

# Town of Mendon

## Selectboard

July 29, 2013

Members of Selectboard present: Greg Smith, Larry Courcelle

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

Residents and visitors present: Justin Lindholm, Patrick Dupuis, Vermont Lumber and Stone Works, Kevin Smith and Carl Plante.

The Selectboard Meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM at the Town Office.

### Announcements

The Selectboard would like to take a moment to remember Connie and Duane Fontaine. Connie passed away on July 21, 2013 and Duane on July 24, 2013. Duane was a part time employee on the Mendon Road Crew for a number of years.

### Administrative Matters

*Selectmen's Orders* were reviewed and signed.

G. Smith moved to approve the minutes of 7/15/13. Seconded by L. Courcelle. The motion passed unanimously.

VTEL Easement was signed for Coffee House Road upon satisfaction that Killington's standards are met.

HS 122 Penalty Exemption The State of Vermont again required homeowners to file the HS 122 form every year declaring the property be taxed at the residential rate. G. Smith moved to waive the penalty for filing the HS 122 late for this year only. Motion seconded by L. Courcelle. The Selectboard approved the motion.

### New Business

*Old Turnpike Road* B. Ellis reported that Patrick Dupuis conducted some construction on the legal trail section of Old Turnpike Road over the weekend. B. Ellis informed Mr. Dupuis that he must obtain permission from the Selectboard to work with in a town right of way.

Mr. Dupuis informed the Selectboard that at the end of the month he is closing on 2770 acres owned by Johnson Lumber Company. The land is primary located in Chittenden, but some land is also in Mendon and Killington. Mr. Dupuis explained that the land will have the largest sugaring operation in the world with 200,000 taps. He stated he contacted Mendon's Zoning

Administrator to see if he needed any town permits. Building Permits would be issued by the Zoning Administrator. Permission to do work on the road would be approved by the Selectboard. Mr. Dupuis stated that he would like to bring power to his operation in Chittenden through Old Turnpike Road. G. Smith stated that no additional work can be completed on the road until Mr. Dupuis comes to the Selectboard with a plan and the intended use for the road. There is some confusion exactly where the three town lines are located between Killington, Mendon and Chittenden. L. Courcelle will contact Steve Sheild at the Rutland Regional Planning Commission to assist Mendon in mapping where the town line is located. Justin Lindholm will assist in identifying the town line based on town records.

### Old Business

*Town Clerk Staffing* N. Gondella did not accept the Assistant Town Clerk position for 3 hours per week.

*Website Policy* N. Gondella submitted a draft website policy for the Selectboard to review and approve. The Selectboard tabled the approval until the next meeting.

### *FEMA Project Status:*

1. Wheelerville Double Culvert –culvert on order, construction timeline to be determined approx. 9/18/13.
2. Wright Rd- culvert on order, construction timeline to be determined.
3. Woodward Rd: final preparation of bid docs, need temporary easement from Rutland City for period of construction.
4. Bridge 22- scope change approved, project connected with Upper Notch Slide, Alternate vs. Sandy Relief Improvement Act.
5. Upper Notch Slide- The Selectboard decided not to submit a FEMA appeal to the scope change request denial for the Upper Notch Road project based a cost/benefit approach to the issue. The Selectboard discussed the differences between an Alternate project request and a Sandy Recovery Improvement Act (SRIA) request which is a pilot program eligible for some projects related to T.S. Irene damage. Additional funding for improvements to the McLaughlin Falls Road are available through SRIA. The Selectboard decided to submit an request under the SRIA program.
6. Medway Bridge- the scope change request was approved, need an extension on temporary, go out to bid on 8/7/13, site visit on 8/14/13, bids due on 8/27/13.

*Bridge 11* D. Conger has finalized the engineering plans. D. Conger will submit to Tom Roberts, VTRANS this week for final approval. The Stream Alteration permit has been submitted to ANR. The project will go out to bid 8/7/13, site visit on 8/14/13, bids due on 8/27/13.

*Structures Grant* Mendon received grant for Journeys End C-22-01 and requested it be transferred to Townline Road Culvert C-02-01. The Selectboard executed the grant agreement and amendment.

*Planning Commission* The Selectboard discussed subjects they would like to meet with the Planning Commission to go over. G. Smith will request time on and agenda of the Planning Commission in September.

*Summer Paving* The Selectboard reviewed three quotes submitted to resurface Journeys End, Townline Road and access to the Town Garage. Motion by L. Courcelle to accept proposal submitted by Fuller Sand and Gravel for \$167,040 to resurface Journeys End, Townline Road and access to the Town Garage to be paid for out of the Highway Reserve Fund. Seconded by G. Smith. Motion approved.

*Proposal to Redesign Access to Route 4 between 2472 and 2672 Route 4* The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

There being no further business, G. Smith moved to adjourn at 8:35 PM. Motion carried.

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Greg Smith

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Sara Tully –Clerk of the Board

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Larry Courcelle