

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

April 25, 2022

Members of Selectboard present: Larry Courcelle, Val Taylor, Bryan Sell

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator & Health Officer, Bill Ellis, Road Commissioner

Visitors present: Carol Gates

The Selectboard Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM at the Town Office.

Agenda: Motion by L. Courcelle to approve the agenda with the addition of Beaver Management and ARPA Update. Motion seconded by B. Sell. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Announcement

State of Vermont Inclusion Week May 8th – May 14th

Lister Connections Training by Property Valuation and review April 28, 2022 9 AM- 12 PM.
Larry plans on attending.

L. Courcelle reported he is receiving information on Act 250 Permit #1RO322-15 Ottaqueechee Realty Advisors, LLC Killington Pico Ski Resort

Rutland Regional Planning Commission approved Mendon's Enhanced Energy Plan.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed.

Motion by L. Courcelle to approve orders for 4/25/22 in the amount of \$257,734.52 payroll for 4/19/22 for \$9,681.77. Motion seconded by B. Sell. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Motion by L. Courcelle to approve \$50 gift certificate for Sugar and Spice as a replacement for a lost certificate. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: L. Courcelle moved to approve the minutes of 4/11/22. Motion seconded by B. Sell. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Public Comment C. Gates requested a septic inspection on a neighboring property to a lot she owns on Terra Lane. She stated they complained about this issue last year and nothing was done. She also demanded to know what the town was spending money on to assist her neighbor with their failed septic. S. Tully, Mendon Town Health Officer, informed the Selectboard that she conducted a health inspection in July 2021 in accordance with the checklist in the Town Health Officer manual and found no evidence of failure. She relayed that she has been in contact with the homeowner to schedule a health inspection. She intends to perform a dye test of the system and had to order the supplies to do so. C. Gates requested a copy of the inspection and the pictures that are taken. S. Tully agreed to send her a copy of the inspection report once completed.

Business

Local Emergency Management Plan review and adoption The Selectboard reviewed the Local Emergency Management Plan as submitted by Lema Carter, Emergency Management Director. There were two corrective changes regarding current contact information. S. Tully will update this information in the final draft. Motion by L. Courcelle to adopt and have the Chair sign the Local Emergency Management Plan and the NIMS Adoption Document for the Town of Mendon. Motion seconded by B. Sell. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Rutland Regional Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement S. Tully provided an overview of the Rutland Regional Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement and its importance as a preparation tool to request and aid participating Rutland County municipalities in the event of emergencies that effect public works. Motion by L. Courcelle to adopt and have the Chair sign the 2022 Rutland Regional Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement. Motion seconded by B. Sell. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Structures and Class 2 Roadway Grant applications S. Tully reported that two grant applications were submitted on 4/14/22 for the Structures Grant and the Class 2 Roadway Grant.

AOT Financial Plan Motion by L. Courcelle to approve the revised AOT Financial Plan. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Beaver Management B. Ellis reported beavers are damning the culvert off Old Turnpike Road. B. Ellis has contacted the state for assistance in managing the beaver and remove the dam threatening the road. The cost to remove the beaver will be approximately \$200.

ARPA L. Courcelle reported the definitions of government services and eligible expenses under the standard allowance are still being discussed at the state level and the US Treasury. L. Courcelle was specifically referring to the Communication Union Districts that are expanding fiberoptics throughout Vermont. It is still recommended that communities move slowly to determine what projects to spend ARPA funds on. The Selectboard will keep updated. V. Taylor reported the first ARPA reporting requirement due April 30th has been met.

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Timeline and Outreach Strategies L. Courcelle provided an overview of the LHMP kick off meeting along with information on public outreach strategies and two meetings of the Planning Commission and Selectboard to present the Hazard Identification & Vulnerability Assessment and present the Mitigation Strategy tentatively scheduled in June and October.

B. Sell moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The Selectboard approved the motion.

Date Approved_____

Larry Courcelle

Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

Val Taylor

Bryan Sell