

## Bond bank chooses receiver in Rutland Town dispute

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Rep. Linda Joy Sullivan

The Vermont Municipal Bond Bank wants Rep. Linda Joy Sullivan, D-Dorset, appointed as the receiver in its financial dispute involving the Rutland Town Fire District No. 10. “Vermont Municipal Bond Bank recommends Linda Sullivan as a receiver,” according to a motion filed late last week by attorneys for the bond bank, which claims the fire district owes it \$162,200 from two overdue loans. The fire district served about 40 private homes in the northwest corner of Rutland Town, although all the homes currently have private wells. James Foley, the attorney for the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, said Wednesday that Sullivan's name was given to him by one of the homeowners served by the district, former Republican state senator Kevin Mullin, who is now the chairman of the Green Mountain Care Board. Foley said Sullivan agreed to serve if appointed by the court. He said other potential receivers had declined to get involved. Sullivan, who is both a lawyer and an accountant, also holds a master's degree in business administration. She had previously been appointed as a receiver in a bankruptcy case, and has been appointed by courts to act as either an accountant or chief executive officer in other bankruptcy matters, according to the motion. According to the bond bank's motion, Sullivan can be paid as if she is the delinquent tax collector or the court could decide she would be paid an hourly rate. “There is no person with the authority to act on behalf of the fire district to comply with its obligations,” wrote Elijah Bergman, an attorney with the Middlebury law firm of Lynch & Foley, P.C., which represents the bond bank. Foley said that the receiver, when and if appointed, would have all the duties and

responsibilities of a prudential committee, which controlled the fire district. All previous members of the fire district's prudential committee have resigned. A spokeswoman at Rutland County Superior Court said parties in the case would have about 18 to 20 days to respond to the motion from the bond bank, and at that time, the judge would make a decision on whether to hold a hearing on the motion.