

**Town of Mendon**  
**Selectboard**

**October 23 , 2023**

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

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

Visitors present: Justin Lindholm, Ryck Morales, Deputy Duel

PEG TV was recording.

V. Taylor called to order at 5:33 PM at the Town Office.

The pledge of allegiance.

Agenda:

Motion by V. Taylor to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by L. Brooks. The motion passed.

Administrative Matters

*Selectmen's Orders* were reviewed.

Motion by V. Taylor to approve orders for 10/23/23 for \$17,737.69 and payroll for \$12,386.42. Motion seconded by L. Brooks. The motion passed.

Motion by V. Taylor to approve 9/28/23 minutes. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed.

Motion by V. Taylor to approve 10/16/23 minutes. Motion seconded by L. Brooks. The motion passed.

Announcements: None

Public Comment: J. Lindholm discussed the legal trail from Old Turnpike Road to Wildcat Road in Chittenden. There is a beaver dam near the town line with Chittenden. He reported the beaver dam is up to the road, but it is still passable. The right of way on the Old Turnpike Road side is much harder to navigate. S. Tully reminded the Selectboard that they approved a request from the Road Commissioner to trap the beavers.

Business

*FEMA & SBA Resources* R. Morales from the U.S. Small Business Administration attended the meeting to provide information to the public about SBA Disaster Assistance Loans. This program provides long term recovery help with low interest and long-term loans to those effected by disaster. The SBA offers Business Disaster Loans, Economic Injury Disaster Loans, and Home Disaster Loans for both renters and homeowners. To apply go to [disasterloan.sba.gov/ela](http://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela) or call 800-659-2955 or visit a Disaster Recovery Center. There is no cost to apply and there is no obligation to accept the loan if approved.

*Mendon Historical Society request to place bench at Town Office* Issue tabled until November 13<sup>th</sup>

*FY24 Budget Timeline and Meetings* S. Tully provided a brief overview of the budget process and timeline. She requested the Selectboard determine whether to require a petition for appropriation requests. The Selectboard decided to not require a petition for any organization that was funded the previous year as long as the request for funding remained the same. A petition signed by 5% of the voters is required if the organization did not receive funding the previous year or if the funding amount had increased.

V. Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 PM. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed.

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

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Val Taylor

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Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

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Seth Bridge

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Lisa Brooks