevin is now in his third career, serving as the Principal Assessor in the Town of Holliston, chair of the Massachusetts Assessing Officers' Associations' Legislative Committee, and editor of the Northeast Regional Association of Assessing Officers' newsletter. Whereas Kevin is a member of the Mendham Brush Association (the Brothers of the Brush) and has served as co-chair as of the town's 350th anniversary celebration. Kevin "enjoys giving back to the community and [hopes] to continue doing so until [he] decides to retire. Now therefore, we, the Mendon Select Board, do hereby proclaim Kevin Rudden as Senior Citizen of the Year given this eighteenth day of September in the year two thousand and twenty-two in Mendon, Massachusetts.

COA Director- Announcement, Upcoming Fall Programs

Council on Aging Director, Amy Wilson-Kent and Co-Chair Peg Nogueira addressed the board and gave a brief overview of upcoming programs. Ms. Nogueira would like to discuss the feasibility of the expansion of the COA center at an upcoming Select Board meeting.

Consider Appointment- Phil Cieply to the Council on Aging, 7 Nelson Court.

Mr. Tinio made a motion to appoint Phil Cieply to the Council on Aging for a term to expire, June 30, 2023. Second by Mr. Chenelle. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Appointment – Mendon Police Officer, Toros Matellian

Mr. Chenelle made a motion appoint Toros Matellian to the position of Police Officer, Step 1 pay rate of \$1,092.30 per week. Second by Mr. Tinio The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Appointment- Conservation Agent- Maya Chuck

Mr. Tinio made a motion to appoint Maya Chuck to the position of Conservation Agent at \$30 per hour, upon conservation agent certification there will be a \$1.00 Increase. Pending a successful background check and has a one-year probationary period. Second by Mr. Chenelle. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss/Consider Applewood Access

Ms. Anne Mazar, Land Use Committee Chair explained that the access to the open space is from an easement. What is needed is permanent access included in the deed. There is a space that is mostly wetlands. Town Counsel, Ms. Cindy Amara stated that she does not have any concerns or comments at this point.

Mr. made a motion to approve the subdivision of a portion of the town-owned 8 Morrison Drive for access to the Applewood Parcel C Open Space, as seen on the draft map and labelled, "Access Easement to Parcel C. Second by Mr. Chenelle The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Setting In-person Early Voting Hours for the November 8, 2022 State Election

Mr. Tinio made a motion to set the in-person early voting hours for the November 8, 2022 State Election as those recommended by the Chief Elections Officer. the in-person early voting hours for the November 8, 2022 State Election are to be set as follows. Second by Mr. Chenelle The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Chenelle wanted to be entered into the record that the early voting hours reflect approximately 40% of the Town Clerk's regular office hours.

Saturday October 22– 9am – 1pm
Sunday October 23– No Early Voting
Monday October 24 – Thursday October 27 – 10am – 1pm
Friday October 28 – No Early Voting
Saturday October 29 – 9am – 1pm
Sunday October 30- No Early Voting added by LT
Monday October 31 – Thursday November 3 – 10am – 1pm
Friday November 4 – No Early Voting

Review-Draft STM Warrant

Mr. Merolli reviewed the first draft of the Special Town Meeting Warrant, the STM is Scheduled for 11/14/22, 7PM at the Miscoe Hill School.

Library Director, Andrew Jenrich addressed the Select Board regarding his request for an article to open the Taft Library an additional 8 hours. Mr. Jenrich stated that the that the community demand for service is high and that patrons need increased access to the library.

The Board requested that Mr. Jenrich submit a report that tracks program usage and a breakdown between program usage between adult and children programming.

Adjournment

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

Submitted by – Laura St.John-Dupuis