

Town of Mendon

Irene Recognition Committee

October 5, 2020

Members of Selectboard present: Jennifer Bagley, Larry Courcelle, Richard Wilcox, Dave Wolk

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator

Visitors present: None

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 PM with all present participating remotely.

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Mon, Oct 5, 2020 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PDT)

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- c) Continuing the meeting if necessary. In the event the public is unable to access this meeting, it will be continued to a time and place certain.

Please note that all votes taken during this meeting that are not unanimous will be done by roll call vote, in accordance with the law. The meeting by taking a roll call attendance of all members participating in the meeting. Roll call: Jennifer Bagley, Larry Courcelle, Richard Wilcox, Dave Wolk

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and accepted without changes

Elect Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk of the Irene Recognition Committee R. Wilcox volunteered to be the Clerk. It was discussed that Ann Singiser was not able to attend the meeting today and that the group should not volunteer her for a position in her absence. L. Courcelle volunteered to be the Chair and requested D. Wolk fill the Vice-Chair role.

Determine Regular Meeting Schedule Dates/Times It was discussed that meeting should occur at least monthly at specific dates and times. A regular schedule will be determined at the next meeting with input from all members. The next meeting was agreed to be held if feasible in the tent at Sugar & Spice on October 19, 2020 at Noon. If this is not feasible based on weather conditions or removal of the tent by Sugar & Spice that the meeting will move to the remote format through Gotomeeting. The details to attend the meeting will be included on the agenda and posted on the Mendon Website.

Overview of COVID protocol and adherence to Governors Executive Order S. Tully provided an overview of the established COVID protocol by the town and adherence to the Governors Executive Order.

Review and Discuss Goals and Objectives for the Irene Recognition Committee The committee discussed goals and objectives of the Irene Recognition Committee. The action plan will be created and developed over the next 11 months and ending in August/September 2021. Various stories of recovery and events following the storm were discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Tully, Acting Clerk