

Chairman Reil, Selectmen Schofield and Burke and Town Administrator Newman are in attendance at the Town Hall, Mendon.

Chairman Reil opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and led the pledge.

Selectman Schofield made and Selectman Burke seconded a motion to accept the retraction of the Annual All-Alcohol License application from Southwick's Wild Animal Farm, Inc., dba Southwick's Zoo, 5 Southwick Street. Selectman Schofield read the request. Ms. Willoughby explained that events cannot be held in the same location in which an alcohol license is pending. Because of that they are not able to hold previously scheduled events. **Chairman Reil abstained. The motion carried by majority.**

Selectman Schofield said he has not been able to draft a letter yet to Governor Baker regarding the impacts of Chapter 70 funding and unfunded State mandates on the budget. Discussion will be postponed until the next meeting.

Selectman Schofield asked whether the Board wants to endorse a letter he drafted explaining the need for the MURSD override. Chairman Reil approves of it and Selectman Burke said it explains Chapter 70 well. Selectman Schofield read the letter aloud. He would like the Finance Committee to sign it, as well. **Selectman Schofield made and Selectman Burke seconded a motion to endorse the letter addressed to residents regarding the information regarding the override. The motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Merolli, Finance Committee Chairman, said his committee hasn't seen the letter yet. He will bring it to his Board on Wednesday. Selectmen agreed to sign letter if Finance Committee does not wish to do so.

Deputy Fire Chief Bucchino discussed his need for Chapter 77 transfers with the Selectmen. He explained he needs \$10,000 for full-time Fire Fighters salaries as he is running out of money for full-time wages. The money will be transferred from the Call Fire Fighters Salaries. **Selectman Schofield made and Selectman Burke seconded a motion to approve and sign the Chapter 77 transfer request from Fire salaries to Fire full-time wages. The motion carried unanimously.** Deputy Fire Chief Bucchino confirmed he will run out of money in this account prior to the Special Town Meeting. Selectman Schofield said he appreciates the transfer was made within their budget.

Ms. Newman explained \$1,000 of the basement renovation expenses was budgeted for lunch for prisoners and additional costs for moving. Subsequently two staff members agreed to move on nights and on the weekend. The transfer moves money from the basement renovation project to the two salary lines so they don't fall short during the year. **Selectman Schofield made and Selectman Burke seconded a motion to approve and sign the Chapter 77 transfer requests for the Town Hall that moves \$306.24 from the Town Hall Renovation Project to the Park Director's Salary Wages and \$259.84 from Town Hall Renovation Project to Conservation Salaries and Wages. The motion carried unanimously.**

Lt. Kurczy explained transfer requests for the Police Salaries going to the account for wages for the Clerk who worked on a holiday. Another transfer covers the deductible for a police cruiser that was damaged in December. There was not enough in the Town Hall's budget to pay it. There will be approximately \$11,750 in salaries and wages left over at the end of the fiscal year and \$3187 in Quinn money. That was going to go towards another officer. However, they are holding off hiring to be fiscally

responsible at this time. There is a problem with all six of the cameras in the police cruisers. The new systems available are wifi compatible. They would like to spend \$11,235 to replace three of the cameras and take advantage of a discount and a trade-in special. Chief Horn said the cameras have eliminated about 95 percent of complaints against the department. The Chief explained that body cameras have legal issues and are questionable in the public domain. The law hasn't caught up with the technology. Lt. Kurczy stated they will have an additional \$2700 available in their budget if money is needed at Special Town Meeting. **Selectman Schofield made and Selectman Burke seconded a motion to approve three Chapter 77 transfers as proposed by Public Safety, \$100 from Police Salaries to Clerk Wages, \$1,000 from Police Quinn Bill to Vehicle Maintenance and \$11,235 from Police Salaries to Vehicle Maintenance. The motion carried unanimously.**

Selectman Schofield made and Selectman Burke seconded a motion to approve the Special License for Betsey Brewer Bethel, Earth Ltd., at Southwick's Zoo from June 18 through June 20, 2015. All Alcoholic Beverages are authorized for sale on June 20, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the tented area at Southwick's Zoo and in the zoo by the utility golf cart pending return of positive routing slip. Chief Horn said the zoo is a closed environment and alcohol can't be moved out to the parking lot. Selectman Reil abstained. **The motion carried by majority.**

Ms. Newman reviewed the warrant with Selectmen, confirmed she forwarded a spreadsheet that shows the funding source and everything balances. Articles 10 and 11 were for Snow and Ice removal salaries and expenses which total \$158,729. This year we could choose to wait until November and see what sources are available. There is \$559,000 in the Stabilization Account. Funding this would leave \$400,000. Selectman Burke said he prefers to roll that money over and fund from free cash. If there isn't free cash, we can take it from Stabilization in November. Selectman Schofield would like to leave the decision up to the Finance Committee. Selectman Burke said that would be fine. Mr. Merolli, Finance Committee Chairman, said he prefers to wait until November. It will stay on the warrant and the Finance Committee can choose a funding source. Mr. Angenent asked when the Affordable Housing Coordinator submitted a report. Ms. Newman replied the housing production plan was given to the board a couple of weeks ago. The CPC should be the proponent of the article to fund the Affordable Housing Coordinator. Articles 16 through 18 should have 'available funds' as the source not a specific source. Ms. Mazar said Article 25, to survey 13 Pleasant Street can be removed. The Selectmen need to approve the Land Use Plan prior to the STM. *Action: Ms. Newman will send Mr. Angenent the housing report per his request.*

Selectman Schofield made and Selectman Burke seconded a motion to sign the June 24, 2015 Special Town Meeting Warrant pending Town Counsel review and with the following changes: Articles 16-18, add 'available funds', remove Stabilization; delete article 25; source change on Article 13 should be CPC, and bylaws to be amended by Town Counsel. The motion carried unanimously.

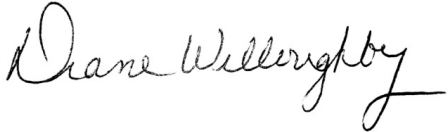
Ms. Newman feels a meeting is necessary prior to the Special Town Meeting on June 24 regarding solar and the building inspector for an executive session. Selectman Burke is not available on the 15th. He is on the 16th, 17th and 18th at 7:00 pm. The 17th is the best. Selectman Reil said all those dates are good for him. Members agreed to meet Tuesday, the 16th at 7:00 at the Fire Station, and June 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Miscoe prior to the Special Town Meeting. There is no meeting on June 29. Members agreed to meet on July 13th. However, Chairman Reil is not available to attend. A meeting will be held on July 20th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Fire Station. Another meeting will follow at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall for a regular session then an executive session at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Tetreault, Highway Department Surveyor, requested to discuss the disposition of his surplus ten-wheeler. He informed Selectmen that the process in the past was to request that an item be added to the agenda for discussion and Selectmen would vote on whether to allow disposition. *Action: Agenda item will be added for the next meeting.*

Dan Byer, Parks Department Administrative Clerk, said his Department would like to hold Saturday morning yoga classes in the Upper Town Hall. Selectman Burke asked if there needs to be a waiver. Mr. Byer replied that the process would be similar to when classes are held at the Senior Center or Parks Dept. He will get back to Selectmen with dates.

Selectman Schofield made and Selectman Reil second motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Willoughby
Administrative Assistant

Documents Discussed located in 'Administrative Secretary's' Office:

Letter dated June 5, 2015 from Justine Brewer, President, Southwick Wild Animal Farm, Inc.

Request for Interdepartmental Budget Transfers dated June 8, 2015-Police Dept.

Request for Interdepartmental Budget Transfers dated June 8, 2015-Town Hall

Request for Interdepartmental Budget Transfers dated June 8, 2015-Fire Department

June 24, 2015 Special Town Meeting Warrant

Letter from the Mendon Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee to Residents