



TOWN OF MENDON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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Notice of Meeting
September 25, 2018
Mendon Town Hall
5:30 PM

Board Members
Mark W. Reil, Jr., Chairman
Christopher Burke
Richard W. Schofield

September 25, 2018 **Meeting Minutes**

A regular Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. Present: Mark Reil, Christopher Burke and Rich Schofield. Absent: Kim Newman and Laura St. John-Dupuis

Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

Mr. Schofield made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 8/6/18. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence to the Board

Consider a request from Troop 44 – Mendon, Boy Scouts of America to hold a can and bottle drive from 9 AM to 2 PM on Saturday, October 20, 2018 in the Town Hall parking lot and to hang a banner one week prior to the event.

Mr. Schofield made a motion to approve the request from Troop 44 – Mendon, Boy Scouts of America to hold a can and bottle drive from 9 AM to 2 PM on Saturday, October 20, 2018 in the Town Hall parking lot and to hang a banner one week prior to the event. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider a request from Troop 44-Mendon Boys Scouts of America to hold a Troop campout on the Taft Meadow property during the week of November 16 – 18, 2018.

Mr. Schofield made a motion to approve the request from Troop 44-Mendon Boys Scouts of America to hold a Troop campout on the Taft Meadow property during the week of November 16 – 18, 2018. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider a request from the Mendon Lions Club to hold the “44th Mendon Lions Country Fair” on Saturday, October 6, 2018 (rain dates Oct. 7 or Oct. 8) from 10 AM to 5 PM and to use Town owned properties at 3 North Ave and 6 & 20 Milford Street.

Mr. Schofield made a motion to approve the request from the Mendon Lions Club to hold the “44th Mendon Lions Country Fair” on Saturday, October 6, 2018 (rain dates Oct. 7 or Oct. 8) from 10 AM to 5 PM and to use Town owned properties at 3 North Ave and 6 & 20 Milford Street. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider a request from the Police Station Building Committee to name the new police station in honor of Chief Mathew. M. Manton.

Mr. Schofield made a motion to name the new police station in honor of Chief Mathew. M. Manton. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider signing contract for hazardous material abatement located at the old fire station.

Mr. Schofield made a motion to sign the contract for hazardous material abatement located at the old fire station, pending Town Council review. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

5:45 PM Public Meeting- Stormwater Management-NPDES Notice of Intent (NOI)

Mr. Schofield made a motion to open the Public Meeting. Mr. Burke second. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Schofield read the Public Hearing Notice.

Ms. Gabrielle Belfit of Tighe and Bond addressed the BOS as a requirement asking for the BOS to approve the filing of the permit with the EPA and provided a handout that summarized the EPA requirements.

Mr. Burke asked who will manage our bench marks. Ms. Belfit stated that Allan Tetreault will be managing this. And Ms. Belfit will assist Mr. Tetreault in writing grants.

Mr. Schofield made a motion to close the Public Meeting. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Schofield made a motion to approve the Stormwater Management-NPDES Notice of Intent (NOI). Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Miscoe Springs

Mr. Schofield stated he spoke to Mr. Bruce Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler wanted to know if the Board wants the building located at Miscoe Springs

Ms. Jane Lowell, Member of the Historical Commission, addressed the BOS stating that the objective to the Historical Commission is to protect and preserve the Town's cultural character and assets. The Historical Commission has had a difficult time accomplishing its objectives. Ms. Lowell states further that the Historical Commission has been marginalized, ignored and dismissed and its work undermined.

Ms. Lowell stated that in 2007 a demolition application was taken out on the Taft Orchard house which was located on the east corner of North Ave and route 16. This building had historical status with the state. The Massachusetts Historical Commission had authority to archive the building and had faxed a temporary delay order to not demolish the building to the Town Hall. The Historical Commission chair was expecting it. However, the Town Coordinator was instructed by a member or members of the Board of Selectmen advising him not to let the Historical Commission Chair that it had arrived. The house was demolished that evening. Ms. Lowell provided additional examples of demolition of

buildings that should have been preserved and stated that the commission has preserved buildings and received grants. The Miscoe springs bottling plant was explored by the Historical Commission. The developer offered to give the bottle plant to the Town. Ms. Lowell stated that the bottle plant is a unique building the interior has tin ceilings and a stone fireplace and has a well. CPA funds can be available for restoration and could be used for storage and hopes the Board will consider this when making their decision.

Mr. Burke commended the Historical Commission for their efforts. Mr. Burke stated that with the bottling plant he has concerns about hazardous materials contained in the building and what it will take to abate those and the cost to restore it. Mr. Burke asked the Historical Commission if they have done any further due diligence for paint, asbestos and pcb's.

Mr. Allan Kent stated that it was his understanding that the state had investigated the possibility of using this location as a public water supply and that the area around is suitable for a public water supply. Mr. Reil stated he met with the DEP about that as well.

Mr. Schofield stated that he would like to have decided what the Town will do with the building once the Town has it.

Mr. Reil stated that his ideal scenario is to do what the Town did with the Cox house.

Mr. Schofield will call Mr. Wheeler and tell him where we are and ask him about phase one.

Consider the Appointment of Nicholas Erskine to the position of Mendon Police Officer

Mr. Schofield made a motion to appoint Nicholas Erskine to the position of Mendon Police Officer. Step 1 at a rate of \$970.30 per week. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

At 7:23 PM Mr. Schofield made a motion to adjourn. Second by Mr. Burke. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Laura St. John-Dupuis

Approved: 8/6/19

