

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

April 30, 2025

Members of Selectboard present: Seth Bridge, Sarah Buxton

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator

Rutland County Sheriff Deputy is present.

Visitors present: Brian Gates, Carol Gates

S. Bridge, Vice-chair called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM at the Town Office.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Motion by S. Buxton to add Route 4 Speed Reduction Request Update and table the approval of the 4/14/25 minutes to the agenda. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The Selectboard approved the motion. Motion by S. Buxton to move Public Comment on the agenda to before the RRPC presentation. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed.

Public Comment: C. Gates directed her comments to the “Planning Commission maps” and how they infringe on property rights and many residential properties and now conserved. S. Buxton clarified that the presentation by the Rutland regional Planning Commission this evening is regarding the Rutland Regional Plan 2026. This is not to be confused with the Mendon Planning Commission and the work on the Mendon Zoning Maps. B. Gates complained about access to the Town Office prior to meetings. He stated the door cannot be locked prior to a meeting with a quorum of the board inside.

Business:

Rutland Regional Plan 2026 S. Bourque, RRPC, attended the meeting to discuss the Rutland Regional Plan 2026. S. Bourque provided an overview of the 2026 Regional Plan elements and how Act 181 overhauled Vermont's land use planning framework. She explained the new Act 181 land use categories, state designations, and location-based Act 250 jurisdiction tiers. She walked through the draft regional future land use map and highlight key changes from the 2018 map.

S. Bourque responded to questions and requested that town officials make comments on the regional future land use map by May 23rd.

For all the information provided by the RRPC please visit:

- RRPC 2026 Regional Plan: www.rutlandrpc.org/plan2026
- Interactive, online draft Regional Future Land Use Map: <https://rrpc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/basic/index.html?appid=f491bcf3ec1b4c7b9205d43e1b3439ed>
- Public Feedback Poll: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Plan2026P3>

Motion by S. Bridge to recess the Selectboard Meeting at 6:17 PM for the Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting convening around 6:17 PM.

S. Bridge moved to reconvene the Selectboard Meeting at 6:54 PM.

Signing of Orders: Motion by S. Buxton to approve orders for 4/24/25 in the amount of \$13,937.73 and payroll for 4/5/25 for \$14,852.65 and payroll for 4/28/25 for \$13,765.61. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed.

Rutland County Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement S. Tully presented the Rutland County Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement. This agreement lays out a procedure to request mutual aid from another municipality to assist public works disaster damage. The agreement includes payment terms to reimburse the responding municipality for costs incurred. Motion by S. Buxton to approve the *Rutland County Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement 2025*. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed.

Rutland County Little League Facility Use Agreement S. Tully requested a waiver of fees for the Rutland County Little League (RCLL) Facility Use Agreement for 2025. The RCLL volunteers to assist in spring clean up of the ballfield and to place a porta potty at the Mendon Recreation Area for the duration of their season. Motion by S. Bridge to waive the Facility Use Agreement fees for the RCLL. Motion seconded by S. Buxton. The motion passed.

Route 4 Speed Reduction Request Update S. Tully reported that VTRANS responded to Mendon's letter requesting a speed limit reduction on Route 4. The letter indicates that VTRANS is anticipating receipt of a similar request from Rutland Town. The State will start a traffic study evaluation to look at Route 4 from Rutland Town starting at Gleason Road through Mendon to Medway Road. The Selectboard requested Megan Smith follow up with Rutland Town to determine if their request has been sent.

S. Bridge moved to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 7:04 PM. Motion seconded by S. Buxton. The motion passed unanimously.

Date Approved_____

Seth Bridge, Vice-chair

Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

Sarah Buxton