

# Town of Mendon

## Selectboard

September 23, 2019

Members of Selectboard present: Richard Wilcox, Scott Bradley

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

Visitors present: Susannah Loffredo

The Selectboard Meeting was called to order at 4:56 PM at the Town Office.

Agenda: R. Wilcox moved to add Town Office Maintenance Fund and Director of Public Safety Update to the agenda. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

### Administrative Matters

*Selectmen's Orders* were reviewed and signed.

Announcements Representative Jim Harrison will be at the Mendon Town Office Thursday September 26, 2019 from 9-11 AM to discuss any political issues voters would like to share and discuss.

The Selectboard will conduct a Public Hearing on October 28, 2019 at the Town Office at 6:30 PM to discuss the Town Plan.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by D. Wilcox to approve the minutes of September 9, 2019. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

### Public Comment

S. Loffredo addressed the Selectboard to discuss speeding on Journeys End as well as the need to reduce the speed limit from 35 mph. She discussed that cars are driving very fast down the road and just a few miles over the speed limit is driving an excessive speed for the residential neighborhood. There are also an increased number of families with children than in recent years. P. Douglas will run radar to determine the speed most cars are traveling on Journeys End.

### Business

*Town Office Fund* Request by S. Tully to spend up to \$350 to repair the cement on the front sidewalk to be paid for out of the Town Office Maintenance Fund. Motion by R. Wilcox to spend up to \$350 to repair the sidewalk at the Town Office to be paid for out of the Town Office Maintenance Fund. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

*Public Safety Report* P. Douglas provided a report on the Rutland County Sheriff contract.

*Brookwood Town Property Maintenance* S. Tully have requested cost estimates from surveyors to determine the boundaries of the town owned property.

*Disaster Declaration DR4445 – Medway, Culvert 07-32 & Culvert 07-42*

Medway – Motion by S. Bradley to ratify the acceptance of the low bid of \$19,999 for repairs to Medway Bridge 25 submitted by Weaver Construction at the bid opening on September 16, 2019. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion. Construction was complete September 23, 2019.

*Culvert 07-32* This culvert must be reset before winter.

*Culvert 07-42* is being engineered and under contract with Dubois & King.

*Dry Hydrant Cortina Update* S. Tully will set up a meeting this week with VTRANS District 3 to discuss access to the dry hydrant from Route 4.

*Planning Commission Appointment* Nicole Kesselring has submitted a resignation to Planning Commission Chair, Therese Corsones. The Selectboard would like to thank Nicole for her service to the Town of Mendon. There are currently two vacant seats on the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission has recommended Gary Sihler be appointed to fill one of the vacancies. Motion by R. Wilcox to appoint Gary Sihler to the Mendon Planning Commission with a term to expire March 31, 2023. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The motion passed unanimously.

*Tax Stabilization Draft Sample Contract* The Selectboard reviewed a few suggested changes to the contract and policy by attorney, Claudine Safar. The Selectboard agreed to the changes and S. will prepare the Tax Stabilization Policy for re-adoption. The contract will be finalized upon review of each application, but the town now has a draft contract finalized to work from.

*Elbow Road Maintenance and Old Turnpike to Beaver Pond Maintenance* B. Ellis discussed some maintenance on Elbow Road. He originally requested to be able to hire contracted labor to complete the work. He was unable to track down a contractor with availability so he will complete the work with the highway department. The Selectboard agreed to allow maintenance of the legal trail.

*Old Stockbridge Path Water Issue* S. Tully has been in contact with the State Stormwater Division since February regarding the redirection of water from lots off Old Stockbridge Path onto town property causing erosion and washout. The State has not issued any enforcement letters to the property owners for disturbing more than an acre without obtaining a stormwater permit. The Selectboard will submit a letter requesting enforcement.

There being no further business, R. Wilcox moved to adjourn at 6:50 PM. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. Motion carried.

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Richard Wilcox

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Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

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Scott Bradley