

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

February 27, 2023

Members of Selectboard present: Larry Courcelle, Val Taylor, Seth Bridge

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

Visitors present: Fred Bagley, Lisa Brooks, Carol and Brian Gates

The Selectboard Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM as a fully remote meeting.

Agenda: Motion by V. Taylor to add the Certificate of Highway Mileage to the agenda and approve the agenda. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The Selectboard approved the motion.

Announcements

Town Meeting will be held at the VTRANS Building at 61 Valley View in Mendon on March 6, 2023 at 6 PM. The polls will be open March 7, 2023 at the Town Office at 2282 US Route 4 from 8 AM-7 PM.

Town Meeting Candidates: Chris Corsones is running unopposed for Moderator. Seth Bridge and Lisa Brooks are running unopposed for two separate Selectboard seats. Write in candidates are accepted for all offices on the ballot.

Part-time opportunity for Zoning Administrator. This is a part time position at 8 hours per week. Please submit resume and letter of interest to Sara Tully at mendonadmin@comcast.net

Volunteer Opportunity for Planning Commission: the Planning Commission is seeking two new members. The Selectboard would like to thank Gary Sihler for serving on the Mendon Planning Commission. Mr. Sihler is not seeking reappointment in March.

Mendon Recreation Committee will hold a hybrid meeting March 1st @ 5:30 p.m. at the Town Office.

Retirements: Bill Ellis & Newt Jones announced their retirement from the Town of Mendon Road Crew.

March 6, 2023, the Town Office will be closed for election preparation.

March 13, 2023, 2nd half property taxes due

Barstow Unified Union School Board Annual District meeting February 28, 2023 at Barstow Memorial School @ 6:30 p.m. Virtual option available to listen and watch only with no authority to vote from the floor.

Dog licenses due April 3, 2023.

Mendon Town Report is available on our website www.mendonvt.gov and on Killington/Mendon Front Porch Forum.

Vermont Principal's Association announces its Hall of Fame Class. Rutland County will be represented by Dick Wilcox of Mendon for outstanding coaching, and Meredith Bagley formerly from Mendon for outstanding student-athlete.

VLCT Selectboard Essentials in person course is March 25, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m. and a virtual presentation March 30, 2023 @ 11:00 p.m.

Congressional Direct Spending application portal is now open for an innovative project that benefits Vermont communities. Contact RRPC for assistance. The Deadline is March 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed.

Motion by L. Courcelle to approve orders for \$13,554 and payroll for \$10,761.11. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The motion unanimously passed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by L. Courcelle to approve the minutes of 2/13/23 as presented. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The motion unanimously passed.

Certificate of Highway Mileage There are no changes from last year. Motion by L. Courcelle to approve the Certificate of Highway Mileage. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The motion unanimously passed.

Public Comment None

Business

ARPA L. Courcelle provided a status of the ARPA Funds. The Town received \$302,285 in ARPA Funds. \$190,156 has been obligated to date.. The remaining \$112,129 must be obligated by the end of December 2024 and all funds spent by December 2026. If the town does not receive grant funding for the Town Office generator, this project will cost \$15,000 from ARPA versus \$7,000. L. Courcelle suggested the Selectboard reserve \$50,000 for paving for the FY24 budget and possibly reserve another \$10,000 for contingency on projects already funded. He recommended the Board continue to partially fund projects instead of provide full funding to seek grant funding as well.

Motion by L. Courcelle to authorize the Town to apply for two grants for recreation due March 10th and March 15th. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion unanimously passed.

Town Meeting Preparation The Town Meeting Presentations were discussed.

Chairs Remarks L. Courcelle stated it has been a privilege to serve the townspeople of Mendon. It is interesting and challenging at times. He was glad to step in to help out and that he has complete faith in the Selectboard going forward. He advised to let the budget be their guide and he is happy to provide advice as only a phone call away.

F. Bagley thanked L. Courcelle for his service and in the 43 years he has lived in Mendon he could not think of another Chair that did more for Mendon. There is no amount of thanks for that and wished him well. L. Brooks expressed similar sentiment and stated she will be calling him if needed.

S. Bridge moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 PM. Motion seconded by L. Courcelle. The Selectboard approved the motion.

Date Approved _____

Larry Courcelle

Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

Val Taylor

Seth Bridge