

Town of Mendon, Vermont

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Date: June 8, 2026

Time Called to Order: 5:35 p.m.

Location: Mendon Town Office and remotely

Members Present: Megan Smith, Chair; Sarah Buxton

Officers Present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator, Chris Baird, Road Commissioner

Others Present: Members of the public attended in person and/or remotely, including Fred Bagley, Jennifer Bagley, Brian Gates, Carol Gates, Michael Miller, Trish Molloy, Steve Molloy

The meeting was recorded.

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the Selectboard meeting of June 8, 2026 to order at approximately 5:35 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Agenda Review

The Board agreed by consensus to add discussion of the Fourth of July event under business.

4. Approval of Orders and Payroll

Megan Smith moved to approve orders dated May 7, 2026 in the amounts of \$426,738.02 and \$130.20. Sarah Buxton seconded. Motion passed.

Carol gates interrupted the Selectboard Meeting demanding details for the approved orders. Megan Smith requested Ms. Gates be muted for interrupting the meeting.

Megan Smith moved to approve orders dated June 8, 2026 in the amounts of \$31,898.47 and \$10,896.50. Sarah Buxton seconded. Motion passed.

Megan Smith moved to approve May 12, 2026 payroll in the gross amount of \$14,088.20 and net amount of \$10,297.60. Sarah Buxton seconded. Motion passed.

Megan Smith moved to approve May 26, 2026 payroll in the gross amount of \$14,224.38 and net amount of \$10,347.05. Sarah Buxton seconded. Motion passed.

5. Approval of Minutes

Megan Smith moved to approve the minutes of May 11, 2026. Sarah Buxton seconded. Motion passed.

6. Announcements: None.

7. Public Comment

Carol Gates demanded detailed information regarding the appropriations approved by the Board, specifically line items not related to payroll.

Brian Gates made inappropriate public comment by name calling members of the board and demonstrating belligerent behavior.

During public comment, Sarah Buxton called the Brian Gates out of order. The speaker was muted online following belligerent behavior.

8. Business Items

Selectboard Meeting Schedule: The Board discussed the second meeting in June. The meeting will remain scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2026.

CAI Technologies Batch Uploader: The Board discussed the CAI Technologies Batch Uploader for property cards and tax bills on the Town website. Megan Smith moved to approve payment of \$2,500 from the Reserve Fund for the CAI Technologies Batch Uploader. Sarah Buxton seconded. Motion passed.

Recreation Event: Trish and Steve Molloy presented a Recreation Committee request for \$1,500 to plan and hold a late-August event at the recreation area, tentatively Friday, August 28 or Saturday, August 29, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The event would include live music and a food truck. The Board discussed the possibility of subsidizing food costs depending on event expenses. Megan Smith moved to transfer \$1,500 from the general fund to the Recreation Reserve Fund for the August event. Sarah Buxton seconded. Motion passed.

Rutland County Sheriff's Contract Update: Sara Tully reported that the sheriff's contract is substantially the same as the prior year, with an hourly rate increase to \$58.96 that was included in the budget approved by voters. Megan Smith and Sara Tully met with Sheriff Fox to review scheduling, contracted weekly hours, speeding concerns, and radar speed feedback signs installed or being installed on Townline Road, Meadowlake Drive, and Route 4. The Town will share collected radar data with the sheriff. The contract is expected to be executed at the next meeting for a July 1 effective date. Staffing challenges were also discussed, and a dedicated Mendon assignment may not be available until fall.

Fourth of July Event: Fred and Jennifer Bagley provided an update on the Saturday, July 4 event scheduled for 10:00 a.m. The event will recognize the 250th anniversary and include unveiling of a Veterans recognition plaque. Promotion will include Front Porch Forum, the Rutland Herald and Mountain Times, posters, Town text, Facebook, and the Town website. The Board discussed parking options, including reserving the Town Office parking spaces for those needing assistance, using the garage, possible carpooling, and potential coordination with nearby parking areas. The organizers will return to the June 23 meeting with final plans. The Board also discussed the request to formally designate the area near the Town Office as the Mendon Town Hall Green, with consideration planned for the next meeting.

9. Adjournment: Megan Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m. Sarah Buxton seconded. Motion passed.

Approved: _____

Megan Smith

Sara Tully- Clerk

Sarah Buxton