

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING-MAY 1, 2015-PROCEEDINGS**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by the Moderator, Jay Byer in the gym at Miscoe School. The meeting was recessed to allow people to come in. The meeting was called to order at 7:18pm. The Moderator noted that the warrant had been duly posted and properly served. Non Residents were allowed into the meeting:

Kim Newman, Town Administrator  
Don Bates, President, D.C. Bates  
Dave Bates, Treasurer, D. C Bates  
Lynn Tokarlzyk, Government Incentives Consultant, D.C Bates  
Mortiz Schmid, Library Building Committee  
Mike Gleason, Milford Daily News  
Matthew O’Brien, Boy Scouts  
Michelle Sanford, Town Crier  
Jean Berthold, Principal Assessor  
Tanna Jango, School Committee  
Colin Burgess, Boy Scouts  
Dr. Joseph Maruszczek, MURSD Superintendent  
Chris Russo, MURSD School Committee  
Carl Hommel, non voter  
Alex Rock, Boy Scout  
Trisha Cudmore, non resident  
Stephanie Sellers, non voter  
Alan Miano, non resident  
Bill McHenry, Housing Coordinator

The Moderator discussed the rules and procedures for the meeting. The Moderator led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced the officials of the Town.  
Michael Goddard, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen read the Senior Citizen Proclamation and the Dedication of the Town Report.  
Chris Burke, Chairman of the Finance Committee, read the Finance Committee Report.

A motion was made that we appoint Kevin Rudden as the alternate moderator for the purpose of moderating Article 14 at tonight’s meeting, and for any other purpose deemed necessary by the moderator.  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**Article 1**

To bring the in their ballots for the following Town Officers:

- One (1) Moderator for one (1) year
- One (1) Selectman for three (3) years
- One (1) Town Clerk for three (3) years
- One (1) Board of Health member for three (3) years
- One (1) Assessor for three (3) years
- One (1) Park Commissioner for three (3) years
- One (1) Water Commissioner for three (3) years
  
- One (1) Taft Public Library Trustee for three (3) years
- One (1) Taft Public Library Trustee for two (2) years
- One (1) Mendon-Upton Regional School Committee member for three (3) years
- One (1) Planning Board member for five (5) years
- One (1) Housing Authority member for five (5) years

**Question 1** Shall the Town of Mendon be allowed to assess an additional \$1,133,827 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of additional funding for the operational budget of the Mendon-Upton Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July first Two Thousand Fifteen?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 2** Shall the Town of Mendon be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to provide additional funding for the Taft Public Library Renovation Project and incidental and related costs of debt issuance?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 3** Shall the Town of Mendon be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to provide funding to purchase a vehicle for the Highway Department and incidental and related costs of debt issuance?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

The polls will Open at 7:00 AM and Close at 8:00 PM

**ARTICLE 2 AND ALL FOLLOWNG ARTICLES ON THIS WARRANT  
WILL BE ACTED UPON FRIDAY THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2015 A.D. AT  
7:00 PM AT THE MISCOE HILL SCHOOL IN MENDON:**

**ARTICLE 2** Voted that any motion or amendment to increase any monetary articles or line items as proposed by the Finance Committee, presented at this Town Meeting Shall be OUT OF ORDER unless such motion, or amendment, states the source of funding as being from available free cash, or the line item or article that will be reduced by the same amount.  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 3** Voted to fix the salaries and compensations of the elected officials of the Town for FY 16, as follows:

Board of Health – Chairman	\$ 225
Board of Health - Member 2	\$ 175
Board of Health - Member 3	\$ 175
Planning Board – Chairman	\$ 225
Planning Board - Member 2	\$ 175
Planning Board - Member 3	\$ 175
Planning Board - Member 4	\$ 175
Planning Board - Member 5	\$ 175
Selectman - Chairman	\$ 2,200
Selectman - Member 2	\$ 2,000
Selectman - Member 3	\$ 2,000
Board of Assessors - Member1	\$ 2,600
Board of Assessors - Member2	\$ 2,600
Board of Assessors - Member3	\$ 2,600
Moderator	\$ -
Town Clerk	\$ 46,204
Tree Warden	\$11.69p/hour \$ 3 ,334
Highway Surveyor	\$ 78,782

**MAJORITY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 4** Voted to raise and appropriate and use \$4,200 from Library State Aid Account to defray charges and expenses of the Town including debt and interest and to provide for a reserve fund for the ensuing year.  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**Voted to use the Consent Calendar for articles 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.**

**ARTICLE 5** Voted to appropriate funds provided to the Town by the Commonwealth under so-called Chapter 90 type money and such other funds as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation (including its Highway Division) may provide, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (including its Highway Division) for so-called Chapter 90 type money allocated the Town, or take any action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 6** Voted to raise and appropriate \$10,000to fund the FY 16 portion of the Update Valuation Account.

**ARTICLE 7** Voted to establish a revolving fund as recommended by the Board of Selectmen for the Taft Public Library in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2. The purpose of this fund shall be to replace items lost or damaged by those who borrow materials and to purchase new materials. Receipts to this fund shall be monies paid by borrowers for lost or damaged materials and for overdue fines. The Library Director, with the approval of the Library Board of Trustees, shall be authorized to expend from this fund but at no time exceeding more than the available balance in the revolving fund nor to expend more than six thousand dollars per year.

**ARTICLE 8** Voted to establish a revolving fund as recommended by the Board of Selectmen for the Planning Board in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2. The purpose of this fund shall be to hold deposits made by applicants before the Planning Board for engineering and other applicable fees incurred by the Planning Board for processing the requests of said applicants. The Planning Board Chair, with the approval of the Planning Board, shall be authorized to expend from this fund but at no time exceeding more than the available balance in the revolving fund nor to expend more than thirty thousand dollars per year.

**ARTICLE 9** Voted to establish a revolving fund as recommended by the Board of Selectmen for the Highway Department in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2. The purpose of this fund shall be to hold all monies related to recycling materials including, but not limited to, metal, tires, light bulbs, batteries, etc. collected at the recycling center located at the Highway Department to maintain and

improve the recycling facility. The Highway Surveyor, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, shall be authorized to expend from this fund but at no time exceeding more than the available balance in the revolving fund nor to expend more than twenty-five thousand dollars per year.

**ARTICLE 10** To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund as recommended by the Board of Selectmen for the Conservation Commission in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2. The purpose of this fund shall be to hold deposits made by applicants before the Conservation Commission for engineering and other applicable fees incurred by the Conservation Commission for processing the requests of said applicants. The Conservation Commission Chair, with approval of the Conservation Commission, shall be authorized to expend from this fund but at no time exceeding more than the available balance in the revolving fund nor to expend more than twenty-five thousand dollars per year.

**ARTICLE 11** Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for Police Department State/Federal General Matching Grants.  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 12** Voted to Passover the article.  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 13** Voted to transfer up to \$180,000 from Stabilization to Showtime Entertainment Counsel Expenses. 2/3 vote needed

**2/3 vote declared by the moderator**

**ARTICLE 14** Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,133,827 for the purpose of additional funding for the operational budget of the Mendon-Upton Regional School District for the Fiscal Year starting July 1, 2015; provided that such appropriation shall be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ levy limit override ballot vote under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(g).

**MAJORITY VOICE VOTE DECLARED**

**ARTICLE 15** Voted to raise and appropriate \$180,000 by borrowing to purchase a vehicle for the Highway Department and incidental and related costs of debt issuance, provided that this appropriation and debt authorization shall be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(k), and to authorize the Treasurer under the direction of the Board of Selectmen to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7(9) or any other general or special law.

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 16** Voted to raise and appropriate \$75,000 for the purpose of additional funding for the Taft Public Library Renovation Project and incidental and related costs of debt issuance, provided that such appropriation and debt authorization shall be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(k), and to authorize the Treasurer under the direction of the Board of Selectmen to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7(3A) or any other general or special law.

**2/3 vote declared by the Moderator**

**ARTICLE 17** Voted to transfer up to \$35,000 from Capital Expenditures to the Fiscal Year 2015 Town Hall New Equipment Account (Line Item 199C).  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 18** Voted to Passover this Article.  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 19** Voted to transfer \$5,000 from the CPA Historical Preservation Account to fund a request for proposals for repairing the Old Cemetery on 1 Providence Street.  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 20** Voted to transfer \$85,000 from the CPA Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Account and \$12,883 from the Community Preservation Open Space Account to fund the FY 16 Fino Land Debt.  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 21** Voted to transfer \$9,000 from the CPA Affordable Housing Account and \$3,000 from the CPA Budgeted Reserve Account to fund a feasibility study for the Paddock/D'Alessandro property at 52 Providence Street.  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 22** Motion to Passover this article didn't get a 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Voted, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 59, and M.G.L. c. 23A, § 3E and § 3F, to:

- (a) approve a Tax Increment Financing Agreement between the Town and D.C. Bates Equipment Co. Inc. and BLKB Corp. (collectively, the "Company"), on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may deem appropriate, for property at 5 Morrison Drive shown on Assessors Map 12, Street Code, 186, Parcel 5 (the "TIF Agreement"), which TIF Agreement provides for real estate tax exemptions at the exemption rate schedule set forth therein, and approve a Certified Project application submission to the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council (the "EACC");
- (a) authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute the TIF Agreement, and approve submission to the EACC of the TIF Agreement and Certified Project application, all relating to the project as described in the TIF Agreement, and any necessary documents relating thereto, and to take such other actions as are necessary or appropriate to obtain approval of the TIF Agreement and Certified Project application, and related submissions, and to take such other actions as necessary or appropriate to implement those documents.

**MAJORITY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 23** Voted to adjourn this Annual Town Meeting until 7:00 am on May 12, 2015 in the Miscoe Hill School gymnasium, for the sole purpose of conducting the Annual Town Election and further that this Annual Town Meeting warrant will be dissolved immediately upon the closing of the polls on that date.  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm. There were 252 voters in attendance. The Police Officer was Steven Sinko. The tellers for the meeting were Kathryn Rich, Nancy Fleury and Patricia Ghelli.

A true copy. Attest:

Margaret Bonderenko  
Town Clerk

**And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at three or more public places in said Town, 14 days at least before the time of holding said meeting.**

**HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.**

**Given under our hands this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our lord two thousand fifteen.**

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Selectmen of Mendon**

**A True copy. Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Constable**

**Worcester, ss.**

**PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon by posting up attested copies of the same at:**

Town Hall; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Constable**