



TOWN OF MENDON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Notice of Meeting

April 9, 2018

Mendon Town Hall

6:30 PM

Board Members

Christopher Burke, Chairman

Mark W. Reil, Jr.

Richard W. Schofield Jr.

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

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Open Meeting & Pledge

A regular Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Present: Chris Burke, Mark Reil and Kim Newman. Rich Schofield participated remotely.

Mr. Burke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Burke announced that Mr. Schofield was participating remotely and any votes would be taken by roll call. Mr. Schofield participated by conference call.

Renew Seasonal Licenses

a) Sean Lambert - S&C Flowers, 1 Cape Road

b) Mendon Driving Range, 37 Hastings Street

Mr. Reil made a motion to renew the seasonal license for Sean Lambert –S&C Flowers, 1 Cape Road and the Mendon Driving Range at 37 Hastings Street, pending receipt of positive routing slips. Second by Mr. Schofield. The motion passed unanimously.

Roll call vote: Reil-aye, Schofield-aye, and Burke-aye.

EDC Update

Mr. Tom Merolli, Chairman of the EDC addressed the Board providing an update on the Economic Development Committee. Mr. Merolli stated that the EDC will be reaching out to the Agricultural Committee about the possibility of creating a co-op. The EDC is also fact finding for marijuana businesses and working on a survey of Mendon businesses. Mr. Merolli stated there is one vacancy on the EDC.

Discuss Late Fees for Dog Licensing

Chief Kurczy and Animal Control Officer Mr. Kevin Sullivan addressed the Board. Mr. Sullivan stated that he is trying to get the Town updated with Dog Licenses and further indicated that the Mendon Bylaws, Section 7, Animal Control Bylaw is confusing in regards to late fees for dog licensing.

Mr. Burke stated that clearly the Bylaw needs to be updated and for now we have a bylaw and it should be enforced. Chief Kurczy stated that he would get some information together and bring it to the Board to work on updating the current bylaw related to dog licensing.

Discuss FY19 Budget

Ms. Newman provided an overview of the FY19 Budget and stated that the budget. Ms. Newman requested the Board to reconsider one of her previously submitted budget request. Ms. Newman had asked for \$170K for salary negotiations as five union contracts are and department heads contracts are being renegotiated. Based on the variety of proposals, dollar amounts and snow and ice spending, there is a concern about free cash to fulfill the contractual obligation. Ms. Newman requested that we take whatever excess levy capacity we have available and put it into the reserve for negotiations, with the caveat, that if we don't need to use it, it will roll to free cash.

Mr. Schofield stated it is important for the listeners to understand that this doesn't signal any decisions and to see what kinds of dollars of we are looking at to solve the problem with a multitude of solutions we have available to us.

Mr. Burke stated that the reason we want to do this, is that we have a series of contracts coming up and not exactly sure if free cash is going to cover our obligations with contract negotiations. Mr. Burke agreed with this knowing that if we don't spend the funds they will go back to free cash.

Ms. Newman stated the funds would be in the Finance Committees budget under "reserve for negotiations".

Mr. Burke stated that the Board worked hard for the last 5 years, focusing on the Towns financing and prioritizing needs. The Board has looked at creative ways of finding revenue sources to keep taxes down. This has not been an easy task. The community has really benefited by that and it is good to place to funds in "reserve for negotiations".

Mr. Reil stated that there is a long list of wants that the Board has been chipping away at without taxing to the full 2.5% which has been quite successful, but at some point you have to spend to the limit.

Mr. Schofield made a motion to approve the FY19 Budget as amended. Mr. Reil seconded. All were in favor.

Roll call vote: Schofield-aye, Reil-aye, Burke-aye

Adjournment

At 7:05 PM Mr. Schofield made a motion to adjourn. Second by Mr. Reil. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Laura St.John-Dupuis

Date Approved: May 7, 2018