

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

February 27, 2017

Members of the Selectboard present: Larry Courcelle, Geoff Wells

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

Residents and Visitors present: Fred Bagley, Jennifer Bagley, Ann Singiser, Steve Singiser, members of the Old Town Hall Subcommittee

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 with an addition of seasonal weight restrictions. Seconded by G. Wells. The motion passed.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders approved and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: G. Wells moved to approve the minutes of 2/13/17. Motion seconded by L. Courcelle. The motion passed.

Business:

Adi's Lease & Old Town Hall Subcommittee S. Tully reported that Adi and Johanna Staudinger have vacated the building and provided pictures of the interior. The Selectboard signed a letter thanking Adi's Woodworking for being a staple in our community with his long term tenancy. The lease agreement is fulfilled and complete as of February 28, 2017. A. Singiser provided a memo of requests submitted by members of the Old Town Hall Subcommittee. The Selectboard stipulated access to the building will be controlled by signing out a key with the town office staff for members of the committee to continue to meet with contractors to evaluate the stability of the building. No access will be granted if there is a snow load on the roof. The Selectboard granted a request to remove and dispose of the awning and flower boxes at the Town Garage. L. Courcelle will look at how to remove Adi's sign and store it within the building for the Staudingers. F. Bagley presented two quotes to have some trees limbed behind the building and dead trees removed. The Selectboard requested he obtain three comparable quotes. A. Singiser requested to hire Tim Riffon to investigate the extent of rot in the supporting columns to determine number and placement of cables to stabilize the building. The Selectboard requires liability and workman's compensation insurance. Members of the subcommittee requested that Ernie Smalley also be appointed to the Old Town Hall Subcommittee.

McDevitt Buyout Update The closing for 6196 US Route 4 was on 7/17/17 and KAS has completed the asbestos testing. The final report is expected to be completed this week. Susan Schreiber has drafted the bid advertisement and Invitation to bid that will be finalized with S. Tully this Thursday. The town will go out to bid this weekend to hire a demolition company.

Town Property Mowing & Highway Personnel S. Tully presented a cost summary of mowing all town properties which include cemeteries, the recreation field, the town office and the town garage. The Selectboard has requested bids to hire professional contractors or fold the responsibility into the

Highway Department creating more of a public works department for all town maintenance. Issue tabled until further information can be gathered.

Constable Vehicle Replacement The Selectboard is tabling this discussion until decisions can be made regarding the Highway Department and all the town’s mowing needs. One option being considered is to transfer the 2008 Silverado to the Highway Department and purchasing a 2017 Ford Explorer for law enforcement.

False Alarm Ordinance & Permits The current draft of this proposed ordinance was briefly discussed.

Rolston Rest Project The Trust for Public Land has requested support from the Selectboard to transfer land privately held to ultimately the Green Mountain National Forest which would remove it permanently from the taxable Grand List. The property is located within the Residential 2 and Rural Zoning District. The Selectboard has requested to meet with the Planning Commission to discuss the Town Plan and how this decision meets the goals set forth in the Town Plan. The Selectboard also discussed asking the taxpayers if they support the transaction. S. Tully will gather additional information.

Geoff Wells thanked Larry Courcelle for is dedicated service on the Selectboard for the last 6 years. Larry was an active member of the town’s emergency response team after Tropical Storm Irene. He then helped managed 32 construction projects to put Mendon’s infrastructure back together. The town appreciates all your hard work.

There being no further business, L. Courcelle moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 8:20 PM. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Date approved _____

Larry Courcelle

Sara Tully, Selectboard Clerk

Geoff Wells