



# TOWN OF MENDON

## SELECT BOARD

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### **Notice of Meeting**

**July 13, 2022**

**6:00 PM**

### **Hybrid Meeting**

Microsoft Teams 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, Alejna Brugos, Brenda Chenelle, Michael Goddard, Kim Newman. Absent: Laura St. John-Dupuis.

Mr. Merolli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Executive Session-Purpose 2, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel- Fire Chief Contract**

Mr. Merolli made a motion to enter into Executive Session Purpose 2 pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel- Fire Chief Contract. The motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote: Merolli-aye, Tinio-aye, Brugos-aye, Chenelle-aye, Goddard-aye.

Mr. Tinio made a motion to exit Executive Session and enter into regular session. Second by Mr. Goddard. The motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote: Roll Call Vote: Merolli-aye, Tinio-aye, Brugos-aye, Chenelle-aye, Goddard-aye.

### **Consider Inter-Municipal Agreement -Shared Fire Chief**

Mr. Tinio made a motion to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L., c. 40, § 4A by and between the Town of Mendon, Massachusetts and the Town of Blackstone, Massachusetts from July 22, 2022 to June 30, 2024, contingent on Blackstone signing the IMA. Second by Mr. Goddard. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Consider Position- Shared Fire Chief**

Mr. Tinio made a motion to approve the Shared Fire Chief position, between the Town of Mendon, Massachusetts, and the Town of Blackstone Massachusetts contingent on Blackstone signing the IMA. Second by Mr. Goddard. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Consider Contract- Shared Fire Chief**

Mr. Tinio made a motion to approve the Shared Fire Chief Contract from July 22, 2022 to June 30, 2024. Contingent upon Blackstone signing the IMA. Second by Ms. Brugos. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Discuss Board of Health Vacancy**

Mr. Merolli stated that Mr. Andy Fiske, elected Board of Health member resigned. The following options are available to fill the empty seat; The Town can have a special Election, leave the seat vacant or appoint someone until the next Town Election. Mr. Merolli reached out to Joyce Gilmore, who was previously a health agenda, a registered nurse and is educated on title five. Ms. Gilmore is interested in the position. Mr. Tom Fichtner, Board of Health, stated the Board of Health would be very pleased to have Ms. Gilmore join the Board of Health.

Mr. Goddard asked Mr. Fichtner if there was an immediate need to appoint Ms. Gilmore. Mr. Fichtner stated that there are some situations coming up, dumpster regulations and with the keeping of animals.

Mr. Merolli stated that there is no law per the Town Clerk that the Select Board cannot appoint someone. Mr. Tinio stated that he felt the Board should wait to appoint Ms. Gilmore in case there are other candidates who are interested in this open seat.

Ms. Gilmore addressed the Select Board and discussed her qualification interest in filling the open seat on the Board of Health.

The Board agreed to table this Board of Health appointment until the next Select Board meeting. This open position is advertised on the Town's webpage and will go on the Town Crier website asking any interested party to send a letter of interest to the Select Board.

**Consider Year End Transfers- This agenda item was passed over.**

### **Adjournment**

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

Submitted by: Laura St. John-Dupuis