

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

July 13, 2023

Members of Selectboard present: Val Taylor, Lisa Brooks

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator & Health Officer, Nancy Gondella, Town Clerk & Treasurer, Jesse Bridge, Bookkeeper & Assistant Clerk

Visitors present: Ashley Arnold and the Rutland County Deputy Sheriff Delance

PEG TV was recording.

V. Taylor called to order at 5:30 PM at the Town Office.

Agenda:

Motion by V. Taylor to approve the agenda with the addition of Municipal Energy Resilience Program. Motion seconded by L. Brooks. The motion passed.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed.

Motion by V. Taylor to approve orders in the amount for 6/26/23 for \$11,417.80 and payroll for \$10,641.89.

Motion seconded by L. Brooks. The motion passed. Motion by V. Taylor to approve orders in the amount for \$63,737.52. Motion seconded by L. Brooks. The motion passed.

Motion by V. Taylor to approve the minutes of 6/27/23. Motion seconded by L. Brooks. The motion passed.

Year End Financials N. Gondella estimated a year end surplus of \$172,000 of which \$76,000 was unspent Highway Funds and \$20,000 was FEMA reimbursement for previous years highway expenses. A total of \$96,000 would be eligible to retain for highway expenses.

Announcements None

Public Comment: None

Business

911 Officially Naming Legal Trail #6 J. Bridge, 911 Coordinator, explained there are now 3 structures on legal trail #6 that extends from Wheelerville Road to the intersection of Notch Road, Clark Mason and Northam Road. J. Bridge requested the Selectboard formally name Legal Trail #6 the Falls Road which it has been commonly known as since TS Irene in 2011. Motion by V. Taylor to name Legal Trail #6, Falls Road. Motion seconded by L. Brooks. The motion passed.

Attorney for Tax Sale Nancy Merrill, Delinquent Tax Collector, submitted a request to hire Chris Corsones to represent Mendon in the tax sale process for 5 properties. N. Gondella reported 2 of the 5 properties have

contacted the office for payment. Motion by V. Taylor to authorize N. Merrill to hire legal representation and send up to 5 properties to tax sale. Motion seconded by L. Brooks. The motion passed.

Road Crew Positions The Interview Committee opened a 2 week application period that ended on June 30th. The town received three applications. The committee decided that it does not represent a pool of applicants for each position and are opening the advertisement again for another 2 week period.

Flooding Event S. Tully happily reported Mendon did not sustain significant impacts from the flooding event and our hearts and thoughts go out to the communities in Vermont that have seen devastating damage. As a town we have offered assistance through the Rutland Regional Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement or sharing expertise with our staff to those communities struggling at this time. The Governor declared a State of Emergency last weekend and the disaster declaration was submitted to the President today for damage that occurred between July 7th -July 12th. There is continued concern of additional flooding today and we are continuing to monitor road conditions. The State Emergency Operation Center is open. The Department of Public Safety conducts a Situational Awareness Update daily in which representatives from the town are monitoring and disseminating information on our website and social media pages to get the information out. there regarding flood response. Anyone wishing to volunteer can sign up at www.vermont.gov/volunteer. There are a number of organizations accepting donations including the American Red Cross and the United Way. The public can support local businesses affected by the flood by purchasing gift cards to get them cash flow as they attempt to reopen. If anyone experiences damage from the flooding event, please report damage to VT 211. The most up-to-date information regarding state highways and whether they are open is at www.newengland511.org.

Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) S. Tully explained this program is an energy audit for our municipal buildings. The Town Office was built in 2005 and the Town Garage in 1984. The town has upgraded energy efficiency in both buildings to include the installation of energy efficient lighting, installation of heat pumps and replacement of propane heaters. There are two levels of audit that can be applied for. Level 1 is a basic audit with a basic application. Level 2 is more in depth and requires research and gathering information on each building to submit with the application. Based on the due date, Mendon does not have the staff to submit the level 2 audit application before the deadlines. N. Gondella reported that the town must complete the basic audit in order to apply for additional funding of \$4,000 for the construction. The town will apply for a level 1 audit.

V. Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 PM. Motion seconded by L. Brooks. The motion passed.

Date Approved_____

Val Taylor

Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

Lisa Brooks