

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

October 16 , 2023

Members of Selectboard present: Val Taylor, Lisa Brooks

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

Visitors present: Brian and Carol Gates, Shelly Susina, David Brooks, Dennis Charles

PEG TV was recording.

V. Taylor called to order at 5:37 PM at the Town Office.

The pledge of allegiance.

Agenda:

Motion by V. Taylor to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by L. Brooks. The motion passed.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed.

Motion by V. Taylor to approve orders for 10/16/23 for \$1,255,611.93 and payroll for \$11,438.62. Motion seconded by L. Brooks. The motion passed.

Motion by V. Taylor to approve 9/21/23 minutes. Motion seconded by L. Brooks. The motion passed.

The Selectboard tabled the approval of the 9/28/23 minutes until the quorum of the Board present at the meeting can approve the minutes.

There are no Selectboard Meeting minutes from the Route 4 Scoping Study Alternatives Presentation on October 5th. There was not a quorum of the Selectboard present. The presentation of the alternatives can be found at www.mendonvt.gov.

Announcements: None

Public Comment: C. Gates issued a complaint regarding the Zoning Board of Adjustment Hearing on October 4th appealing the decision of the Zoning Administrator to issue a building permit on their property at 166 Terra Lane. C. Gates stated that each of the appellants did not submit the required fee of \$131 to the town and therefore the hearing should not have occurred,

and their construction stopped. C. Gates stated that she does not acknowledge the appeal, nor should the ZBA and they should be struck from public record. C. Gates wanted to know who was responsible for warning the hearing and that they will be looking for compensation from the town.

D. Brooks requested increased law enforcement patrols on Route 4. He stated there have been several accidents resulting in physical injury and substantial damage over the last year. D. Brooks suggested the use of portable speed cameras and marked vehicles patrolling especially on the weekends.

Business

Mendon Historical Society request to place bench at Town Office S. Susina submitted a request for the town to participate in the 2024 Carving Studio and Sculpture Center (CSSC) Stone Bench Project. The Center describes the project as “ The 2024 Carving Studio and Sculpture Center (CSSC) Stone Bench Project will provide a two-week intensive training in traditional stone-working methods leading to the creation of a carved stone bench to be placed in the Rutland community. The Stone Bench Project is open to ten area teens, ages 13-19, from the Rutland Region and is free to selected students.” S. Susina would like to invite the Director Carol Driscoll to discuss the program specifics at the next meeting. The Selectboard agreed.

FY24 Budget Timeline and Meetings S. Tully discussed the timeline to prepare the FY24 budget. A memo from the Selectboard will be distributed to department heads requesting budget recommendations. A majority of the budget preparation will be completed before the end of December. Monir changes will occur in January. Health Insurance for 2024 will be discussed and approved in November.

V. Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 PM. Motion seconded by L. Brooks. The motion passed.

Date Approved _____

Val Taylor

Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

Lisa Brooks