

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

December 11, 2017

Members of the Selectboard present: Richard Wilcox, Geoff Wells, Scott Bradley

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

Residents and Visitors present: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM at the Town Office.

Additions/deletions to the Agenda: Motion by R. Wilcox to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by S. Bradley. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders approved and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by R. Wilcox to approve the minutes of 11/27/17. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The motion passed.

Business:

Reappraisal Bids The Town of Mendon sent out requests for proposals to 12 reappraisals firm to conduct a town-wide reappraisal by April 2020. The Town received one bid from Vermont Municipal Assessors. The Selectboard will review the proposal and submit comments to S. Tully by the end of the week. S. Tully and N. Gondella are also reviewing the proposal and creating a list of questions. Issue tabled until the next meeting.

Rolston Rest The Selectboard reviewed a letter of support for the Rolston Rest Project that will transfer ownership 396 privately owned acres in Mendon to the Trust for Public Land and ultimately they will become part of the Green Mountain National Forest. In addition, 113 acres of land owned by the State of Vermont will also become part of the Green Mountain National Forest. The Trust for Public Lands will pay for the materials to create additional parking along Old Turnpike Road to increase accessibility to the Green Mountain National Forest. The Selectboard also secured an agreement with the Trust for Public Lands that they will grant Mendon a Contingent Right of Way Easement to use a former logging road for emergency response purposes. This access will allow Mendon to plan for emergencies and protect life and property. Motion by R. Wilcox to approve and sign a letter of support for the Rolston Rest Project to be sent to John Sinclair, Green Mountain National Forest. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The motion passed unanimously.

Wildcat Road Legal Trail S. Bradley reported that the trapper removed two beavers off Wildcat Road. B. Ellis has been slowly draining the water level of the beaver dam and has done some minor repairs to the roadway with the material on site.

Budget 2018-2019 S. Tully presented additional information about the Rutland Free Library provided by the Director Randal Smathers. The library has requested a 3% increase to \$23,780. The library reported that 389 Mendon residents have library cards. The funding request is based on \$22 per capita. The Selectboard agreed to continue funding the library at the current funding level, but will be discussing the level of Mendon's funding over the next year. The Selectboard reviewed timelines of the Reserve Funds presented by S. Tully. Salary increases were folded into the budget at 2%.

There being no further business, R. Wilcox moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 7:35 PM. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Date approved _____

Richard Wilcox

Sara Tully, Selectboard Clerk

Geoff Wells

Scott Bradley