

Mendon Planning Commission Minutes
March 7, 2018

Present: Fred Bagley and Teri Corsones were present. The draft minutes of February 5, 2018 were approved as written.

Municipal Planning Grant Application: Elysa Smigielski from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission appeared to discuss additional planning relative to the Municipal Planning Grant that was approved by the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development. Teri thanked Fred for all his work handing out the "Town of Mendon Community Survey" during the Town Meeting, and over the course of the following day when residents came to the Town Office to vote. Approximately 80 surveys were completed and turned in. The survey asked:

1. What types of new businesses would you like to see in Mendon in the next ten years?
2. What types of new or additional recreation opportunities would you like to see in town for both visitors and residents?
3. What do you love about living in Mendon?
4. What could be improved in town?
5. What is your opinion on short term rentals (such as Airbnb) in town?
In your neighbor's house?
6. Do you foresee someday renting your house as a short term rental? Yes ___ No ___
Do you already? Yes ___ No ___

Elysa will compile and tabulate the survey responses for the next meeting. She will also speak with Sara about posting the survey on the town website, in the hopes that will be an additional opportunity for feedback.

Members discussed different ideas for a town-wide gathering, where residents could give their views about an updated town plan, especially concerning economic and recreational opportunities. A pot-luck picnic at the Mendon Recreation Area, at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 9 with a rain date on Sunday, June 10 was recommended. Elysa indicated that she could post large sheets of paper on the dug-outs with the survey and other questions, and index cards could also be available for persons to fill out at their leisure during the gathering. The Mendon Recreation Area offers softball, basketball, the playscape, picnic tables and ample parking. Teri can bring a badminton net and equipment, and can also organize kids' games. Fred will see if the Economic Development Committee and the Mendon Historical Society would like to co-host. Elysa indicated that the MPG budget includes some funds for refreshments, which could cover sandwich platters, paper goods and beverages. Residents can be asked to bring salads/side dishes (A – K) or desserts/snack items (L – Z). Once the date and time are finalized, we will ask that a "Save the Date" be included in the next town-wide mailing. A notice should also be posted on the town website.

The next meeting of the Mendon Planning Commission is scheduled for Monday, April 2, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. at the Mendon Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Corsones