

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

October 11, 2022

Members of Selectboard present: Larry Courcelle, Val Taylor

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator & Health Officer

Visitors present: Fred and Jennifer Bagley, Lisa Brooks, Justin Lindholm, Megan Smith, Gordon Stake, Ted Earl

The Selectboard Meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM at the Town Office. Peg TV is recording the meeting.

Agenda: Motion by L. Courcelle to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The Selectboard approved the motion.

Announcement

Mendon has a new website! The website address has changed from .org to .gov. The new address is www.mendonvt.gov

Selectboard Vacancy – the Selectboard is accepting letters of interest to fill a vacant seat on the Selectboard until Town Meeting in March 2023. Interested parties can submit a letter of interest to mendonadmin@comcast.net. If anyone has questions about the roles and responsibilities of the Selectboard they can call Sara Tully at 802-558-3935. There will also be a three year Selectboard position elected in March.

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan public comment period is open until 10/24/22. The LHMP is posted on the town's website www.mendonvt.gov and copies are available at the Town Office. Comments can be submitted to mendonadmin@comcast.net.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed.

Motion by L. Courcelle approve orders for 10/6/22 of \$42,149.46 and \$600.00 and payroll for 10/4/22 of \$12,044.96. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The Selectboard approved the motion.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by L. Courcelle to approve the minutes of 9/26/22. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The Selectboard approved the motion.

Public Comment None

Business

ARPA Timeline and Project List L. Courcelle reviewed the ARPA project list and discussed the Selectboard working on developing a criteria for evaluating projects. Mendon on the Move will be requesting funds for the Community Center and Beautification Projects. The playground replacement at the Mendon Recreation Area and Barstow Playground Expansion was also discussed.

Fireworks Ordinance The Fireworks Ordinance was originally adopted in 2018. F. Bagley had submitted some suggested changes to the Fireworks Ordinance. F. Bagley explained that the was a fireworks display this summer that started very late and lasted a long time. The requested changes included:

- 1) a requirement that neighbors within a certain distance, e.g. 1/4 mile radius, be notified by letter no less than 72 hours in advance of the display
- 2) that the property owner hosting the display either have insurance coverage to the amount of \$500 or post a bond to that amount, and if a commercial business does the display that they have similar insurance
- 3) that firework displays not exceed 15 minutes maximum, whether there is one or multiple displays on a given night
- 4) that the display conclude no later than 10:00pm, 30 minutes sooner than the noise ordinance

L. Courcelle discussed that the regulation of prohibited times to make noise under the Noise Ordinance and the time you can discharge fireworks under the Fireworks Ordinance are different. The penalties are different and the Fire Warden or Constable can approve a permit to discharge fireworks, but no requirement for these two people to communicate with each other or the Rutland City Fire Department. T. 20 VSA §3135 penalties were highlighted with the need to review. The Selectboard will look to review both the Burn Permit Ordinance and the Firework Ordinance.

2023-2024 Budget Timeline L. Courcelle provided an overview of the budget process. S. Tully discussed the timeline of the budget. The FY22 Audit has not been received to date. S. Tully will follow up with Treasurer N. Gondella with when we can expect the audit. The FY22 year-end actuals have been included in the budget provided to the Selectboard along with the timeline of the reserve funds. The department heads will be submitting their budget requests at the next meeting.

L. Courcelle moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 AM to conduct a site visit at the town owned property on Stoney Meadows Lane. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The Selectboard approved the motion.

A site visit was conducted at the town property on Stoney Meadows Lane to evaluate the property as a potential location for the Community Center. The site visit concluded at 10:45 AM.

Date Approved _____

Larry Courcelle

Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

Val Taylor