

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

August 11, 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: Fred Bagley, Carol Gates

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

The Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: The Selectboard approved the agenda as written.

Administrative Matters

The orders were reviewed. Motion by M. Smith to approve payroll for 8/4/25 for \$14,397.70 and orders for 8/11/25 for \$13,206.99. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Grant Paperwork M. Smith reported the grant paperwork for GA1066 for \$11,500, BC2383 for \$130,500, BR1342 for \$20,000 has been signed and submitted to the State for execution of the agreements.

Motion by M. Smith to approve the minutes for 7/28/25. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Announcements:

Text My Gov – Text My Gov allows you to sign up for the most up to date information from the Town of Mendon. M. Smith reported the town has received 450 sign-ups since it launched.

Fy26 Tax Rate – M. Smith announced the FY26 Tax Rate saw an increase this year because it was recently discovered the FY25 Tax Rate was set artificially low by 10% to meet expenses. There was a transition on the Selectboard and the Administrative Staff along with dealing with some pretty significant issues at the time. M. Smith stated that these are not excuses, but rather an explanation as to what has happened. The Town has not experienced a cash flow shortage despite the error and S. Tully and J. Bridge are working on procedures to make sure the error does not occur in the future.

Public Comment: Carol Gates requested copies of the grants that were just signed and the ARPA grant that paid for the safety improvements to the Town Office.

Business:

Town Attorney S. Buxton provided an update on the submission of letters of interest to provide municipal legal services for the Town. To date two firms have submitted interest and two firms have denied submitting a letter of interest. The town is waiting for further responses. Once received, sara Buxton, sara Tully and Jesse Bridge will meet to review the firms and make a recommendation to the Selectboard.

Motion by M. Smith to enter Executive Session at 5:41 to discuss employee evaluations pursuant to T. 1 §313 (3) for the evaluation of a public officer or employee. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by M. Smith to come out of Executive Session at 6:15 PM and adjourn the Selectboard Meeting. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed unanimously.

Date Approved _____

Megan Smith

Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

Seth Bridge

Sarah Buxton