

A meeting of the Mendon Citizens Advisory Committee for Town of Mendon Fire Service was held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at the Mendon Community Center, 167 North Main Street, Honeoye Falls, NY 14472.

PRESENT: Muffy Meisenzahl; Karen Jenkins; Mendon Supervisor, John Moffitt; Ryan Wilsey; Chief Peter Kester (Zoom); Mike Arman; Robin Stewart Ha; Gerald Lonchair; Anthony Militello; David Smith; Steve Tschiderer.

ABSENT: Chief Cory Trewer

OTHERS: Mary Scanlon, Village Resident; Danny Bassette, IT support.

Minutes were taken by Bonnie Toomey.

Ms. Meisenzahl opened the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Mr. Arman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HOUSEKEEPING

Ms. Meisenzahl pointed out the exits and restrooms.

INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Meisenzahl acknowledged others present.

MINUTES for the August 24, 2022 meeting were approved as amended.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Ms. Meisenzahl stated that any materials for the meeting need to be emailed to Denise by Monday so as to be posted on the Town website 24 hours before the meeting.

Ms. Meisenzahl said if any members wanted documents hole punched for their folders, there was one available.

There were no questions.

COMMITTEE CHARGE

Task #1

Governance and Jurisdiction

Ms. Meisenzahl reviewed the 2016 Studies Report indicating anything highlighted in red is new since 2016. She added that it is still a draft, Study in Accessibility and Parking will be added by the Village.

Municipal Resource handout was reviewed. Ms. Meisenzahl explained the differences in the resources by Town, District and Village. Contracts for service was also discussed. Ms. Meisenzahl pointed out that the Village consolidated their Planning and Zoning Boards into one.

Current Capacities:

Mr. Militello reported that they are still waiting on numbers. Chief Kester stated that Mendon Fire Department is in the same boat. Mr. Militello added that training was the last part to come through.

Mutual Assistance Agreements:

Ms. Meisenzahl reviewed the handout explaining that the “X” in a column indicated the Fire Department automatically responds depending on the type of call. “Arrangement”, we need to understand what that arrangement is; is it verbal, is it written like a contract would be or written Dispatch instructions to the 911 Fire Dispatcher.

Chief Kester stated Mendon Fire Department’s are all with Dispatch.

Ms. Meisenzahl reviewed the abbreviated departments on the list by County. Mendon Fire Department’s information came from their box information. Honeoye Falls Fire Department’s came from a phone call with Pete Henry, Department Administrator. Ms. Meisenzahl asked Mr. Militello for assistance in updating Honeoye Falls information. He stated Chief Trewer is working on it, although it looks accurate. Chief Kester stated he added East Avon and deleted Mumford. He would verify this information and advise Ms. Zimmerman. He also stated he felt that Tanker Task Force should be added, it is different than Honeoye Falls Fire Department. Ms. Meisenzahl suggested that it might be better on its own table. Mr. Moffitt asked to clarify if the Tanker Task Force was used when there was no public water. Chief Kester answered affirmatively explained how it is set up also stating it is a lot more labor intensive.

There were no more questions.

Monroe County Water Authority

Ms. Meisenzahl reviewed the handout on the Monroe County Water Authority and the Hydrant & Water Main Map. She presented what information can be available asking if it is what the Town Board Member and Village Representative are interested in having. Mr. Lonthair stated is more important in what is not covered by hydrants as opposed to what is. Mr. Moffitt agreed.

Ms. Meisenzahl talked about the Town of Mendon’s water District#1 which has five extensions some of which are paid up and some are not. She advised to keep in mind the cost of a water district is on the residents in that district. In 2018, Labella did a report estimating the cost for water to be established for the areas in the town without public water.

Mr. Smith voiced his agreement in knowing the numbers without public water and asked how many residents have and do not have public water. The Monroe County Water Authority handout was referenced for numbers of customers both in the Village and Town. Discussion followed on locations with and without public water and the demand and cost.

Chief Kester stated there were a couple new developments without public water. Mr. Militello asked Chief Kester how they deal with new builds and sprinkler requirements. Chief Kester replied they have worked with the Town Code Enforcement, State code and the Zoning Board to provide options. There was discussion on the requirements of the code.

Task #2

Needs Assessment

Community Rite-To-Know, Ms. Meisenzahl retrieved regulated filings and sent to the Fire Chiefs and Fire Administrators.

Ms. Meisenzahl asked for update on the fuel tank in the Frontier building. Mr. Militello stated that the tank is there but it is unknown on the its quantity. Batteries are there.

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation does regulate fuel storage tanks above and underground. She asked what information the Committee wants to know. Chief Kester responded, anything that would change their tactics. The Fire Departments will advise the storage capacity threshold they consider important for the Committee Report.

Ms. Meisenzahl contacted New York State Department of Transportation for crash reports. They have changed their software. From the year 2017 going forward we can get the number of crash reports for each year. They can show trends. There is a traffic study on the way for Clover Street and Stoney Lonesome Road. In the discussion of needs based on number of accidents, whether DOT information is valuable or the Fire Department's history of calls they respond to. The subject of Fire Police was mentioned as an example for staffing. Chief Kester stated the Town has only one Deputy assigned so the Fire Personnel handle traffic while the Deputy writes the report. There was further discussion on where detailed numbers are obtainable. To determine how many calls are EMS from the total volume, Ms. Meisenzahl is working with 911 to pull them out. She can ask for those correlated to transportation incidents.

RESEARCH AND ASSIGNMENT REVIEW

- Will group risks in target areas: Target Features and Natural Features
- Look at assessments in progress
- Will obtain New York State Department of Transportation data

Ms. Meisenzahl asked if there were any other questions, there were none, also no one on Zoom.

The Next meeting is September 28, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.