

Selectboard

Town of Mendon

October 15, 2024

Members of Selectboard present: Megan Smith, Seth Bridge

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

Rutland County Sheriff Deputy is present.

Visitors present: Fred Bagley, Jennifer Bagley, Abigail Freeman, Carol Gates, Patty Lancaster, Justin Lindholm, Oliver Olsen

M. Smith called to order at 5:30 PM at the Town Office.

The Selectboard designated M. Smith the Chair.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda:

Motion by M. Smith to approve the agenda adding Selectboard Meeting schedule and the Carving Studio Bench to the agenda. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed.

Motion by M. Smith to approve the minutes for 9/23/24. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Motion by M. Smith to approve payroll for \$12,955.69. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Motion by M. Smith that the Selectboard Meetings for November are November 6 and November 25 at 5:30 at the Town Office. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Announcements:

Val Taylor has submitted her resignation from the Selectboard. The Selectboard is accepting letters of interest to be appointed to the Selectboard until Town Meeting 2025. The vacancy has been posted. Interested individuals can submit letters of interest and resume to the Town Administrator at Administrator@mendonvt.gov.

Public Comment: C. Gates wanted to let everyone in town know that she has submitted a letter of interest in being appointed to that position. She intends to run for the position regardless of if she is appointed. She wanted the town to recognize that she did run for the seat that Val (Taylor) left and garnished votes. She wanted to know if any of the other applicants have run or received votes. She expressed that she was disheartened by Val's resignation.

Business:

Caving Studio Bench J. Bagley provided a recap of the bench project created by 4 teenage students under the supervision of Nora Valdez. This is the 15th bench that has been created through this program. The Mendon Historical Society sponsored the bench project and had requested the bench be placed at the Town Office near the informational kiosk. There will be a plaque recognizing the project, participants that created the bench and sponsorship that will be placed near the bench. The Road Commissioner, Chris Baird, has been consulted regarding the placement of the bench to coordinate maintenance and snow removal on the property. The Road Crew will be transporting the bench to the property. Once the bench is placed, there may be a celebration recognizing those that created the bench. This celebration is still to be determined.

Motion by M. Smith to graciously accept the bench by the carving studio and place it at the Town Office. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Zoning Administrator Steve Ellerin has disclosed a conflict of interest in handling a zoning violation submitted by Richard Howe against property owned by Beardsley. S. Ellerin has requested Fred Bagley be appointed Zoning Administrator to handle this complaint. F. Bagley formerly held this position, agreed to step in role for this case. Motion by M. Smith to appoint Fred Bagley, Proxy Zoning Administrator to handle the Complaint of Zoning Violation

submitted by Richard Howe. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

2025-2026 Budget Timeline S. Tully presented a timeline to review the budget. Some of the meeting dates to present information by Department Heads will be amended based on the changes to the meeting schedule discussed earlier.

The Route 4 Scoping Study has been completed. Members of the Steering Committee for the Route 4 Scoping Study have requested to be appointed to an implementation committee to explore the preferred alternatives. The project aligns with Mendon on the Move Route 4 subcommittee. Mendon on the Move is a citizen’s initiative and is not a committee appointed by the Selectboard.

M. Smith moved to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 5:59 PM. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed unanimously.

Date Approved _____

Megan Smith

Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

Seth Bridge