



TOWN OF MENDON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Notice of Meeting

June 4, 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

June 4, 2018

Open Meeting & Pledge

At 6:02 PM, a regular Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order.

Present: Mark Reil, Rich Schofield, Chris Burke and Laura St.John-Dupuis Absent: Kim Newman

Mr. Burke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board of Selectmen Reorganization

Mr. Burke stated that it was an honor to serve as Chairman and that the Board has worked very hard in determining what we want to do with the Fire Department, a new Fire Chief and working through the restructure. The new police station project has begun. We now need to identify our position with retail marijuana and we will continue to work on this over the next few months. We have an ongoing goal working with the opium crisis and we appointed an Economic Development Committee. Mr. Burke stated further that the Board worked on each goal outlined at the beginning of his term. Going forward over the next 3 years Mr. Burke looks forward to the completion of the Police Station, finalizing public safety with management of the Fire Department is a priority and focusing on roads/infrastructure. Mr. Burke indicated that he would like to Board to work closely with the Economic Development Committee to our target goal. In addition, Mr. Burke stated that the Board did well by not taxing up to the levy limit and kept the taxes flat in FY18.

Mr. Schofield made a motion to nominate Mark W. Reil Jr. as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Burke second. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Reil addressed the Board and stated that there are several item he would like to work on.

- Communication between departments.
- Communication between Town Government and residents.

- Find a solution to improve Fire and EMS services.
- Economic Development

Citizen Statements and Petitions

Amy Wilson-Kent addressed the Board and stated that Ms. Georgia Young will be 99 years old this Sunday June 10th.

Eagle Scout Citations

- a) Eagle Scout Zachary A. Rivernider
- b) Eagle Scout Patrick W. Kennedy
- c) Eagle Scout Dillon J. Elliott
- d) Eagle Scout John Giacomuzzi

Mr. Schofield read the citations aloud.

Mr. Schofield made a motion to award Eagle Scout Citations to Boy Scouts: Zachary A. Rivernider, Patrick W. Kennedy, Dillon J. Elliott and John Giacomuzzi. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Junk Dealer's License- 4 Main Street-David Lowell

Mr. Schofield made a motion to grant a Junk Dealer's License to Mr. David Lowell, 4 Main Street, pending positive routing slips. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Brothers of the Brush Request for Monument Placement

Mr. Bruce Clifton, Brothers of the Brush member, stated that the Brothers would like to place a monument on the island on the route 16 end of Emerson Street to thank the community. Mr. Clifton handed out an image of the design and the location and stated that the committee came up with the Brothers of the Brush logo, Town Seal and American Flag dedicating the monument to American Veterans and thanking them for their service. In addition, there will be synthetic grass and flower pots. Mr. Burke asked what the height would be. Mr. Clifton stated about 4 feet high. Mr. Burke asked the Police Chief if he had any objections or issue with the layout.

Chief Kurczy stated we should have a cardboard cutout of this and make sure there is no line of sight issues.

Mr. Schofield made a motion to allow the Brothers of the Brush to place a monument on the island at route 16 end of Emerson Street, pending public safety review and agreement. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Appointment of Gregory Palmer to the position of Police Officer

Mr. Schofield made a motion to appoint Gregory Palmer to the position of Police Officer, Step 2 pay rate and a start date of June 11, 2018. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Appointment of Joshua Smith to the position of Police Officer

Mr. Schofield made a motion to appoint Joshua Smith to the position of Police Officer, Step 1 pay rate, and a start date of June 11, 2018. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Appointment of Wayne Phipps to the position of Senior Center Van Driver

Mr. Schofield made a motion to appointment Wayne Phipps to the position of Senior Center Van Driver, M-7 Pay Grade at a rate of \$16.56 per hour for 6-18 hours per week. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Exercising Right of First Refusal for Chapter 61A – King Philip Path

Mr. Schofield made a motion to not exercise the option to purchase the property located at the rear section of Lot 1 B King Philip Path under Chapter 61A. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Exercising Right of First Refusal for Chapter 61A – Providence Rd

Mr. Schofield made a motion to not exercise the option to purchase the property located at Lot A Providence Rd under Chapter 61A. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss FY19 Road Work

Mr. Alan Tetreault discussed his list of street work for FY19. Mr. Schofield asked Mr. Tetreault to put the list in order of priority and asked about how he chose the treatment type and if it was by price. Mr. Tetreault stated he went with the cheapest option to get things going quickly and economically.

Mr. Schofield stated that if we stay on top of these roads they will stay good shape. Mr. Tetreault stated we need to keep the water out of the road, there needs to be drainage.

Mr. Burke stated Chapter 90 money needs to be used for this. We are behind and we need to address our roads.

Mr. Schofield asked Chairman Reil to have Mr. Tetreault prioritize the list and brainstorm with Ms. Newman. Mr. Reil agreed.

Consider Chapter 90 Projects

Asylum Street

Mr. Schofield made a motion to approve the Chapter 90 Project Request in the amount of \$72,000 for shim and overlay, type 1 bituminous concrete on Asylum Street, house # 26 to Southwick Street. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Mowry Street

Mr. Schofield made a motion to approve the Chapter 90 Project Request in the amount of \$68,400 for shim and overlay, type 1 bituminous concrete on Mowry Street. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Park Street

Mr. Schofield made a motion to approve the Chapter 90 Project Request in the amount of \$45,000 for shim and overlay, type 1 bituminous concrete on Park Street, from Mowry Street to House # 21. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Revisions to the BOS Boards and Committees Policy

Mr. Reil asked the Board to consider updating the Boards and Committee Policy under appointing process, letters of interest should not involve the Town Clerk. The policy should read the office of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Schofield and Mr. Burke agreed.

Mr. Reil stated for re-appointments he doesn't feel we should ask these folks to come before the Board for re-appointment. Mr. Burke asked what would be the process if there is a problem with someone do we request that they come in. Mr. Reil stated yes.

The Mr. Schofield stated that the policy should read that the candidate for consideration must be in attendance for initial appointment unless otherwise requested by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Reil felt that was fine.

Mr. Schofield made a motion to amend the Boards and Committee Policy as noted in the meeting minutes. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours Prior to Meeting

Consider Appointment of Kevin Lehberger to Call Fire Fighter

Mr. Schofield made a motion to appoint Kevin Lehberger to Call Fire Fighter, at a stipend amount of \$166.00 per month with a start date of June 5, 2018. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Appointment of Josh Tetreault to Call Fire Fighter

Mr. Schofield made a motion to appoint Josh Tetreault to Call Fire Fighter, at a stipend amount of \$166.00 per month with a start date of June 5, 2018. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session - Purpose 3 for Executive Session, M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares- Mendon Town Hall Union Local 272, Mendon Highway Department Union Local 272, Mass. Coalition of Police Union AFL-CIO Local 188, Mendon Police Civilian Dispatch Union Local 188A and Mendon Permanent Firefighters Union Local 4936 I.A.F.F.

This item was passed over.

Adjournment

Mr. Schofield made a motion to adjourn. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Laura St.John-Dupuis

Approved 8/20/18