

Mendon Town Office at 5:30 pm.

Attendees- Richard Wilcox, Sara Tully, Brittany Charles, Mark Latzky, Cort Jones, Fred Bagley, Patrick Kitchin, Bryan Sell

Agenda- The subject of organization of committee will be tabled until the next meeting.

1. *Rutland Region Active Transportation Plan* Bryan Sells attended the meeting to discuss and answer questions about the Rutland Region Active Transportation Plan, a grant submitted to the Better Connection Grant by the Rutland Redevelopment Authority and which the Town of Mendon agreed to co-sponsor. If successful, funds will be used to create a multimodal active transportation plan that will integrate existing and new transportation facilities with recreational assets along Route 4 through Rutland City and the Towns of Killington, Rutland and Mendon. The plan will be used to enhance development in underutilized economic centers and increase transportation resiliency in an area accessed by a single route. Part of the plan will explore connecting Killington to Rutland City with multi-use trails. The Mendon Selectboard agreed to support the application if funded with a commitment of \$1,000 matching grant funds. MEDC also supports the application with an emphasis they want the trail to access Mendon commercial zones along Route 4.
2. *Tax Stabilization Policy* F. Bagley drafted a letter directed to property owners of blighted or unused commercial properties in Mendon to inform them of tax stabilization in Mendon. The committee continued to provide ideas to catch the readers attention in hopes they want to reinvest in their property with the help of tax stabilization. F. Bagley will update the letter and redistribute for comments to create a final draft.
3. *MEDC Business Survey* The committee agreed the information gathered by this survey would be helpful for the Town. S. Tully stressed the committee members needs to help accomplish this goal by making effort to meet with business owners.
4. *Killington Valley Initiative Meeting* by Killington Pico Area Association, Mike Coppinger, invited representation from Mendon to attend a meeting scheduled for February 20, 2019 at 12:00 PM at the Killington Welcome Center.
5. *Other Grant Opportunities* – last year there was a 2018-19 Vermont Outdoor Recreation Collaborative Pilot Community Grant Program. MEDC should look to see if these funds are available this year and possibly coordinate a project with the Mendon Recreation Committee that would promote recreational opportunities as well as economic growth.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM