

# Town of Mendon

Selectboard

August 22, 2016

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

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator, Susan Schreiberman, Interim Town Administrator, Bill Ellis, Road Commissioner, Phil Douglas, Constable

Residents and Visitors present: Korinne Rodrigue

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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.

## Announcements

An historical marker for General Ripley will be located on the south side of US4, on Sugar and Spice's property. No consensus was needed from the Selectboard.

Barstow's Generator Dedication is 8/24/16 11:30 AM and G. Wells or S. Tully will attend to represent Mendon.

## Administrative Matters

*Selectmen's Orders* were approved and signed on a motion by L. Courcelle and second by R. Wilcox.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: L. Courcelle moved to approve the minutes of 08/8/16. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Errors and Omissions for Parcel ID #070037000 Francis and Joyce McGinnis to correct tax bill of \$11,900 to \$0 was approved by a motion from L. Courcelle, second by G. Wells and approved unanimously.

## Business:

Korinne Rodrigue introduced herself and explained why she is running for State Senate for Rutland County. She is focused on key issues affecting the communities in Rutland County and cofounded Project Vision. L. Courcelle noted the aging population and youth retention issue, R. Wilcox spoke about economic development and G. Wells added technical vocations.

Town Garage Improvement Project P. Douglas stated that the foundation blocks are complete, and presented the Clear Span contract for review. The building is scheduled for delivery the first week of September and assembly the second week of September. The wastewater permit will need to be amended when P. Douglas processes the amended plan. The contract of \$118,000 was \$3,000 higher than the original bid and R. Wilcox asked about the overall project cost. S. Tully responded that the cost is on track. The contract included the town having a "Risk Builders

Insurance Policy” and S. Tully will follow up with VLCT. G Wells made a motion to authorize L. Courcelle to sign the contract when the increased cost issue is resolved by P. Douglas and R. Wilcox seconded the motion. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

*Culvert Replacement 07-47 Bid Opening Results* S. Tully reported that two comparable bids were received, both approximately \$20,000 over budget. S. Tully contacted Better Roads Program for additional funding but none is available. Construction must be completed by the end of the next construction season. S. Tully explained that there are two options- proceed with the lowest bidder and take additional funding from the bridge and culvert fund or reject both bids, look for additional funding and re-bid next year. L. Courcelle made a motion, seconded by R. Wilcox to reject the bids and request the bids in Spring 2017.

*Culvert Replacement 07-48* The status was discussed and it is complete except for guardrail installation. S. Tully will pursue the sign off needed for the Army Corp of Engineers.

*Law Enforcement* Two options were presented. The town could continue with a part-time officer and the Sheriff’s Department or hire Damon Angelo full time. There was discussion about the cost of dispatching, and number of citations issued. The motion, made by G. Wells, seconded by R. Wilcox passed unanimously, to hire Damon Angelo full time, 40 hours/week effective Sept. 11, 2016 with benefits, to be supervised by P. Douglas. Discussion continued about body cameras and the Selectboard would like a demonstration at the next meeting. The Selectboard will terminate the contract with the Rutland County Sheriff’s Department.

*Message Board for Town Office* S. Tully presented the preferred design to replace the deteriorating bulletin board. The cost is \$1463.57 and will be paid from the Office Maintenance Fund. An unanimously approved motion was made by L. Courcelle, and was seconded by R. Wilcox.

*VLCT Annual Meeting Voting Delegate* R. Wilcox made a motion to have L. Courcelle serve as the delegate and G. Wells seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

*FEMA Update* S. Tully reported that all closeouts will be complete in the next month.

There being no further business, L. Courcelle moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 7:40 PM. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.


The Local Health Board meeting was convened at 7:41 PM by a motion from L. Courcelle, seconded by G. Wells. A motion by L. Courcelle and seconded by G. Wells was made and


unanimously approve Maryann Reich as Deputy Health Officer effective 9/1/16. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM by L. Courcelle's motion and second by G. Wells.

Date approved Sept. 12, 2016

  
Larry Courcelle

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Sara Tully, Selectboard Clerk

  
Geoff Wells

  
Richard Wilcox