

# Town of Mendon

## Selectboard

August 8, 2022

Members of Selectboard present: Larry Courcelle, Bryan Sell

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator & Health Officer, Bill Ellis, Road Commissioner

Visitors present: None

The Selectboard Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM at the Town Office.

Agenda: There were no changes to the agenda.

### Announcement

Welcome PEGTV to the first recording of the Mendon Selectboard Meetings

Stormwater Master Plan has started with Fitzgerald Environmental Associates, LLC. This project is 100% grant funded.

Vermont's Department of Public Safety is offering a new public safety initiative, SurviVermont, to educate and empower Vermonters with actions they can take to protect themselves and family members if they are confronted with an active shooter or violent situation. The trainings are available around the State during the month of August and are a combination of See Something/Say Something, Run Hide Fight, and Stop the Bleed. There is a training on **August 10 @ 6-7:30 pm** at the Vermont State Police Rutland Barracks, 124 State Place in Rutland. To register, go to <https://vem.vermont.gov/news/new-trainings-related-active-shooter-and-violent-threat-situations>.

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission will be hosting a FEMA-sponsored Virtual Tabletop Exercise (VTTX) on **Wednesday, August 24** from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm with both in-person and virtual options to participate. This exercise will focus on an active shooting incident at a school that results in mass-casualty and mass-fatality. They are taking a "whole community" approach to this exercise and have invited Local EMDs, Emergency Responders, Rutland Regional Medical Center, Vermont Department of Health, Red Cross, Rutland Mental Health, Supervisory Union Superintendents and School Principals/Administrators to participate.

The Rutland Regional Asset Management Mapping Project <https://rutlandramp.com/> is discussing ways to keep the project updated and the website useful for information about each of the 27 Rutland County towns.. The towns of Brandon, Mendon and West Haven were the original three towns to sponsor the project through a Municipal Planning Grant.

### Administrative Matters

*Selectmen's Orders* were reviewed.

Motion by L. Courcelle to approve orders for 8/3/22 \$9,319.12 and \$742.40. Motion seconded by B. Sell. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: L. Courcelle moved to approve the minutes of 7/25/22 as presented. Motion seconded by B. Sell. The Selectboard approved the motion.

Public Comment None

### Business

*Paving Issue* B. Ellis stated there was no new information to report. Issue tabled until the next meeting.

*Transportation Alternative Grant: Mendon Route 4 Project assignment of Municipal Project Manager* Motion by L. Courcelle to appoint Steffanie Bourque as the Municipal Project Manager for the Transportation Alternative Grant for the Route 4 project. Motion seconded by B. Sell. The Selectboard approved the motion.

*Security at Meetings* B. Sell reported that he, Town Administrator, Sara Tully, Sheriff Fox and Constable Carter met to discuss recent Disorderly Conduct at meetings and at the Town Office. Sheriff Fox agreed to have a deputy present at meetings if available.

*Security at the Town Office* B. Sell requested security cameras be installed in the parking lot and town office. The cameras in the office will not record sound. Video footage would be looped to reserve footage for two weeks before it recorded over. No public information will be recorded and therefore footage does not need to be maintained as a public document. Equipment can be installed without a licensed electrician. Legal considerations were addressed by VLCT and VLCT also referred Mendon to the town attorney, Jim Carroll and B. Sell followed through with that suggestion. Motion by L. Courcelle to spend \$500 on the video cameras and base. Motion seconded by B. Sell. The Selectboard approved the motion.

*Recording Selectboard Meetings* The Selectboard welcomed PEGTV that is recording the meeting. These recordings are the property of PEGTV and will be aired on PEGTV and links posted on their website. Mendon will also post links to the meetings on the town's website. It was discussed how long meetings are available. S. Tully will follow up with PEGTV for this information

*Disorderly Conduct Ordinance* The Selectboard reviewed and discussed the Town of Fair Haven's Disorderly Conduct Ordinance. B. Sell proposed Mendon draft a Disorderly Conduct Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the conduct of persons within Mendon to promote public health, safety and welfare throughout Mendon. Civil penalties and waiver penalties were discussed. Enforcement was discussed. The ordinance would require legal review. Motion by L. Courcelle to forward the draft Disorderly Conduct Ordinance to Jim Carroll for legal review. Motion seconded by B. Sell. The Selectboard approved the motion.

*Legal Counsel advisement on Disorderly Conduct and Harassment of Town Employees and Town Officials* Motion by B. Sell to enter Executive Session at 5:45 with the Selectboard and S. Tully present for the purpose of discussing legal counsel advisement on Disorderly Conduct and Harassment of Employees and Town

Officials. Motion seconded by L. Courcelle. The Selectboard approved the motion. The Chair declared the board out of Executive Session at 6:57 PM.

No action taken.

B. Sell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 PM. Motion seconded by L. Courcelle. The Selectboard approved the motion.

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Larry Courcelle

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Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

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Val Taylor

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Bryan Sell