

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

July 22, 2019

Members of Selectboard present: Geoff Wells, Scott Bradley

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

Visitors present: Ravi and Sudha Bhakta, Patrick Kitchin, Bhakta Development dba The Cortina

The Selectboard Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM at the Town Office.

Agenda: G. Wells moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Deputy Health Officer Appointment. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed and signed.

Deputy Health Officer Appointment for Mary Ann Reich is required to be submitted to the Health Department for an appointment ending 8/31/22.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The approval of the minutes of July 8, 2019 were tabled in order for those Selectboard members present at that meeting to approve. Issue tabled until the next meeting.

Business

Setting 2019-2020 Tax Rate S. Tully reported to the Selectboard that Treasurer N. Gondella determined the year end cash to be rolled into the 2019-2020 tax rate is \$0. There are also no accruals for this year. S. Tully presented the amount to be raised by taxes to be \$1,015,428.

Motion by G. Wells to set the following 2019/2020 Tax Rate:

2019/2020 Tax Rate:

Homestead = \$1.9453
(\$.5774+\$1.3665+\$.0014)

Non-Residential = \$2.1335
(\$.5774+\$1.5547+\$.0014)

Municipal Tax Rate: \$.5774

2019-2020 Amount to be raised by taxes \$1,015,428

2019-2020 Municipal Grand List \$1,758,655

Education Tax Rate:

Homestead = \$1.3665

Non-Residential = \$1.5547

2019-2020 Summary:

Municipal Tax Rate= \$.0458 increase or 8.6% increase

Education Tax Rate:

Homestead = \$1.3665 a \$.0317 increase or 2.4% increase

Non-Residential = \$1.5547 a \$.0664 increase or 4.5% increase
Total Homestead = \$.0777 increase or 4.2% increase
Total Non-Residential = \$.1124 increase or 5.6% increase

Local Agreement Tax: \$.0014

Eligible properties (6)

Voter approved Property Assessment Exemption \$40,000 = 240,000/100

Total Exemption \$2,400

2019-2020 Municipal Grand List \$1,758,655

The motion to set the tax rate was seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Disaster Declaration DR4445 S. Tully reported that she will participate in a conference call on July 30th with FEMA regarding the projects that may qualify for reimbursement under this disaster.

Bucklin Trail Parking Area B. Ellis reported that Dave Schneider, Rutland City Forester with approval from Jeff Wennberg, Commissioner Rutland City Public Works will create additional parking at the Bucklin Trailhead on Wheelerville Road. The Town of Mendon will be placing no parking signs along one side of the road.

Stormwater Permit S. Tully contacted Terry Purcell, Environmental Analyst Stormwater Program in February regarding the earth disturbance and redirection of water from the properties on Old Stockbridge Path. The redirection of water flooded town owned property before it crossed Route 4 and flooded two properties off Park Lane. July 2, Mr. Purcell informed S. Tully that he will follow up with property owners of Old Stockbridge Path to obtain a permit if they have disturbed 1 or more acres of land. S. Tully will continue to monitor the progress of these permits and activity along the road to protect the town's property.

Commercial Diver's License Motion by G. Wells to enter Executive Session at 5:47PM to discuss personnel with the Selectboard, B. Ellis and S. Tully present. The motion was seconded by S. Bradley. The motion passed. The Vice-chair declared the Board out of Executive Session at 6:05 PM.

The Selectboard agreed the town would not be financially responsible for any fees charged by the DMV for an employee to obtain a Commercial Driver's License. This includes but is not limited to the fees to schedule a test or fees for the license. The town will pay for the renewal of a Commercial Driver's License for full time employees.

Repairs 07-48 The engineering contract is under legal review by Claudine Safar. Once this review is complete, Dubois and King will finalize the engineering and work will be scheduled with Richard Reed and Sons.

Tax Stabilization Ravi Bhakta from Bhakta Development attended the meeting to request tax stabilization for the work they are doing at the Cortina. S. Tully has provided the Tax Stabilization Policy and application. Once the application is complete, the Selectboard will review to determine if a contract will be granted. Patrick Kitchin will submit the application for Bhakta Development.

Dry Hydrant at the Cortina The Cortina inquired about the ownership of the dry hydrant at the Cortina. P. Kitchin discussed they have no record of its installation. S. Tully reported that the town installed multiple dry hydrants, but did not believe Cortina's was one of them. The town under contract by Rutland City Fire Department tests the hydrant annually. R. Bhakta stated the building had no fire suppression system when he purchased it and he has since installed one per the current fire code. The Selectboard agreed that the dry hydrant is potentially a benefit to the multiple properties and not solely the Cortina. S. Tully will look into the history of the dry hydrant. Issue tabled until the next meeting.

There being no further business, R. Wilcox moved to adjourn at 7:24 PM. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. Motion carried.

The Liquor Control Board meeting was called to order at 7:24 PM

Motion by G. Wells to approve the Liquor Licenses for:

1. Flannels Restaurant, LLC dba Flannels Bar & Grill

Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard unanimously passed the motion.

There being no further business, G. Wells moved to adjourn the Liquor Control Board Meeting 7:28 PM.

Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Date Approved _____

Geoff Wells

Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

Scott Bradley