

## Town of Mendon

### Selectboard

March 25, 2024

Members of Selectboard present: Val Taylor, Seth Bridge, Megan Smith

Town Officers and employees present: Jesse Bridge, Bookkeeper & Assistant Clerk, Nancy Gondella, Town Clerk & Treasurer

Visitors present:

Hannah Abrams

Fred & Jennifer Bagley

Thane Beattie

Lisa Brooks

Rich Carlson

Dennis Charles

Mark Fiore

Brian and Carol Gates

Richard Howe

Cort Jones

Patti Lancaster

Justin Lindholm

Adam Loffredo

Jessica Quesnel

Jim & Betsy Reddy

Keith Witcom, Jr.

Ann Singiser

V. Taylor called to order at 5:32 PM.

The pledge of allegiance.

#### Agenda:

Motion by V. Taylor to approve the agenda with adding approval of orders and payroll \$22,691.33 and \$17,895.17 and appointments to the Planning Commission and Town Clerk and Treasurer. The agenda will table the approval of 2/12/24 minutes. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed.

#### Administrative Matters

*Selectmen's Orders* were reviewed.

Motion by V. Taylor to approve orders for \$22,691.33 and payroll for \$17,895.17. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed.

Announcements: The Town is advertising two employment opportunities: Road Crew and Bookkeeper/Assistant Clerk

The next Selectboard Meeting will be held April 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 PM instead of April 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Barstow Unified Union District will be holding a revote of the BUUSD budget on April 30, 2024. An informational meeting will be held in person at Barstow School with a remote option on April 22, 2024 at 6 PM.

Business

Motion by M. Smith to appoint Jesse Bridge Town Clerk and Treasurer. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The morion passed by M. Smith and V. Taylor. S. Bridge abstained from voting.

Motion by V. Taylor to appoint Teri Corsones, Dennis O’Connoll, Sara Buxton and Justin Lindholm to the Planning Commission. Motion seconded by S. Bridge.

The Selectboard wanted to give an opportunity to the public to hear detailed plans for improvements to the Town Office to increase security and answer questions about the project before making a decision to spend money on the improvements.

S. Ellerin’ provided an overview of the project and the solicitation for quotes. The bid went out 3/15/24 and the deadline extended to 3/25/24.

Many attendees asked questions and spoke in favor of securing the town office.

A few attendees questioned the necessity of the cost.

V. Taylor dicussed the project would be funded from ARPA

Motion by V. Taylor to spend up to \$30,000 to improve office safety from ARPA funds. Motion seconded by M. Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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Val Taylor

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Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board  
Not present – minutes completed from the video recording of the meeting.

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Seth Bridge

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Megan Smith