

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

January 22, 2024

Members of Selectboard present: Val Taylor, Lisa Brooks, Seth Bridge

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

Visitors present: David Brooks, Brian and Carol Gates, Donna Stanley

V. Taylor called to order at 5:30 PM.

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 12/22/23 for \$29,280.65 and payroll for 1/9/24 for \$14,547.87. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed.

Motion by V. Taylor to approve 11/13/23 minutes. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed.

Motion by V. Taylor to approve 12/11/23 minutes. Motion seconded by L. Brooks. The motion passed.

Motion by V. Taylor to approve 1/8/24 minutes. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed.

Announcements: L. Brooks announced she was resigning from the Selectboard and thanked everyone for their support.

Public Comment: None

Business

FY24 Budget The budget was discussed in detail. The town office utilities and garage utilities were increased to provide high speed internet. V. Taylor requested adding a line item of Administrative Staff at \$5,000. S. Tully reported that the budget that will be finalized tonight has an amount to be collected in taxes at \$1,197,300. This includes appropriations which will be included on the warning. C. Gates asked what the Administrative Staff budget would be used

for. V. Taylor responded that there are additional expenses that relates to the economy and competitive salary increases.

Town Meeting Warning The articles for the warning for Town Meeting were reviewed. S. Tully reviewed posting requirements and distribution of the warning. The location of Town Meeting, VTRANS Building at 61 Valley View, March 4, 2024 at 6 PM. This is an in person meeting only, not a remote meeting. Voting will take place at the Town Office on March 5, 2024 from 7 AM to 7 PM. S. Tully clarified the amount to be collected in taxes for article 2 based on the changes in the budget made this evening would be \$1,192,300. Motion by V. Taylor to approve the Town Meeting Warning. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The Selectboard unanimously approved.

Request for redetermination of the Coefficient of Dispersion at 20.37%: The deadline for requesting a redetermination from Property Valuation and Review is February 5, 2024. A COD greater than 20% will result in an order by the State requiring Mendon complete a town-wide reappraisal. Spencer Potter believed the COD went over 20% based on sales data for condominium sales. However, he found no individual sales that he could determine Mendon had a case to have the sale thrown out of the sales data. Therefore, Mendon does not have a case for requesting a redetermination. S. Tully presented an estimated timeline of when the re-appraisal would occur which was 2026-2027 after the order is received, the town secures a contract and the reappraisal can be performed.

Goals and Objectives 2023-2024 Review S. Tully provided an overview of the progress towards the Goals and Objectives of the Selectboard for FY24.

V. Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 PM. Motion seconded by L. Brooks. The motion passed.

Date Approved _____

Val Taylor

Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

Seth Bridge

Lisa Brooks