

# Town of Mendon

Selectboard

November 26, 2018

Members of the Selectboard present: Richard Wilcox, Geoff Wells

Town Officers and employees present: Nancy Gondella, Clerk/Treasurer, Phil Douglas, Constable, Bill Ellis, Road Commissioner

Residents and Visitors present: Ann Singiser, Fred Bagley (on behalf of Mendon Historical Society), Sheriff Steve Benard – Rutland County Sheriff, Mike Mullin – Pike Industries

The meeting was called to order at 5:26 PM at the Town Office.

*Additions/deletions to the Agenda:* Motion by G. Wells to add Comp Time to the agenda. Seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

## Announcements

Phil Douglas did some traffic control for Green Mountain Power in Killington. The Town will bill Green Mountain Power. Thanks to Phil Douglas for doing this on short notice.

## Administrative Matters

*Selectmen's Orders* approved and signed.

*Minutes (11/13/2018)* – Under “Audit 2017-2018” – Change Jeffrey Bagley to Jeffrey Bradley, under Grant Update – change the first “and” to an. Motion by G. Wells to approve minutes as corrected. Seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

## Public Comment

Ann Singiser and Fred Bagley provided information to the Selectboard regarding plans the State has around the Tamarack Notch (Girl Scout Camp) site. The Historical Society has been researching the history of the Girl Scout Camp and subsequently have spoken with the State of Vermont. Fred and Ann have had discussions with Lisa Thornton from the State regarding possible plans. The State is actively looking at improving hiking trails, improving parking, upgrading the loop around the camp and new signage. They are also looking into the possibility of creating a history trail which would provide information about the Girl Scout Camp.

Ann and Fred wanted the Selectboard to be aware and would hope that the Town would be supportive of this project. They believe some of the changes might help alleviate the vandalism and littering problems in this area. The Selectboard will have Sara reach out to Lisa Thornton to determine what is needed from the Town.

## Business

*Rutland County Sheriff* – Sheriff Benard presented information regarding the possibility of increasing coverage in Mendon to 40 hours per week. Many of the contracts the Sheriff has with

other Towns are based on a 40-hour week which makes scheduling of deputies easier. According to the Sheriff, rates are increasing by 2% in the upcoming fiscal year. If the Town increases its coverage to 40 hours per week, the Sheriff would limit the rate increase to 1%.

The additional coverage could be used to increase safety patrols during high traffic hours in the evenings and on weekends. In addition, there have been more criminal reports in Mendon than in the previous 3 to 4 years so more time is needed for investigation.

The Sheriff will send a written proposal to Sara for discussion at a future meeting.

*Pike Industries Contract* – Mike Mullin from Pike Industries was present to discuss the outstanding bill amount of \$1,780.28. M. Mullin explained that the bid sheet for Cream Hill Road was incorrect and the amount of material needed was triple what was estimated. He said he told B. Ellis about the problem when he discovered it. M Mullin understood B Ellis said to go ahead with material overage. B Ellis said he believes he told M Mullin to stay within the 5% overage allowed in the contract. Further discussion ensued. R. Wilcox made a motion to pay Pike Industries the balance due (\$1,780.28) with the understanding that contract amendments must be signed in the future prior to any contract changes. G. Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. M. Mullin thanked the Selectboard for its time and understanding.

*Town Garage Permit Amendment* - P Douglas is recommending the Town hire Ray Page, a licensed septic designer, to prepare the required permit amendment. B. Ellis will check with David Swift to determine whether any actions other than the permit amendment are required at this time. If any work is needed, Bill can do the work and the Engineer can sign off on it. R. Wilcox made a motion to hire an engineer and move forward with the permit amendment in order to resolve this situation and close out the garage improvement bond. G. Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*VCRD Community Visit Program* – The letter has been sent to VCRD indicating the Town's interest in the Community Visit Program.

*Barstow Youth Club* - Chittenden has advised that they are putting the \$2,500 annual allocation to BYC on their ballot as an article. The BYC has been notified they have 30 days to obtain insurance in order to continuing using the school for basketball. The BYC is currently pursuing the purchase of insurance. Because it is a 501(c3), neither town can add BYC to their policy.

*Town Meeting Location* – The Selectboard asks that N. Gondella or J. Bridge follow up with a formal request to Killington to see if the Town can use the Mendon Mountain View Lodge for Town Meeting.

*Audit 2017 - 2018* – The Selectboard asks that N. Gondella tell Jeffrey Bradley that we must have the draft audit no later than 12/10/18.

*2019 – 2020 Budget Draft #3* – The Selectboard reviewed and discussed the current draft of the budget. No changes were made at this time.

*Comp Time* - The Selectboard reviewed comp time and discussed the need for a policy covering the accrual and use of comp time.

There being no further business, R. Wilcox moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 7:30 PM. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Date approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Richard Wilcox

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Nancy Gondella- Acting Selectboard Clerk

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Geoff Wells