

Mendon Planning Commission Minutes
May 7, 2018

Present: Justin Lindholm, Fred Bagley, Nicole Kesselring, Phil Douglas and Teri Corsones were present. The draft minutes of April 2, 2018 were approved as written.

Mendon Community Potluck Cook-Out: Elysa Smigielski from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission was present to continue the planning for the Mendon Community Potluck Cook-Out scheduled for Saturday, June 9 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Mendon Recreation Area. The rain date will be June 10. Teri indicated that Betsy Reddy from the Mendon Recreation Committee contacted her, and the Committee would like to also help with the event.

Elysa has sent the post card invitation to Quik-Print for printing and mailing. Residents should receive the mailing shortly. Phil is waiting to hear back from Barstow, as to whether copies of the invitation can be sent home with the Mendon students. He will follow up with Barstow. Elysa will confirm with Sara that the invitation will also be posted on the Mendon website, and will inquire about the possibility of Sara sending an "e-mail blast" of the invitation to residents shortly before June 9. Elysa will also inquire about the possibility of a posting on the website after the event, inviting residents who weren't able to attend the event to provide input online.

Elysa has not yet found a caterer for the burgers, sausages and hot dogs. She was encouraged to check with Mendon businesses first. Phil offered to bring a large grill, for the caterer's use. Elysa will also arrange for beverages, paper goods and condiments. Grant monies can be used to pay for the expenses associated with the event.

Phil will check with Sara about the town road crew setting up the tent, tables and chairs that Phil's "Pug Rescue" group is lending for the occasion. Members discussed the placement of the tent; Phil suggested the "plateau" area slightly above and adjacent to the ballfield/landscape area.

Elysa distributed draft questions for persons attending the gathering to answer. Members felt it was important to include in the materials a summary of the responses to the survey that was distributed on Town Meeting Day. Elysa will prepare large sheets of paper that can be attached to the outside dugout wall, listing the three main areas covered in that survey, namely "Types of New Businesses", "Recreational Opportunities" and "What People Love About Mendon", and the survey responses regarding those topics. Attendees will be encouraged to place stickers next to the responses that they favor, as well as to write additional responses under each category. Another option will be to fill out a separate survey with additional questions that Elysa will email to members for their review before the next meeting. Another option will be for attendees to write on the tablecloths covering the picnic tables. Elysa will bring the survey supplies, including stickers, sharpie pens and name tags to the event. When attendees have provided survey responses, they'll be entitled to enter their name for a drawing for a Vermont Products

Gift Basket and/or a Kids' Gift Basket. Winners' names will be drawn at the end of the event.

Nicole inquired about the timeline for the grant process. Elysa indicated that input will be gathered over the summer months, and she hopes to have a working draft of a revised town plan in the Fall. The final grant deadline is May, 2019.

Planning for the event will continue at the next Mendon Planning Commission meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. at the Mendon Town Office. (This is a day later than the usual meeting date, because of a scheduling conflict.)

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Corsones