

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

December 16, 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: Jane Doherty

The Selectboard Meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM at the Town Office.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed and signed.

L. Courcelle moved to approve the minutes of 12/9/13. Seconded by G. Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Town Clerk The Selectboard discussed the candidates that expressed interest in filling the Town Clerk vacancy. Motion by G. Smith to appoint Marie Conway Town Clerk effective January 2, 2014 until the next election and is eligible for a pro rata share of the Clerk's budget. Motion seconded by L. Courcelle. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion. Anyone interested in running for Town Clerk must file a petition signed by 1% of the voters or 9 signatures by January 27, 2014.

Selectboard The Selectboard met with Jane Doherty who expressed interest in filling the Selectboard vacancy. The Selectboard offered to conduct the interview for the appointment in Executive Session. J. Doherty declined and discussed her interest in open session.

Budget 2014-2015 The Selectboard discussed in detail all areas of the 2014-2015 budget.

Law Enforcement Transition Plan/Staffing Scott Bradley submitted a letter to the Selectboard that he will not seek re-election for Constable in March 2014. S. Bradley was also resigning from his appointed positions as Director of Public Safety and Fire Warden effective in March 2014. The Selectboard discussed the transition of Constable and law enforcement staffing in Mendon.

Alternate Project Application The Alternate Project application for the McLaughlin Falls Road upgrades versus repairing the Notch Road is in final review by the Selectboard.

Articles Town Meeting

Eliminate Board of Listers- Last year the legislature passed Act21 that enables towns to vote to eliminate the Board of Listers when they hire a professional tax appraiser in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2651c. Mendon has a long standing contract with Spencer Potter, Vermont Municipal Appraisers, to conduct Mendon's appraisals. The Selectboard will include an article to eliminate the Board of Listers.

Highway Equipment Fund- The Selectboard has budgeted the replacement of the highway vehicles and equipment based on the Truck Fund, Backhoe Fund, Grader Fund and the New Road Equipment Fund. The Selectboard proposes to combine these individual reserve funds into one Highway Equipment Fund in order to take advantage of the running balance to replace equipment.

Bridge & Culvert Fund – The Selectboard proposes to rename the Bridge Fund to include the replacement and repair of bridges and culverts. In order to budget accordingly, the Selectboard will include an article that will grant them authorization from the voters to expend money from the Bridge and Culvert Fund.

There being no further business, G. Smith moved to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Motion carried.

Date Approved _____

Greg Smith

Sara Tully –Clerk of the Board

Larry Courcelle