

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

June 24, 2024

Members of Selectboard present: Val Taylor, Megan Smith

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

Visitors present: Carol Gates

V. Taylor called to order at 5:31 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda:

Motion by V. Taylor to approve the agenda with adding the State Mandated Reappraisal and Road Commissioner Meeting Overview. Motion seconded by M. Smith. The motion passed.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed.

Motion by M. Smith to approve orders for 6/24 /24 for \$41,740.28 payroll 5/28/24 for \$10,614.57 and 6/11/24 for \$14,764.60. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The motion passed.

Motion by M. Smith to approve the minutes for 6/10/24. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The motion passed.

Announcements:

Employment Opportunities: Highway Maintenance/Equipment Operator

Open Meeting Law Seminar, June 26th 5:30-7 PM in person at the RRPC and virtual option available. All public officials are encouraged to attend.

There are new email addresses for Town Office staff. The town now has @mendonvt.gov addresses. The new emails can be found on the website at www.mendonvt.gov.

Next Meeting will be held July 9, 2024 at 5:30 PM and will be a hybrid meeting to be held in person at the Town Office.

Public Comment: None

Business

Open Meeting Law Compliance Effective July 1, 2024 there are new updates to the Open Meeting Law. The Selectboard Meeting scheduled for July 8th is being rescheduled to July 9th to accommodate a Planning Commission Meeting on July 8th. The town will not have the capability of holding two in person meetings at the same time based on space at the office and technology needed to record meetings. Under the new legislation, all non-advisory meetings need to be recorded and posted for 30 days. M. Smith stated the Planning Commission needs to hold meetings at their regularly scheduled time. S. Tully discussed that some meetings are rescheduled around holidays. Multiple town officials will be attending the training at the Rutland Regional Planning Commission on June 26th.

FY24 Year End Financials J. Bridge will be submitting final year end financials this week and there will be a last set of orders.

Rutland County Sherrif Contract FY25 Motion by V. Taylor to approve the FY 25 Rutland County and execute by July 1, 2024. Motion seconded by M. Smith. The motion passed.

State Mandate for Reappraisal The state has mandated that Mendon Dept of taxes reappraisal order as a result of the 2023 equalization study. The COD is outside the acceptable parameters. The CLA 89.77% and the COD 20.37%. Spencer Potter, Mendon's Assessor reviewed the equalization study and determined the sale of condos in Mendon resulted in the COD reaching the reappraisal threshold. S. Potter recommended the Selectboard request a reappraisal of the condos in Mendon and determine if that is acceptable to the state. The town must respond to the VT Department of Taxes by July 14th.

Road Commission Meeting Recap M. Smith met with the Road Commission, Chris Baird at the Town Garage. She was very impressed with the progress they are making. C. Baird requested replacing a pole saw, chain saw and weedwhacker and the FY24 budget was discussed. M. Smith discussed the diesel pump shelter. Sweeping equipment needs replacement and possibly consider replacement. S. Tully explained the budgeting process and how the town conducts a cost benefit analysis when considering purchasing equipment and completing work in house versus contracting for the work. These conversations will be part of the FY26 budget preparation process.

V. Taylor moved to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 6:09 PM. Motion seconded by M. Smith.
The motion passed.

Date Approved _____

Val Taylor

Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

Megan Smith