



Town Of Mendon

Finance Committee

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Meeting Minutes

Michael Krager, Chairman
Nicholas Ciantra, Vice Chairman
Billy Haddad, Clerk
Mike Ammendolia
Jesse Curll
John Hodgens
Ron Zammuto

Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Time Called to Order: 7:00 PM
Time Adjourned: 10:24 PM
Location: Town Hall - First Floor Meeting Room
Meeting Chair: Michael Krager
Recorder: Billy Haddad

Member:	Present ⁱ	Remote ⁱⁱ	Member	Present	Remote
Michael Krager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	John Hodgens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nicholas Ciantra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jesse Curll	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Ammendolia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Billy Haddad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ron Zammuto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Topic Name:	Review Annual Town Meeting Warrant and Make Recommendations
Summary:	<p>Article 27: BVT Stabilization Fund Summary: Approves the creation of a stabilization account for Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District. Motion: Mike A motioned to recommend to the town this article, which Billy seconded. Vote Outcome: The favorable recommendation was approved with support from a majority of the Committee; Mike K dissented.</p> <p>Article 18: Solid Waste and Recycling Budget Summary: Appropriates funds to operate the municipal subscriber curbside trash and recycling services as an enterprise fund. Motion: Jesse motioned to recommend to the town this article, which Billy seconded. Vote Outcome: The favorable recommendation was approved unanimously.</p> <p>Article 13: Fire Station Garage Doors Summary: Appropriates funds to purchase new garage doors for the Fire Station. Motion: Mike A motioned to recommend to the town this article, which Billy seconded. Vote Outcome: The favorable recommendation was approved unanimously.</p> <p>Article 28: Fire Department SCBA Fund Summary: Transfers funds for future purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department. Motion: Mike A motioned to recommend to the town this article, which Billy seconded. Vote Outcome: The favorable recommendation was approved unanimously.</p>

Article 19: Valuation Account

Summary: Appropriates funds for the Update Valuation Account.

Motion: Mike A motioned to recommend to the town this article, which Billy seconded.

Vote Outcome: The favorable recommendation was approved unanimously.

Article 20: Cyclical Inspection Account

Summary: Appropriates funds for the Assessor's Cyclical Inspection Program.

Motion: Mike A motioned to recommend to the town this article, which Billy seconded.

Vote Outcome: The favorable recommendation was approved unanimously.

Article 4: Chapter 90 Funds

Summary: Appropriates funds provided by the Commonwealth for local road mileage, population, and employment.

Motion: Mike A motioned to recommend to the town this article, which Billy seconded.

Vote Outcome: The favorable recommendation was approved unanimously.

Article 12: Snow and Ice Removal Deficit

Summary: Appropriates funds to cover the fiscal 2025 snow and ice removal deficit.

Motion: Mike A motioned to recommend to the town this article, which Billy seconded.

Vote Outcome: The favorable recommendation was approved unanimously.

Article 21: MURSD Roof Debt Authorization

Summary: Approves borrowing for roof replacement at Nipmuc Regional High School, including MSBA reimbursement.

Motion: Mike A motioned to recommend to the town this article, which Billy seconded.

Vote Outcome: The favorable recommendation was approved unanimously.

Article 22: MURSD Facilities Debt Authorization

Summary: Approves borrowing for various upgrades and remodeling projects in the District's four schools.

Motion: Mike A motioned to recommend to the town this article, which Billy seconded.

Vote Outcome: The favorable recommendation was approved unanimously.

Article 23: MURSD Fields and Grounds Debt Authorization

Summary: Approves borrowing for renovating and constructing outdoor recreational facilities at Nipmuc Regional High School and Miscoe Hill Middle School.

Motion: Mike A motioned to recommend to the town this article, which Billy seconded.

Vote Outcome: The favorable recommendation was approved unanimously.

Article 24: CPA MURSD Fields Debt Payment

Summary: Transfers funds from the Community Preservation Accounts to fund field work for MURSD fields.

Outcome: The Committee wanted more information to make a recommendation to the Town; Jeremy was going to follow up with Anne and the Committee will meet on 05/02/2025 prior to the Annual Town Meeting to make a recommendation.

Article 1: Affirm Balanced Budget

Summary: Ensures adherence to funding sources for all appropriations to maintain a balanced budget.

Motion: Mike A motioned to recommend to the town this article, which Billy seconded.

Vote Outcome: The favorable recommendation was approved unanimously.

Article 2: Salaries for Elected Officials

Summary: Maintains current stipends for elected officials and provides a 3% cost-of-living increase for the Town Clerk's salary.

Motion: Mike A motioned to recommend to the town this article, which Billy seconded.

Vote Outcome: The favorable recommendation was approved unanimously.

Article 3: Prior Year Bill Payments

Summary: Pays \$557.90 in unpaid invoices from fiscal year 2022 due to a transposition error.

Motion: Mike A motioned to recommend to the town this article, which Billy seconded.

Vote Outcome: The favorable recommendation was approved unanimously.

Article 7: CPA Police Station Debt Service

Summary: Allocates CPA funds to pay annual debt service for the Police Station construction.

Motion: Mike A motioned to recommend to the town this article, which Billy seconded.

Vote Outcome: The favorable recommendation was approved unanimously.

Article 8: CPA Budget Allocations

Summary: Sets 10% minimum allocations for preservation, open space, and historic resources, with 65% budgeted reserve for flexible use.

Motion: Mike A motioned to recommend to the town this article, which Billy seconded.

Vote Outcome: The favorable recommendation was approved unanimously.

Article 9: CPA Affordable Housing Coordinator

Summary: Allocates \$15,000 in CPA funds to support a newly created Affordable Housing Coordinator position.

Motion: Mike A motioned to recommend to the town this article, which Billy seconded.

Vote Outcome: The favorable recommendation was approved unanimously.

Article 10: Insurance Repayments

Summary: Allocates \$18,823 from free cash to reimburse health insurance over-deductions for a retired employee.

Motion: Mike A motioned to recommend to the town this article, which Billy seconded.

Vote Outcome: The favorable recommendation was approved unanimously.

Article 11: Water Study Reclassifications

Summary: Reallocates \$65,350 to cover the deficit caused by incorrect invoice charges to a state grant.

Motion: Jesse motioned to recommend to the town this article, which Billy seconded.

Vote Outcome: The favorable recommendation was approved unanimously.

Article 14: Police Matching Grant Funds

Summary: Appropriates funds for Police Department State/Federal General Matching Grants.

Motion: Mike A motioned to recommend to the town this article, which Billy seconded.

Vote Outcome: The favorable recommendation was approved unanimously.

	<p>Article 15: General Fund Budget</p> <p>Summary: Approves the fiscal year 2026 General Fund Budget for town operations.</p> <p>Motion: Mike A motioned to recommend to the town this article, which Billy seconded.</p> <p>Vote Outcome: The favorable recommendation was approved unanimously.</p> <p>Article 16: Water Enterprise Fund Budget</p> <p>Summary: Approves the fiscal year 2026 water enterprise budget, balanced at \$227,000, with \$20,000 from retained earnings.</p> <p>Motion: Mike A motioned to recommend to the town this article, which Billy seconded.</p> <p>Vote Outcome: The favorable recommendation was approved unanimously.</p> <p>Article 17: Revolving Fund Spending Caps</p> <p>Summary: Updates annual spending caps for revolving funds, increasing Parks cap to \$250,000.</p> <p>Motion: Mike A motioned to recommend to the town this article, which Billy seconded.</p> <p>Vote Outcome: The favorable recommendation was approved unanimously.</p> <p>Article 25: ARMUD Additional Parcels</p> <p>Summary: This article proposes amending Mendon Zoning By-laws Article V Section 5.05 (Age Restricted Mixed Use Overlay District) and corresponding map to include 3 North Ave (8-177-6-0) and 6 Milford St (8-177-6-0).</p> <p>Motion: Jesse motioned to recommend to the town this article, which Billy seconded.</p> <p>Vote Outcome: The majority of the Committee abstained. Consequently, no recommendation was made due to the lack of majority support. Mike K voted Yes; Nick C voted No.</p>
Decisions Made:	See above.
Actions to Take:	Meet prior to the Annual Town Meeting on 05.02.2025 to finalize Warrant recommendations.
Related Documents:	5.2.25 ATM Draft Warrant Grounds / Facilities Memo

Topic Name:	Previous Meeting Minutes
Summary:	<p>The Committee reviewed the following meeting minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11.12.2024 • 02.12.2025 • 03.03.2025 • 03.05.2025 • 03.10.2025 • 03.12.2025 • 03.18.2025 <p>Mike A motioned to amend the 03.10.2025 minutes to record John Hodgens' attendance and to accept the remaining minutes as presented, which Billy seconded.</p>
Decisions Made:	The meeting minutes were accepted.
Actions to Take:	Billy to record and post the minutes on the Mendon website.

Related Documents:	Minutes 11.12.2024 ; Minutes 02.12.2025 ; Minutes 03.03.2025 ; Minutes 03.05.2025 ; Minutes 03.10.2025 ; Minutes 03.12.2025 ; Minutes 03.18.2025
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ⁱ If “Present” contains an “x” that person was physically present.

ⁱⁱ 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.