

MENDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING-----February 15, 2012

APPROVED-----March 12, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Mike Goddard and Selectmen Michael Ammendolia are present. Interim Town Coordinator Ernie Horn is also present.

Pledge

Administration

1. A proclamation was read by Selectman Ammendolia for Eagle Scout David Retorick of 42 Prospect Street, Milford MA. Eagle Scout Retorick constructed a three-sided bus shelter for the Mendon Housing Authority, power washed, and stained and sealed the current benches. A ribbon cutting will be scheduled in the spring. There is a court of honor scheduled March 3 to honor this scout.
2. The selectmen signed the Primary Election Warrant for March 6, 2012 at the Miscoe School.
3. Green Community update was presented by Mark Riel and Anne Mazar. Mark stated the vehicle policy had been provided. Emergency vehicles are mostly exempt as there is nothing more efficient. Mark also stated that if new vehicles are to be purchased, they should be reviewed by the Land Use Committee. Anne and Mark met with Constellation Energy to review electric rates. The school system currently contracts with Constellation. Constellation's rate compared to National grid and Nextera would result in an approximate savings of \$2600.00 per year. They recommended signing a three-year contract to lock this low rate. This should be done sooner rather than later as rates appear to be on the rise. The next step is to sign the contract and authorization, then submit to Town Counsel for review. Selectman Ammendolia asked for a report on results one year from now.

Old business

1. Treasurer/Collector position applications are being accepted until Feb. 20, 2012 which is a holiday. The date remains the same, as the applications may be turned into the police station on that day.

New business

1. The Finance Committee was called forward to review the status of FY 13 budget. Chairman Rich Schofield stated there is a theoretical budget surplus of \$122,121.00. However this will most likely turn into a deficit. The Fin -Com has not yet met with BVT. The meeting is scheduled for Feb. 22. BVT is likely to ask for a minimum increase and maybe more.

2. The Highway Dept. proposed budget was increased \$20,000 to cover road repair materials.
3. The Parks Department needs \$12,500 in revenue to run the beach. Mark Reil will talk to Jenn Welch to clarify if this is self-funded.
4. A discussion was held as to possible uses of any surplus. The priorities as stated by Selectman Ammendolia were the regional school district, BVT, and the third shift ambulance coverage, and perhaps additional administrative support for the BOS. Funding all these would result in a gap of about \$125,000.
5. Interim Town Coordinator Horn stated a lot of the difficult budgetary work is done and it is only February. This is the earliest this has ever been done.
6. School Superintendent Mr. Maruszczak is confident that the initial shortfall of \$542,000 can be closed. Cost savings is being realized in snow removal, sand and heating. Additional savings will be realized with changes to Special Ed. Transportation.
7. The next selectmen meeting will be Feb. 27, 2012.
8. April 10, 2012 was agreed upon for the Special Town Meeting to be held at Miscoe School.

Selectman Ammendolia made a motion to adjourn, Chairman Goddard stepped down to second. Unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Cook

Document Discussed Located in Administrative Secretary's Office:

Eagle Scout Proclamation for David Retorick