

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

November 28, 2022

Members of Selectboard present: Larry Courcelle, Val Taylor

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

Visitors present: Rep. Jim Harrison, Fred and Jennifer Bagley, M. Smith, Dennis Charles
The Selectboard Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM at the Town Office. Peg TV is recording.

Agenda: Motion by L. Courcelle to delete Tax Sale, add Recreation invoice and approve remaining agenda. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The Selectboard approved the motion.

Announcement

The Selectboard is accepting letters of interest to serve as a member until March 2023.

The Selectboard/Planning Commission are accepting letters of interest for Zoning Administrator.

December Meetings will be held on December 12th and 19th

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed.

Motion by L. Courcelle to approve orders for 11/28/22 of \$13,625.10 and \$13085.11 and payroll from 11/1/2022 of \$ 10,807.25. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The Selectboard approved the motion.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by L. Courcelle to approve the minutes of 11/14/22. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The Selectboard approved the motion.

Public Comment

F. Bagley asked about the status of the request by Rutland Town to help fund Fireworks. L. Courcelle reported that Rutland Town has a solution for funding their Fireworks display.

Rep. Jim Harrison Rep. Harrison provided a comprehensive overview of various subjects that will be discussed going into the next legislative session.

Business

Community Center Update M. Smith reported the results of the Community Center Survey with 100 surveys submitted. 64 to 38 felt a Community Center would strengthen the town. 47 to 41 supported funding the Community Center with tax dollars. 45 to 46 supported a municipal bond to pay for the Community Center, 48 to 36 supported a capital campaign to fund a Community Center.

AARP VT Grant Award and Grant Agreement Motion by L. Courcelle to sign the Grant Agreement for \$4,000. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The Selectboard approved the motion.

FY2020/21 State Homeland Security Grant Reallocation Application due 12/9/22 Motion by L. Courcelle to apply for a Homeland Security Grant. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The Selectboard approved the motion.

Final Draft LHMP review and Public Comments S. Tully reported no additional public comments were received with regards to the draft LHMP. L. Courcelle provided an overview of the LHMP's committee work since April with the assistance of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission's Steffanie Bourque. The LHMP is posted on the town's website. The next step is to submit the LHMP to Vermont Emergency Management for review. Motion by L. Courcelle to submit the LHMP for Approval Pending Adoption. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The Selectboard approved the motion.

ARPA Timeline and Project List The Selectboard reviewed the ARPA Project List and is requesting all department heads submit costs of projects by the end of December.

2023-2024 Budget The Selectboard reviewed the budget in detail. The current draft has the budget increasing by \$47,571 or 3.7%. The Selectboard will continue to develop the budget and reserve fund timelines.

Recreation Expense L. Frachte-Monroe, Chair of the Recreation Committee submitted an invoice for \$70.49 for three top rails to the fence that was damaged by a downed tree. Motion by L. Courcelle to approve the expense for \$70.49. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The Selectboard approved the motion.

L. Courcelle moved to enter Executive Session at 6:20 PM to discuss the Community Center pursuant to T. 1 VSA 313 with the Selectboard M. Smith, F. Bagley, J. Bagley and S, Tully present. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The Selectboard approved the motion. The Chair declared the Board out of Executive Session at 6:53 PM.

The Selectboard decided to hold off on the engineering inspection of the lot on Stoney Meadows Lane.

L. Courcelle moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 PM. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The Selectboard approved the motion.

Date Approved _____

Larry Courcelle

Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

Val Taylor