

# **Town of Mendon**

## **Selectboard**

**June 9, 2025**

Members of Selectboard present: Megan Smith, Seth Bridge, Sarah Buxton

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator

Rutland County Sheriff Deputy is present.

Visitors present: Chris Baird

M. Smith Chair called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM at the Town Office.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Motion by M. Smith to accept the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by S. Buxton. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

### Administrative Matters

The orders were reviewed. Motion by M. Smith to approve orders for 6/9/25 in the amount of \$29,065.40 and payroll for 6/7/25 for \$14,644.85. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Motion by M. Smith to approve the minutes for 5/27/25. Motion seconded by S. Buxton. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

### Announcements:

Open Meeting Law, Ethics, Conflict of Interest and Public Records Training for all Mendon Elected and Appointed Officials will be held after this meeting at 6-7:30 at the Town Office.

Public Comment: None

### Business:

*Rutland County Sheriff Contract FY26* The Selectboard reviewed the FY26 contract with the Rutland County Sheriff (RCS) S. Tully explained the only difference from FY25 is an updated rate and total amount of the contract not to exceed \$93,899. S. Tully has requested use of the mobile radar speed feedback unit to be placed on Route 4 and has not received confirmation on when we would be able to get on the schedule for this use. She will follow up with RCS.

Motion by S. Buxton to approve the law enforcement contract with the Town of Mendon and the Rutland County Sheriff for services for 7/1/25 to 6/30/26. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion. The Selectboard would like to thank the Rutland County Sheriff for the job well done and that the Board is very pleased with Deputy Frasier's assignment in Mendon.

*Update Dry Hydrant Replacement Projects* S. Tully reported that Bill Lovett, Rutland City Fire Department confirmed that the Pond Road Dry Hydrant in Eastridge Acres is providing sufficient flow volume and does not need to be replaced at this time. The dry hydrants on Woodward Road and Journeys End do need replacement. Troy Dare, VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force conducted a site visit on May 28<sup>th</sup> with B. Lovett, C. Baird and S. Bridge. Ellen Prior also attended the Journeys End site visit. S. Bridge provided a description of the challenges that do not allow for the RCFD to draw at Journeys End. Two locations were discussed to leave the hydrant at its current location or relocate to the edge of the Prior's driveway. E. Prior has contacted S. Tully and expressed she did not support relocating the standpipe to a different location. Town representatives continue to work with T. Dare to create a scope of work for the projects with grant funding from the Rural Fire Protection Program. The budget from the Public Safety Reserve Fund was also discussed. The town is also working with Zapata Courage, Wetland Permit Specialist to determine if Wetlands Permits are required.

*Dog Complaint – running at large and nuisance dog* S. Tully reported the town has received three written complaints about a dog running at large and being very aggressive to other hikers and dogs on leash in the Tamarack Notch area and South Mendon Road. Rod MacCuiag, Mendon Animal Control Officer, reported to the Town Office Staff that witnesses have reported the license plate of the owner of the dog. Rutland County Sheriff Deputy stated they could assist in the investigation. M. Smith requested R. MacCuiag submit documentation of his investigation thus far to the Selectboard. S. Tully will follow up with R. MacCuiag. S. Bridge clarified what the penalties would be and S. Tully informed the board of fees outlined in the Animal Control Ordinance.

*Unauthorized camping and/or abandoned vehicle* M. Smith explained there was a car in Wheelerville that appeared to be camping or abandoned. Rutland County Sheriff Deputy reported the owner has been located and the car has been moved.

M. Smith moved to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 5:40 PM. Motion seconded by S. Buxton. The motion passed unanimously.

Date Approved\_\_\_\_\_

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Megan Smith

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Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

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Seth Bridge

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Sarah Buxton