

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

May 28, 2019

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

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

Visitors present: None

The Selectboard Meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM at the Town Office.

Agenda: G. Wells moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Pavement Markings on Route 4. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Announcements: Town Picnic, June 8th Mendon Recreation Area 1 to 4 PM. For more information to the mendon website at www.mendonvt.org.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: G. Wells moved to approve the minutes of May 9, 2019 and May 13, 2019. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Business

Community Visit S. Tully reported that she has requested the Community Visit abbreviated program if the Vermont Council on Rural Development is willing to work with Mendon. The Selectboard reviewed the report from the project in the Town of Proctor in the community visit program they conducted. The Selectboard is waiting to hear back from the Vermont Council on Rural Development.

Conflict of Interest Policy Review and Adoption The policy was reviewed and discussed in relation to a section on Conflict of Interest in the Personnel Policy. The proposed Conflict of Interest Policy applies to town officials and the one included in the personnel handbook is primarily for town employees. S. Bradley requested to table the adoption of the Conflict of Interest Policy. The Selectboard agreed to table the adoption until the next meeting.

Feasibility Study The feasibility study discussed the success of a new construction hotel or rehabilitation project of an existing hotel on Route 4 would be feasible with a tax stabilization arrangement. Mendon has adopted tax stabilization that would affect the municipal taxes collected over a period of time. It does not affect the education tax collected on a property.

Repairs 07-48 The Selectboard has granted full authority to S. Bradley and S. Tully to make a settlement agreement on June 19th regarding the repairs to culvert 07-48. The Town will contract with Dubois & King Engineers to determine a cost estimate for the repairs.

Cemetery Ann Singiser, Mendon Historical Society, asked the Selectboard if they would grant permission for Tom Giffin, Vermont Old Cemetery Association, to work on the stones in the Tenney Cemetery. Tom will be working with members of the Mendon Historical Society teaching them how to clean and repair stones. The Selectboard granted Mr. Giffin permission and welcomed his expertise.

Recap of Road Projects: S. Tully provided a recap of the current road projects: culvert replacement 07-42, Bridge 25 wing wall washout, Falls Road Bank Stabilization, and Journeys End erosion control project.

Town Shop Demolition Project The Town Shop, also formerly known as the Old Town Hall and Adi's Woodworking was demolished on Friday, May 24, 2019. Mendon Trucking and Excavating did an excellent job and left the site seeded and mulched. The Selectboard discussed the grading of the front hill and that they thought it would be tapered a bit to make it easier to mow. The Selectboard also discussed that would limited the amount of flat area of the graded space if in the future the Town want to place something else there. R. Wilcox presented an email from Fred Bagley requesting two large boulders be moved downhill closer to the driveway for visual and physical order. The Selectboard looked at the location of the boulders and had multiple concerns about moving them closer to the driveway which includes getting in the way of plowing

There being no further business, R. Wilcox moved to adjourn at 9:45 AM. Motion seconded by G. Wells. Motion carried.

Date Approved _____

Richard Wilcox

Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

Geoff Wells

Scott Bradley