

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

April 24, 2017

Members of the Selectboard present: Richard Wilcox, Geoff Wells

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

Residents and Visitors present: Justin Lindholm

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM at the Town Office.

Additions/deletions to the Agenda: Motion by R. Wilcox to approve the agenda with the addition of the 2016 Ford Explorer and Selectboard Updates and the deletion of False Alarm Ordinance on the agenda. Seconded by G. Wells. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders approved and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The approval of the minutes for the meeting held on 4/10/17 was tabled until the next meeting.

Business:

McDevitt Buyout Mendon attorney Steve Cosgrove is working with the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation to prepare the deed to transfer the property located at 6196 Route 4 to the State of Vermont. Motion by G. Wells to appoint Richard Wilcox to act as authorized agent and signor for property transfer of 6196 Route 4 to the State of Vermont. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard approved the motion.

Facilities and Grounds Maintenance Worker Job Description The Selectboard reviewed and approved the job description for a Facility and Grounds maintenance Worker. Mendon is looking to hire a full time employee that will work 10-15 hours per week as the Facilities and Grounds Maintenance Worker and as a Highway Maintenance and Equipment Operator. Employment applications are available on the Mendon website and can be submitted to S. Tully.

Townline Road Bids S. Tully reported that we received 6 bids on April 20, 2017 at the bid opening for the Townline Road C02-09 Culvert Replacement Project. The bids ranged from \$68,738 to \$154,500. Dave Conger, Dubois & King, is reviewing the bids for accuracy and contacting references. A recommendation will be presented to the Selectboard at the next meeting.

Green Up Day G. Wells asked how Mendon could increase participation in Green Up Day in Mendon. S. Tully reported the town has tried various ways to increase participate from organized work parties to

contents with prizes. Each year the same residents participate in Green Up. Bags are available at the Town Office. Mendon encourages early participation. All bags can be left roadside for the Mendon Road Crew to pick up on Monday May 8th. Participants do not need to transport bags to intersections or the Town Garage. Please contact the Town Office if anyone is interested in participating in Vermont Green Up.

Rolston Rest Project The Selectboard reviewed a memo from Kate Wanner, The Trust for Public Lands, updating the Selectboard on the status of the project since she met with the Selectboard in March. One parcel owned by Mitchell has been sold to a different buyer and is no longer part of the project. In Mendon, The Trust for Public Lands currently proposes to purchase 307 acres in Mendon owned by Blue Ridge Properties and 113 Acres owned by the State of Vermont with timber rights owned by Blue Ridge Properties. The memo also discussed emergency access across Blue Ridge Properties land in exchange for the Town of Mendon's legal trail. The Selectboard discussed not being interested in giving up any town rights of way in Mendon. The town has met with the Planning Commission and asked how the project meets goals set forth in the Town Plan. The Selectboard has not received a response to date. S. Tully will follow up with T. Corsones. J. Lindholm informed the Selectboard that the Town of Chittenden is requesting a 4 rod wide road for emergency access in Mendon. Old Turnpike Road is 4 rods wide. J. Lindholm suggested the legal trail be designated a walking trail only. S. Tully went over Vermont Law prevents encumbering a town highway which includes legal trails up to Class 1 roads. The Mendon Selectboard is watching to see what the Town of Chittenden decides regarding approving the section of the project in their town. Chittenden has a Special Town Meeting warned for May 11th. If the Town of Chittenden says no to the project, The Trust for Public Lands will not continue to try to acquire the land located in Mendon. S. Tully will draft letters to the Chittenden Selectboard and K. Wanner relaying our current discussions that Mendon is still gathering information and watching to see what Chittenden decides.

2016 Ford Explorer The Selectboard would like to clarify a motion made on March 27, 2017 regarding the purchase of the 2016 Ford Explorer. Motion by R. Wilcox to amend the motion made on March 27, 2017 to the purchase price of the 2016 Ford Explorer is \$29,700 and the installation of the radio is \$200 for a total of \$29,900 to be paid out of the Public Safety Reserve Fund. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard approved the motion.

Selectboard Updates S. Tully reported that three grant applications have been submitted with projects totaling \$251,006. If approved Mendon's cost would be \$26,834. The 2017 PACIF Grant application is due April 30, 2017. S. Tully will prepare the application for safety equipment at the Town Garage.

There being no further business, R. Wilcox moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 7:00 PM. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Date approved _____

Richard Wilcox

Sara Tully, Selectboard Clerk

Geoff Wells