

Meeting Agenda - Minutes Worksheet

Team Name: Mendon Upton Multi-Board
 Meeting Number: #05-2012/13
 Date, Time, Location: Thursday, 29 November 2012 // 7:00pm // Nipmuc Regional HS, 3rd Floor, PDC Room, 90 Pleasant Street, Upton, MA
 Meeting Purpose: General Business
 Facilitator: Mike Goddard
 Attendees: **Mendon BoS:** Mike Goddard, Mike Amendolia; **Upton BoS:** Bob Fleming, Jim Brochu; **Mendon-Upton RSC:** Kathleen Drennan, Joe Maruszczak, Jay Byer, Chris Russo, Heather Applegate, Liana Moore; **Mendon FinCom:** Rich Schofield, Willem Argenent; **Upton FinCom:** Jon Calianos, Joan Shanahan, John Graves; **BVT:** Mike Fitzpatrick; **Members of the Massachusetts General Court:** Sen. Richard Moore, Sen. Michael Moore, Rep. John Fernandes, Rep. George Peterson

Minutes Approved: **Approved Thursday, 03 January 2013**

Agenda Item / Topic	Presenter	Discussion / Conclusion	Action / Responsibility
Call Meeting to Order / Review the Agenda	Facilitator: Michael Goddard Mendon BOS	Meeting was called to order at 7:06	
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Facilitator: Michael Goddard Mendon BOS	On a motion from Mike Goddard, seconded by Kathleen Drennan Vote: Unanimous	Ken Picard will forward minutes to the Town Clerks.
Legislator Round Table <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Budget Update • Opportunities • Statutory Relief 	Sen. Richard Moore Sen. Michael Moore Rep. John Fernandes Rep. George Peterson	The legislative delegation began the discussion by informing those assembled that uncertain financial conditions in the state could have potential impacts on both towns and the regional school district. Information presented included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State revenues are off by roughly \$250M and are tracking well below projections • As a result, it is expected that the Governor will invoke his 9C powers to make mid-year cuts. • Although 9C reductions don't typically affect Chapter 70 or special education circuit breaker funding, the Governor may request an expansion of his authority to make those cuts • The legislators generally agreed that there is too much uncertainty in the budget to make predictions about FY14 local aid, but they cautioned town and school officials to budget conservatively. • The delegation reminded those assembled that they supported and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit list of ideas for statutory relief and procedural flexibilities/Members • Compile list and submit to legislators/Drennan, Fleming, Goddard • Build consensus with advocacy associations and other local government/Members

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		<p>delivered increases in local aid for the current fiscal year including increases in regional school transportation and circuit breaker funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although there are some positive indicators that the economy is improving, the latest revenue numbers indicate a slowing of the economy. • Dr. Maruszczak presented information on the effective reimbursement rate for regional school transportation and circuit breaker which showed a fairly sizeable gap between what the district spends and the reimbursement the district receives from the state. He thanked the delegation for their past support and asked for their continued support. • Several ideas for statutory relief and regulatory flexibility were discussed including flexibility in the library accreditation policy and flexibilities related to Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds. • The delegation suggested the Multi-board compile a list of ideas for policy relief and flexibilities and submit to them in early January so that they may be considered during FY13 budget discussion. • They also suggested that we join forces with other cities and towns and perhaps leverage our relationships with the Mass. Municipal Association, the Mass Association of School Committees and the Mass Association of School Superintendents to build consensus and support for our ideas. 	
Review of Action Plan	K. Picard	Not discussed	
RSD Athletic Field Use Update	J. Maruszczak	Not discussed	

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Town Shared Opportunities	K. Picard	Not discussed	
Other Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated	Facilitator	Not discussed	
Next Meeting Look Ahead <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location • Date & Time • Topics 	Facilitator	TBD	
Adjourn the Meeting	Facilitator	On a motion from Kathleen Drennan, seconded by Mike Goddard Vote: Unanimous Adjourned at 8:47PM	Ken Picard will forward draft meeting minutes to team members and Town Clerks

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