



**Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
January 16, 2003**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mr. Robert Carlson at 7:05 P.M. Mr. Gary Gaffney was present. Also Administrative Assistant Melissa Kakela-Bottoms was present.

Mr. Henry Papuga from Milford Water Company was present to talk to the Board.

The commissioners asked Missy to send a letter to the Town of Bellingham informing them that the Town of Mendon is still interested in talking about selling water to Mendon and that we would like to meet at their earliest convenience.

Mr. Gary Gaffney made a motion to accept Ch. 41 Section 69b to start an enterprising account for the Mendon Water Department. Mr. Robert Carlson stepped down a Chairman and seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Motion carried.

Both members agreed to meet with the Hopedale water commissioners on Thursday, February 13, 2003 in Hopedale.

Mr. Gary Gaffney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Robert Carlson steps down as Chairman and seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes Approved March 11, 2003



**MENDON WATER BOARD
AGENDA
Thursday, February 13, 2003**

7:00 p.m. Abe Rosefeld

7:10 p.m. John Neely Route 16 water line

Review Budget

Town Report

Review mail

Sign bills

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**Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
February 13, 2003**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Robert Carlson, Chairman. Mr. Gary Gaffney was present; also administrative assistant Missy Kakela-Bottoms was present.

Mr. Abe Rosenfeld met with the commissioners to request a flow test. The commissioners had no problems with that. Mr. Rosenfeld will schedule the test with Milford Water Company.

Attorney John Nealon met with the commissioners on the behalf of LJR Realty Trust. Attorney Nealon requested that the Mendon Water Commissioners oversee the testing of the water line extension in front of his client's property. The Commissioners did not have a problem with this as long as the Town of Hopedale agreed.

The commissioners set the next meeting for March 20, 2003.

Mr. Gary Gaffney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Robert Carlson seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved March 11, 2003



**Town of Mendon
WATER BOARD
AGENDA
Tuesday, March 11, 2003**

Henry Papuga of Milford Water company

Review Article for annual town meeting

Review minutes for January 16, 2003 and February 13, 2003

Review mail

Sign bills

Approved May 1, 2003



**Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, March 11, 2003**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mr. Robert Carlson at 7:02 P.M. Mr. Gary Gaffney was present. Also Administrative Assistant Melissa Kakela-Bottoms was present.

Mr. Henry Papuga from Milford Water Company was present to talk to the Board.

A representative of Andrews Survey came to receive permission from the Mendon Water Board to try to find water valves on Route 140 to see if there are any blockages. This request was asked based on the flow test that was conducted.

The Water Board would like to inform the ZBA that Mendon might be buying water from the Town of Bellingham and the pressure may be lower than it currently is and that might effect the Grist Mill Subdivision.

Mr. Gary Gaffney made a motion to accept the minutes for January 16, 2003. Mr. Robert Carlson steps down as Chairman and seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Motion carried.

Mr. Gary Gaffney made a motion to accept the minutes for February 13, 2003. Mr. Robert Carlson steps down as Chairman and seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Motion carried.

The Board asked Missy to contact the Town of Hopedale that the Board will be unable to attend the meeting in Hopedale on Thursday, March 13, 2003, because the Board has not heard from Bellingham.

Mr. Gary Gaffney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Robert Carlson steps down as Chairman and seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Approved May 1, 2003



Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
April 17, 2003

No meeting took place. Mr. Gary Gaffney was sick and unable to attend. Mr. Robert Carlson did attend.



**MENDON WATER BOARD
AGENDA
Thursday, May 1, 2003**

7:00 p.m. Henry Papuga

Review minutes for March 11, 2003



Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
May 1, 2003

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mr. Robert Carlson at 7:05 P.M. Mr. Gary Gaffney was present. Also Administrative Assistant Melissa Kakela-Bottoms was present.

Mr. Henry Papuga of Milford Water Company came to inform the board of some updates. There was a hydrant that was knocked down on Parker Road that was repaired. Two customers called about discolored water. Milford water co. took care of that.

The board agreed to meet with Hopedale in June because of town elections.

Mr. Gary Gaffney made a motion to accept the minutes for March 11, 2003. Mr. Robert Carlson steps down as Chairman and seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Motion carried.

Mr. Gary Gaffney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Robert Carlson steps down as Chairman and seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.



**MENDON WATER BOARD
AGENDA
Thursday, May 15, 2003**

7:01 p.m. Reorganize

7:05 Mr. Henry Papuga

Sign bills and commitments

Set meeting for June

Hopedale meets June 12 does board want to attend

Approved July 17, 2003



**Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
Thursday, May 15, 2003**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mr. Robert Carlson at 7:00 P.M. Mr. James Turner and Ms. Shirley Smith was present. Also Administrative Assistant Melissa Kakela-Bottoms was present.

Mr. Henry Papuga of Milford Water Company was present to help the commissioners to review the Town of Bellingham contract. There are some items that are standard. There is however some big dollar amounts and some clarification that need to be negotiated.

The Board asked Henry to due a 3-year comparison to Milford Water Company and Bellingham rates.

Ms. Shirley Smith made a motion to attend the meeting in Hopedale on June 12, 2003. Mr. James Turner seconds the motion. All three members agree.

The Board will meet on June 19, 2003.

Ms. Shirley Smith made a motion to pass over the article at the Special Town meeting. Mr. James Turner seconds the motion. All three members agreed.

Ms. Shirley Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. James Turner seconds the motion. All three members agree. Meeting adjourns at 8:45 p.m.

Approved July 17, 2003



**Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
Thursday, June 5, 2003**

The Mendon Water Commission attends the Hopedale Water Commission meeting in the Town of Hopedale. Mr. Robert Carlson, Chairman informed the Hopedale water commission that the Mendon Commissioner are in current contract negotiations with the Town of Bellingham. A Selectmen informed Mr. Carlson that Bellingham voted not to sell water to Mendon. Mr. Aldo Tarca, Chairman of the Hopedale water commission informed his board that the Town of Mendon and Milford Water Company are using the mains without the Town of Hopedale permission.

Mr. Carlson mentions to the Hopedale water commission that another Chapter 40b have been informally proposed to the Town of Mendon on Route 16. The proposed subdivision calls for a public well. He would like to see if that development will take the current water customers on Route 16 hooked up to this well and take them off of Hopedale system. Hopedale was encouraged about this arrangement.

The Hopedale Water Commission asked if the Mendon Water Board would attend the next meeting on July 10.

The Board left the meeting by 8:15 p.m.



**Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
Thursday, June 19, 2003**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mr. Robert Carlson at 7:00 P.M. Ms. Shirley Smith was present. Mr. James Turner was unable to attend. Also Administrative Assistant Melissa Kakela-Bottoms was present.

Mr. Henry Papuga from Milford Water Company was present to talk to the Board about the Bellingham contract.

Mr. Robert Carlson mentioned that if the Fino project is approved, the possibility of connecting the 16 household on Route 16 also connect onto that system.

Ms. Shirley Smith voiced concerns about allowing the Route 16 customer to hook on to the well on the Fino project.

The Commissioners asked Missy to ask Ms. Peg Tetreault about having Town Council attend the Bellingham meeting on June 25, 2003.

Ms. Shirley Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Robert Carlson steps down as Chairman and seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.



**MENDON WATER BOARD
AGENDA
Thursday, July 17, 2003**

Review minutes for May 15, 2003

Review Mail

Sign Commitment

Discuss Bellingham Contract (if Board decides to do so)



**Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
Thursday, July 17, 2003**

Meeting called to order by Ms. Shirley Smith at 7:00 P.M. Mr. James Turner was present. Also Administrative Assistant Melissa Kakela-Bottoms was present. Mr. Robert Carlson was unable to attend.

Mr. James Turner made nomination that Ms. Shirley Smith be Chairperson with the absent of Mr. Robert Carlson. Ms. Shirley Smith accepted the nomination.

The Commissioners reviewed the Operation and Maintenance contract with Milford Water Company. There were some changes that the Commissioners would like to happen. Ms. Shirley Smith will give Ms. Missy Kakela-Bottoms copy of the changes some time next week.

Ms. Shirley Smith gave Mr. James Turner some background about the meeting with the Town of Bellingham.

Ms. Shirley Smith steps down as Chairman and made a motion to approve the minutes for May 15, 2003. Mr. James Turner seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Motion carried.

The Commissioners reviewed mail and signed commitments. They scheduled their next meeting for August 21, 2003.

Mr. James Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Shirley Smith steps down as Chairperson and seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



**MENDON WATER BOARD
AGENDA
Thursday, August 21, 2003**

7:00 p.m. Hopedale Water Board

Open forum

Review Mail

Sign commitments

Sign bill



**Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
Thursday, August 21, 2003**

Meeting called to order by Ms. Shirley Smith at 7:00 P.M. Mr. James Turner was present. Also Administrative Assistant Melissa Kakela-Bottoms was present. Mr. Robert Carlson was unable to attend.

The Water Commissioners met with the Hopedale water department. Hopedale was upset that they did not receive a copy of the contract. The contract is between Mendon and Bellingham but Hopedale is mentioned as an emergency hook up. Hopedale would like a more defined definition as to what is an "emergency". Hopedale might allow an emergency hook up for maybe a 90 day period at the Hopedale water rate. Hopedale asked when Mendon possibly could be off the end of that line. Mendon is hoping to hook up with Bellingham by the end of the year.

Mr. James Turner made a motion to send a letter to Milford Water Company regarding the numerous no charges that appear on invoices. Ms. Shirley Smith steps down and seconds the motion. Both agreed. Motion carried.

Mr. James Turner made a motion to request that some of the wording in the M & O contract be changed. Ms. Shirley Smith steps down and seconds the motion. Both agreed. Motion carried.

Mr. James Turner made a motion to send a letter or e-mail to Mr. DiMartino: We need, as close as possible, and exact figure of the costs to construct, obtain all permits, and activate a metering station including providing a new magnetic meter as stipulated in Paragraph 2 of the draft of the Mendon/Bellingham contract. Ms. Shirley Smith steps down and seconds the motion. Both agreed. Motion carried.

Mr. James Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Shirley Smith steps down and seconds the motion. Both agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



**MENDON WATER BOARD
AGENDA
Tuesday, October 28, 2003**

Vote new Chairman

Discuss revised M & O Agreement

Sign Emergency Response Forms for DEP

**Go over material presented to Selectmen concerning history of
noncompliance for Mendon Water Department**

Review rough draft of letter to customers advising of rate change

Set up meeting to discuss Rules and regulations

Sign bills

Set next meeting dates



**Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, October 28, 2003**

Meeting called to order by Ms. Shirley Smith at 7:00 P.M. Mr. James Turner was present. Also Administrative Assistant Melissa Kakela-Bottoms was present. Mr. Robert Carlson was unable to attend.

The commissioners reviewed a letter of resignation as Chairmen from Mr. Robert Carlson. Mr. Carlson will continue to be a water commissioner. Mr. James Turner made a motion to make Ms. Shirley Smith Chairperson of the Water commission. Ms. Smith seconds the motion and accepts Chairmen position.

Mr. James Turner made a motion to raise the minimum water rate from \$33.60 to \$50.00. Also the flat rate to \$2.60 per hundred cubic feet of water. This will take effect for the current billing cycle. Ms. Shirley Smith steps down as Chairperson and seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Motion carried. The commissioners asked Ms. Missy Kakela-Bottoms to send a letter to Mr. Henry Papuga of Milford Water Company of this change.

The commissioners set meet date of November 13, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. This is so the commissioners can discuss the public hearing November 20th and to review rules and regulations.

Mr, James Turner made a motion to request Mr. Henry Papuga to do hydrant flushing as soon as possible. Also to notify the commissioners of a date and time this is done. Ms. Shirley Smith steps down as Chairperson and seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Motion carried.

Mr. James Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Shirley Smith steps down as Chairperson and seconds the motion. Both members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
Thursday, November 20, 2003

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Ms. Shirley Smith at 7:00 P.M.

Ms. Shirley Smith, Mr. James Turner and Mr. Robert Carlson were present. Ms. Melissa Kakela-Bottoms the administrative assistant was also present.

Commissioner Smith gave residents a brief history of the water system. Her information was found in the water board files. She also explained the difference between what a private water company and a municipality fee structure. Commissioner Smith had take picture of fire hydrants on Route 140 and they are deplorable. As far as Commissioner Smith can tell the hydrant have not been flushed since 1997. Some water users disagree with that and have seen the hydrant being flushed this year.

Mr. Vincent Cataldo asked the Commissioners if a new line could be put in from the Milford town line thru Hopedale to the Mendon town line. The Commissioners said that they would look into that cost to do that. Mr. Dwight Watson, Ms. Claudia Cataldo and Mr. Vincent Cataldo told the Commissioners that they did not have a choice but to have Town water because of the Ferrucci dump.

Residents questioned what kind of procedures does the Commission has to go to raise the water rates. The Commissioners believe that under their Charter that they can raise the rates by a simple vote at a regular meeting. But the Commissioners will look into what if there is any other legal opinion other than a vote of a meeting.

Mr. Cataldo would like to know what the Water Commissioner plan to do with the extra money if rates are raised. The residents feel that the Commissioners should have a plan and reason to raise the rates. Residents would like the Commissioner to look into all the options before we go with Bellingham.

Option 1 – Run a line from Milford to Mendon

Option 2 – Hooking up with Bellingham

Option 3 – Mendon drilling there own well.

One resident on Edward Road could understand restructuring the water rates to encourage water conservation. Residents questioned will the Commissioners have the

answers to the questions by the next meeting and how will they find out about the meeting

1. Who owns the hydrants?
2. What is the cost to put Mendon's own line down Route 140?
3. Is there money available to help the Town and where is it?
4. Have a detailed report on the hydrants and there maintenance?
5. If some one drills there own well will they still have to pay the betterment?

The Board will meet on December 18, 2003.

Mr. James Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Robert Carlson seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p. m.

Approved January 8, 2004



Town of Mendon
Water Commission
Meeting Minutes for
Thursday, December 18, 2003

Meeting Cancelled