

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

August 14, 2023

Members of Selectboard present: Val Taylor, Seth Bridge, Lisa Brooks

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

Visitors present: Oliver Olsen, Rutland County Deputy Sheriff Duel

PEG TV was recording.

V. Taylor called to order at 5:32 PM at the Town Office.

The pledge of allegiance.

Agenda:

Motion by V. Taylor to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed.

Motion by V. Taylor to approve orders for 8/14/23 for \$28,103.60 and payroll for \$11,800.23. The motion passed.

Motion by V. Taylor to approve 7/24/23 minutes. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed.

Announcements: S. Tully reported the Notch Road, Wheelerville Road and the Falls Road sustained damage during the 8/4/23 storms. There are multiple areas of road erosion and washout. Drivers should use caution and Wheelerville is closed to residential traffic only.

Public Comment: Oliver Olsen stated to the Selectboard that the earlier disastrous rain events in July contributed to the damage that occurred in August on Mendon's roads. V. Taylor explained the second event was in a short period of time. S. Tully explained that Mendon did not report damage to Mendon's highways after the July storms. Mendon sustained damage in the August rain event.

Business

Flooding Event- S. Tully provided a recap of the damage to roads from the rain event on 8/4/23 and overview the FEMA process. The Notch Road had a culvert that washed out a 10 foot section of the culvert. This created a hole in the road that closed the road to one lane. There were also areas of gully erosion in the ditch line and edges of the road. Notch Road must be

repaired as soon as possible. B. Ellis located the size of culvert needed. The town will contract temporary repairs. The Wheelerville Road sustained extensive damage from Notch Road to the intersection of the Falls Road. This section of the road is 2 miles and there was extensive damage to the ditch line as well as the roadway. Multiple large culverts need rock replaced and sediment removed. The culvert at the intersection of the Falls Road and Wheelerville Road was overtopped washing out the roadway, crossing bridge 15 and washing down around the abutments. Bridge 15's abutments were undermined. The Falls Road sustained significant damage with multiple culverts and the roadway washing out. The Mendon Road Crew worked to restore emergency services access to the residents off the Falls Road, Clark Mason Road and Northam Road. Matt Towne assisted in hauling material and two residents with tractors. B. Ellis has contacted Josh Carvajal to obtain state permits.

Hire Legal Counsel for Zoning Violation S. Ellerin, Zoning Administrator requested approval to seek legal counsel guidance in issuing zoning violations.

Motion by V. Taylor to allow S. Ellerin up to \$2,000 to seek legal counsel guidance to enforce zoning violations. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed.

V. Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 PM. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed.

Date Approved _____

Val Taylor

Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

Seth Bridge

Lisa Brooks