



# TOWN OF MENDON

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## MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, March 06, 2019  
**Time Called to Order:** 7:00 PM  
**Time Adjourned:** 9:00 PM  
**Location:** Town Hall - Main Meeting Room  
**Meeting Chair:** Mike Merolli  
**Recorder:** Jeanne Davoren

<u>Member:</u>	<u>Present</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>Remote</u> <sup>2</sup>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Remote</u>
Mike Merolli	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Norm Round	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brian Guzman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heather Allcock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Ammendolia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	John Hodgins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeanne Davoren	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nicholas Ciantra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Topic Name</b>	<u><b>Approval of Minutes</b></u> <u><b>Feb 20 and Feb 27, 2019</b></u>
<b>Summary:</b>	Mike A moved, seconded by Nick to approve the above minutes VAU.
<b>Decisions Made:</b>	
<b>Actions to be Taken:</b>	
<b>Related Documents or Exhibits:</b>	

<b>Topic Name:</b>	<u><b>Water Enterprise Budget</b></u> Kevin Rudden
<b>Summary:</b>	Kevin explains the town pays nothing in this Enterprise budget he is introducing tonight. This budget is solely supported by the users of the water. His board proposes asking the water users to pay an additional \$12.50 per quarter (equaling \$50 per year per user) to build a <i>repair fund</i> of \$7600 per year. Mike A inquires about the average water usage per customer, Kevin says they have that info and he will get it to Mike from Dan Byer who keeps accurate records of all the history of the water usage. Basically this board is asking the town to pitch in monies for hydrant/valve maintenance, about \$3250. Average cost per customer with a rate increase will be about \$120-150/year, however there hasn't been an increase in 6 years. Average user fee is \$600/yr, for 155 people.
<b>Decisions Made:</b>	Kevin wants to go on record as saying Dan Byer is indispensable. He does more work for the water board and goes above and beyond what is expected of him. HE keeps records of everything and does analyses regularly so has histories of all water board related issues.
<b>Actions to be Taken:</b>	

<sup>1</sup> If "Present" contains an "x" that person was physically present.

<sup>2</sup> If "Remote" contains an "x" that person participated remotely according to 940 CMR 29.10(5) a through e as approved by the Meeting Chair.

<b>Related Documents or Exhibits:</b>	
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<b>Topic Name:</b>	<b><u>Board of Health</u></b> Missy Kakela Bottoms/Alan Greenberg/Tom
<b>Summary:</b>	Question to Board of taking the Hazardous Waste Day out of the trash budget and make it part of the trash fee. Missy said this had been done about ten years ago and she was putting it before the Selectmen once again. She reviewed the budget and answered question as necessary. Alan proposes the town allow this board to pursue an enterprise account, some discussion about this, Standing Chairman Brian says he believes he would have the approval of this board but of course would defer to the Selectmen and Town accountant to discuss further'
<b>Decisions Made:</b>	
<b>Actions to be Taken:</b>	
<b>Related Documents or Exhibits:</b>	

  

<b>Topic Name:</b>	<b><u>Police Department/Dispatch</u></b> Police Chief Kurczy
<b>Summary:</b>	Reviews his budget, stressing the need for a 15 <sup>th</sup> Officer. He said he is going to continue every year to push for this 15 <sup>th</sup> officer so that he can have double coverage on each shift, which in these times is just <i>necessary</i> . He reviews each line item explaining where the needs are most and what he feels is essential for the safe operation of the Police Dept. and Dispatch.
<b>Decisions Made:</b>	
<b>Actions to be Taken:</b>	
<b>Related Documents or Exhibits:</b>	

  

<b>Topic Name:</b>	<b><u>Fire Department</u></b> Fire Chief Kessler
<b>Summary:</b>	Chief has adjusted the recommended budget and explains each line item and why he adjusted it. Currently has 5 FT firemen, 5 on call FF and 1 EMT, and 6 more people in Call Volunteer FF school which if they all graduate will bring the on call people to 9. He discusses the improvements he has been working on trying to stay within the budget of this department. HE also discussed mutual aid, regionalized dispatch and how this works, and the status of the fire vehicles.
<b>Decisions Made:</b>	
<b>Actions to be Taken:</b>	
<b>Related Documents or Exhibits:</b>	