

Mendon Planning Commission Minutes (Draft)
March 7, 2022

Present: Phil Douglas, Fred Bagley, Justin Lindholm, Gary Sihler and Teri Corsones were present. An executive session was called at 5:30 pm in order to interview three applicants for the Mendon Zoning Administrator position. The executive session ended at 7:35 pm.

Mendon Zoning Administrator Position: Members were in unanimous agreement to nominate Susannah Loffredo for the Mendon Zoning Administrator position. Teri will contact Ms. Loffredo and then will notify Sara so that the Select Board can review the nomination at its March 28 meeting. Teri will also contact the other two applicants to thank them for their interest in the position.

Mendon Planning Commission Vacancy: Members discussed the email that Richard Howe submitted expressing his interest in serving on the Mendon Planning Commission. Members were in unanimous agreement to nominate Mr. Howe to the MPC. Teri will contact Mr. Howe, and then will notify Sara so that the Select Board can review the nomination at its March 28 meeting.

Non-compliant Signage: Teri inquired at the Town Office of the status of the sign violations at the Snow Angels Tavern and at the Edelweiss Motel. Jesse Bridge indicated that the owners of the Snow Angels Tavern said that the signage would be removed in the Spring. Jesse has not heard back from the owners of the Edelweiss Motel.

Village Center Designation Program: Teri reported that the Mendon on the Move group is researching what is needed in order for Mendon to participate in the Village Center Designation Program. The Mendon Town Plan provides that a Village Center Designation should be explored and considered to support Mendon's economic development and preservation of historic and cultural resources. The benefits of village center designation include tax incentives to maintain and enhance buildings as well as priority consideration for various state grants and programs such as Municipal Planning Grants and the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The designation must be renewed every eight years. Teri will work with Patti Lancaster to learn about next steps.

Enhanced Energy Plan: It appears that the Select Board public hearing date for the proposed Mendon Enhanced Energy Plan has been moved to March 28, 2022. Teri will follow up with Sara to conform.

The next meeting of the Mendon Planning Commission is scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2022 at 5:15 p.m. at the Mendon Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Corsones