

DRAFT MINUTES

Special Town Meeting Minutes Monday, November 3, 2014

Present: Sara Tully, Teri Corsones, Bert Winans, Justin Lindholm, Susan Blish, Neil Langer, Chris Corsones, Geoff Wells, Larry Courcelle, Nancy Gondella, Assistant Clerk, and Marie Conway, Town Clerk

Call to Order: Chris Corsones, acting as Moderator called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Chris asked everyone to rise and pledge allegiance to the Flag.

Teri Corsones, representing the Planning Commission explained that the Planning Commission had been asked to take a look at the Subdivision Regulations, last revised in March, 2002. A couple of years ago, at the Planning Commissions request, Mendon applied for a grant from the State to do this study. The purpose of the study was to bring our Regulations into compliance with State Statutes and make the Regulations more user friendly.

The Planning Commission went through the regulations section by section looking for any inconsistencies. Their aim was to simplify the regulations. The Planning Commission met monthly for two years.

- Prior to this study, the Town had jurisdiction over water and sewer; now the State has that jurisdiction.
- After Irene, a new set of regulations was considered for water management.
- The commission addressed the definition section of the regulations in an effort to make it easier to understand.
- The application form was previously four pages, and has now been reduced to one page.
- The State Statute was updated. Their effort was to create regulations that were simpler to understand and better organized.

Sue Blish stated that it sounded to her like this was just an update of procedures as to how to get things done easier.

Chris Corsones stated these Revised Subdivision Regulations will be voted on at the General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Teri Corsones noted that the Town felt it was important for voters to be able to vote on this since it is a town regulation. It has already been presented and approved by the Selectboard.

Justin Lindholm said many people he talked with were stumbling through this process and felt the regulations were vague. It sometimes took as many as four months before the application was completed.

Larry Courcelle thanked the Mendon Planning Commission for all the hard work they had done over the two-year study.

Chris Corsones adjourned the Special Town Meeting at **6:14 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

**Marie E. Conway, Town Clerk
Attending Selectboard Members:**

Larry Courcelle _____ **Dated:** _____

Geoffrey Wells _____ **Dated:** _____

Moderator:

Chris Corsones _____ **Dated:** _____