

# Meeting Agenda - Minutes Worksheet

Team Name: Mendon Upton Multi-Board  
 Meeting Number: 2012/13-07  
 Date, Time, Location: Thursday, 07 February 2013 // 7:00pm // Nipmuc Regional HS, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, PDC Room, 90 Pleasant Street, Upton, MA  
 Meeting Purpose: General Business  
 Facilitator: Ken Picard  
 Attendees: **Mendon BoS**; Mike Goddard, Mike Ammendolia / **Upton BoS**; Ken Picard / **Mendon-Upton RSD**; Kathleen Drennan, Liana Moore, Leigh Martin, Joe Maruszczak / **Mendon FinCom**; Willem Angenent / **Upton FinCom**; Jon Calianos, Jon Graves  
 Minutes Approved: **Approved: Thursday, 18 April 2013**

Agenda Item / Topic	Presenter	Discussion / Conclusion	Action / Responsibility
Call Meeting to Order / Review the Agenda	Facilitator	Meeting called to order at 7:05PM	
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Facilitator	A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of Thursday, 03 January 2013. The motion was seconded. The motion was voted; the motion was approved unanimously.	Ken will submit to the Town Clerks for public record
Action Plan; Collaboration w/ State Legislators	K. Drennan M. Goddard	Kathleen stated that the MURSD unfunded mandates from the Federal and State governments costs the RSD approximately 5.2 million dollars. The Town representation did not have a dollar cost for unfunded mandates that impact local government.  Mike's center of attention is creating flexibility in the implementation of unfunded mandates for the towns verses asking for any funding from the State government. Mike recommended areas of focus are: (1) The use of town collected CPA funds. (2) Changing the regulations on deficit spending levels of snow & ice removal accounts. (3) Library funding regulations. (4) Storm water regulation.  <a href="#">Exhibit: 2013-07A, unfunded school mandates, 4 of 5 pages</a>	The Team will continue to evaluate and present a recommendation to our State Legislators
Action Plan; Shared Opportunities	M. Goddard K. Picard	Mike updated the team that the Towns of Mendon and Upton recently met to discuss finding opportunities to share services in order to reduce the cost of delivery while maintaining the same level of service or increasing the level of service. The Boards decided to focus of the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Storm water regulations</li> <li>E permitting applications for Town licenses and/or permits</li> <li>Veteran's Agent</li> </ul>	The Town's Boards of Selectmen will continue to meet and evaluate opportunities.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Short term street sweeping.</li> </ul> <p>Exhibit: 2013-07A, town shared opportunities, 1 of 5 pages</p>	
Action Plan; Communication w/ Public	H. Applegate	Not discussed	This topic will be discussed at a future meeting.
MURSD Budget	J. Maruszczak	<p>Joe provided a narrative overview of the proposed school budget. The highlights are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The overall MURSD budget is projected to increase approximately 2%.</li> <li>The budget is aligned with the school districts strategic plan.</li> <li>Filling a vacate position of curriculum coordinator.</li> <li>Implementing a full time kindergarten program for all students. This cost increase will be partially offset by a reduction in transportation costs.</li> <li>Increase in English Language Learner students from 8 to 22.</li> <li>Realizing financial saving from energy reduction and conversion initiatives.</li> <li>Expecting flat revenue from the State.</li> <li>Mendon's MURSD assessment is projected to increase by \$162,000.</li> <li>Upton's MURSD assessment is projected to increase by \$310,000.</li> </ul> <p>Exhibit: Mendon-Upton Reg. School District preliminary budget information web link  <a href="http://budget-information.mursd.org/modules/cms/pages.phtml?pageid=260147&amp;sessionid=9d0348ba7e8c4300ab6803bb04cc1bb4">http://budget-information.mursd.org/modules/cms/pages.phtml?pageid=260147&amp;sessionid=9d0348ba7e8c4300ab6803bb04cc1bb4</a></p>	
Other Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated	Facilitator	<p>Mike Ammendolia said there could be an opportunity to align the Towns' labor agreement negotiations with the school districts. Mike feels that this would be a good strategy to help keep the wage increases similar ranges.</p> <p>The MURSD budget public hearing will be held on Monday, 18 March 2013 in the high school auditorium.</p>	

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<p>Next Meeting Look Ahead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location</li> <li>• Date &amp; Time</li> <li>• Topics</li> </ul>	Facilitator	<p>The next meeting will be held in the MURSD Superintendent's conference room;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miscoe Hill School, Central Office, Hartford Ave, Mendon, MA</li> <li>• Thursday, 14 March 2013 at 7:00PM.</li> <li>• Topics: review action plan areas of focus</li> </ul>	<p>Create a meeting agenda and submit meeting notice to the team and the respective Town Clerks for posting.</p> <p>Ken Picard</p>
Adjourn the Meeting	Facilitator	The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.	

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