

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

January 11, 2016

Members of the Selectboard present: Larry Courcelle, Geoff Wells, Richard Wilcox

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator, Douglas, Constable

Residents and Visitors present: Fred Bagley

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM at the Town Office.

Additions/deletions to the Agenda: Motion by L. Courcelle to approve the agenda. Seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

L. Courcelle requested that S. 114 a bill relating to the Open Meeting Law and S. 94 a bill relating to the appointment of Clerks and Treasurers be reviewed and added to the next agenda.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: L. Courcelle moved to approve the minutes of 12/14/15. Motion seconded by D. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Business

Rutland County Sheriff Contract The Selectboard discussed the short term contract with the Rutland County Sheriff and discussed the presentation of a long term contract given by Sheriff Benard in December. Currently, the Rutland County Sheriff is providing a great service to the Town of Mendon with patrols of streets and neighborhoods as well as traffic enforcement. The pros and cons were discussed of continuing to provide local law enforcement with town staff and vehicles versus contracting with the Rutland County Sheriff full time. Constable Douglas discussed it is an option to hire two part time officers to work for Mendon.

Law Enforcement Policies, Procedures and Best Practices Constable Douglas presented a Conducted Electrical Weapons Policy to be reviewed and adopted by the Selectboard. Mendon does not use such weapons in the line of duty but will establish this policy for training purposes and regulation of their use in the event Mendon starts to use Conducted Electrical Weapons. It is also required by legislative mandate of any agency that employs a police officer. The Selectboard agreed to add this policy to the Law Enforcement Policies, Procedures and Best Practices. Motion by L. Courcelle to adopt the Conducted Electrical Weapon Policy and add it to the Law Enforcement Policies, Procedures and Best Practices Manual. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The motion passed unanimously.

Town Garage Improvement Project S. Tully presented to the Selectboard for approval, the overview of the project created by P. Douglas with S. Tully adding the tax implications of approving the bond amount. The Selectboard approved posting this document on the website

and summarizing it in the Town Report for public information regarding the Town Garage Improvement Project.

Bond Vote Warning Requirements Motion by L. Courcelle to approve the Resolution of Necessity, sign the Bond Vote Warning, approve Official Ballot and adopt a Notice of Official Intent for the Town Garage Improvement Project bond in the amount of \$285,000. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

FEMA Update S. Tully and N. Gondella are meeting with the State of Vermont on 1/22/16 to review requirements of project closeout.

Town Report 2015 The Selectboard reviewed the reports that will be included in the Town Report 2015.

2016-2017 Budget The Selectboard reviewed and made final adjustments to the 2015-6-2017 budget.

Proposed Mendon Town Green Fred Bagley summarized his most recent involvement for the Proposed Mendon Town Green Project including renderings of what the strip of land on Route 4 would look like. The proposal included information about the Crossroads of Vermont Byway, historical information about Mendon and a memorial for veterans of all wars. The detriment of the location is the proximity to the highway and combating noise as people try to peacefully enjoy the space. Alternate locations were briefly discussed. F. Bagley has contacted the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, Mendon's local Senators and Representative and the Chair of the Transportation Committee to gain awareness and possible support for the project.

There being no further business, L. Courcelle moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 9:15 PM. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Date approved _____

Larry Courcelle

Sara Tully- Clerk

Geoff Wells

Richard Wilcox