

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

July 11, 2022

Members of Selectboard present: Larry Courcelle, Bryan Sell

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

Visitors present: None

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 payroll for 6/11/22 for \$9,821.27. Motion seconded by B. Sell. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Announcement

S. Tully reported a VLCT PACIF Safety Grant was awarded for \$1,475 for ergonomic office furniture. No matching funds are required.

N. Gondella reported the Weinberg appeal was accepted by the Supreme Court appealing 2021 and 2022 appraisals.

August 9th is the Primary Election. Polls will be open at the Mendon Town Office 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

L. Courcelle informed the Selectboard of some information discussed at the RRPC Transportation Council meeting. There will be a grant available in the Fall to help pay for generators with 90% funding. Construction costs have increased by 25%. Traffic studies are available for member municipalities for free. Information was provided about glavel, a commodity made up from recycled glass and foam to be used in highway construction and slope stabilization projects. Glavel costs \$70/ton.

VLCT Municipal Financing Seminar for Selectboards, July 28, 2022, 9AM

RRPC Survey on Healthy Community Design Planning and Projects is looking for input from municipalities to help create trainings and educational materials.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Applications are due September 30, 2022.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed.

Motion by L. Courcelle to approve orders for 7/11/22 \$481.00 and \$3760.00 and year end \$53,350.54 and \$1718.00 and payroll for 7/9/22 for \$10327.90. Motion seconded by B. Sell. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion. The Zoning Administrator review is pending.

Year End Financials N. Gondella provided an overview of the FY22 year end financials. There is a 250K surplus. The State Education Tax Rates have increased from \$1.1578 to \$1.2305 for Homestead properties and \$1.2241 to \$1.2850 for Non-Residential properties. The Selectboard discussed various options for use of the \$250 surplus that include offsetting FY23 municipal taxes, reserving unspent highway funds for highways and preparing a plan for the use of additional funds to present to the voters at Town Meeting 2023. Mendon's CLA decreased from 130% to 114.09% and the COD is at 16.42%. The Tax Rates will be set at the next meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: L. Courcelle moved to approve the minutes of 6/13/22 as presented. Motion seconded by B. Sell. L. Courcelle and B. Sell approved the motion. The approval of the 6/27/22 meeting minutes are tabled until members present are able to approve the minutes.

Public Comment J. Linholm reported the Mendon Historical Society is looking to locate an old cemetery on the east side of Northam Road described as a .25 acre lot. It will be difficult to find as there may be no stones or markers placed.

Business

Paving Contract S. Tully reported the invoice was received from Fuller totaling \$264,828 to reclaim and resurface Sherwood Drive and Terra Lane. S. Tully provided an overview of the stormwater control measures installed from Helvi Hill Road (PVT) to the curve in Sherwood Drive at 636 Sherwood Drive. The bid called for a paved swale. The installation is a curb. The Selectboard discussed the installation of the curb and whether it is an appropriate means to handle the water runoff from Sherwood Drive and Helvi Hill Road (PVT). The property owners of Helvi Hill must install appropriate stormwater control measures on their road to not cause damage to a town highway (Sherwood Drive). B. Ellis will contact Fuller to discuss the concerns regarding the curb installation versus the bid specifications that outlines a paved swale.

Woodward Road Dry Hydrant Project Update L. Courcelle and S. Tully provided an overview of the Woodward Road Dry Hydrant Replacement Project. They are conducting a site visit on Tuesday July 12, 2022 with Bill Lovett, Rutland City Fire Department and Troy Dare, Rural Fire Protection Task Force to discuss the scope of work for the project. Grant Funds are available for reimbursement of 75% of the eligible project costs.


Deputy Health Officer Appointment Form The Selectboard reviewed and signed the State of VT Deputy Health Officer appointment form for Mary Ann Reich for a term that expires 8/31/24.

Rutland County Sheriff Contract Motion by L. Courcelle to ratify the approval from the motion made on June 27, 2022 the FY23 contract for the Rutland County Sherriff to provide 32 hours per week coverage at \$46.54 per hour. Motion seconded by B. Sell. The subject was added to the agenda at the June 27th meeting.

L. Courcelle moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM. Motion seconded by B. Sell. The Selectboard approved the motion.

Date Approved July 25, 2022


Larry Courcelle


Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board



Bryan Sell