

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

April 15, 2013

Members of Selectboard present: Greg Smith, Larry Courcelle

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator, Bill Ellis, Road Commissioner, Caroline Schneider, Town Treasurer

Residents and visitors present: Cort Jones, Burt Winans

The Selectboard Meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM at the Town Office.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed and signed.

G. Smith moved to approve the minutes of 4/1/13. Seconded by L. Courcelle. The motion passed.

Public Comment

Cream Hill Road B. Winans and C. Jones attended the meeting to discuss the maintenance of Cream Hill Road. B. Winans provided pictures to the Selectboard that depicted 3 feet of the right of way onto his lawn was torn up by the plow truck. A snow bank which contained dirt and debris was deposited on his lawn. C. Jones provided a sample of the sand the town treated the road with this winter and said it more resembled gravel than sand. He cautioned that a cheaper product to purchase will have a greater cost to clean up. Mr. Jones also requested less money be spent on Wheelerville Road and more money on the rest of the roads in town.

Treasurer's Report

The Selectboard requested to meet with C. Schneider, the newly elected Town Treasurer to discuss the interactions between the Selectboard and the Treasurer. Nancy Gondella will conduct all bookkeeping, preparing the orders and reporting expenses to the Selectboard. C. Schneider will be signing checks and reconciling the bank statements promoting a system of checks and balances with town finances. The Selectboard will work with the Treasurer as the town considers long term finance options for Irene recovery expenses this summer. The Selectboard welcomes Caroline as the newest member of the financial team.

Old Business

Safety Intersection of Killington Ave, Notch Road and Townline Road The Selectboard reviewed and signed a letter to the Rutland Town Selectboard requesting to work with them to look at the issues surrounding the safety of the intersection.

FEMA Project Status The appeals for the denied Scope Change Request for Wheelerville Double Culvert (R4A), Woodward Road (R15), and Wright Road (R17) will be submitted by April 19, 2013. The Town is finalizing a request to combine Wheelerville Projects (R3-R6) which will be submitted this week. The Selectboard requested B. Ellis to ask a local contractor if there would be a cost savings

for the town to bid the Wheelerville Road Culvert replacement projects and the bridge 11 project together versus separately.

Old Town Hall Survey The Selectboard reviewed the survey presented by the Old Town Hall Committee. The Selectboard did not feel that their input from the last meeting was incorporated into the survey. G. Smith will email suggested changes to the Old Town Hall Committee for clarification. The Selectboard would like direction from the voters of whether they would like to see something done with the building or not. If yes, how much tax money should be spent and have this question relate to actual dollars raised per household versus a lump sum. The Selectboard is willing to assist in wording the questions if needed.

Mendon Seniors Request The Mendon Seniors have requested to include the Mendon Seniors Newsletter in the Old Town Hall Survey mailing. The Selectboard denied the request because the survey is official town business. For information on the activities available through the Mendon Seniors, the newsletter will be available at the town office.

Salt Shed Repairs B. Ellis reported that some of the metal siding has detached from the foundation channel. B. Ellis suggested a few ways that he thought it could be repaired, but requested the Selectboard take a look at it. L. Courcelle will conduct a site visit to make his recommendations.

Helvi Hill and Sherwood Drive Intersection B. Ellis reported that the water runoff from helvi Hill onto Sherwood Drive is minimal. The installation of a new culvert last Fall by Helvi Hill has had a good initial result. B. Ellis will take observations in a heavy rain.

Brookwood B. Ellis reported that he has cleared trees from the right of way on Brookwood. There are trees down in the wooded area owned by the town. There is no plan to clear these trees due to time and budget constraints.

There being no further business, L. Courcelle moved to adjourn at 8:25 PM. Motion carried.

Date Approved _____

Greg Smith

Sara Tully –Clerk of the Board

Larry Courcelle