

# Town of Mendon

## Selectboard

December 16, 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: Justin Lindholm, Gary Silher and Fred Bagley, Mendon Planning Commission, Ann Singiser, Mendon Historical Society, Milos Nemeč, property owner.

The Selectboard Meeting was called to order at 4:50 PM at the Town Office.

Agenda: R. Wilcox moved to accept the agenda with the addition of the Holiday Appreciation Dinner and the Barstow Generator. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

### Administrative Matters

*Selectmen's Orders* were reviewed and signed.

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

### Business

*Tax Stabilization* Milos Nemeč attended the Selectboard Meeting to discuss tax stabilization for his property on Route 4. The final plan has not been determined. The Selectboard agreed the project could qualify for tax stabilization and recommended that when he does finalize his plans that he complete the tax stabilization application packet.

*Community Visit* The Community Visit Program with the Vermont Council on Rural Development has agreed to assist Mendon to reach out to the community to set a common goal and access resources that will help them take action on this goal. It is a program that is community driven and not set by the Selectboard. This is an opportunity for the townspeople to affect their community in what they decide is important. The Selectboard is looking for volunteers to be part of a steering committee of 5-8 people that will organize the Community Visit and promote attendance through an outreach program. The Council on Rural Development is available to assist in a Community Visit in April 2020. Anyone interested can contact the Town Office for more details.

*Mendon Historical Society* Ann Singiser addressed the Selectboard requesting funds be retained from the Town Shop Fund to help pay for informational kiosks that would highlight Mendon's history and community to be constructed on the grass area where the Old Town Hall or more recently named the Town Shop formerly stood. The building was demolished in the spring of 2019. Fred Bagley provided some picture renderings of what the signage and layout might look like, but a final plan would be presented to the Selectboard. The Mendon Historical Society

would like to construct this project in the summer or fall of 2020. The Mendon Historical Society is willing to pay for \$5,000 and are requesting \$10,000 from the town. Currently, there is approximately \$40,000 in the Town Shop Reserve Fund which was appropriated for the buildings maintenance. Voter approval is required to transfer the balance of the Town Shop Fund for alternate uses other than on the Town Shop.

*AT&T Wireless Communication Facility* A 60 Day Notice has been submitted to the Mendon Planning Commission for a wireless communication tower to be constructed across from Park Lane within the Ridgeline District.

*Town Report* S. Tully discussed the various reports that must be submitted for the 2019 Town Report. A draft of the Highlights and Objective Report will be submitted to the Selectboard.

*2020-2021 Budget* The Selectboard reviewed the budget, making final changes and evaluating the impacts on the tax rate.

*Timeline of Reserve Funds* S. Tully discussed the funding of the reserve funds and potential changes and impacts. Currently there are no changes to the funding of the reserve funds except a requested increase of \$2,000 to the Recreation Fund.

*Holiday Appreciation Dinner* The Selectboard discussed the attendance at the Holiday Appreciation Dinner. The purpose of this dinner is to thank the elected and appointed officials that spend countless hours volunteering for the town annually and to thank the staff for their dedication to their work. It was decided no additional compensation would be granted if employees did not attend the dinner unless they were not able to attend due to a requirement to work.

*Barstow Generator* The Selectboard discussed the request to split a \$3,000 bill with Chittenden to complete safety repairs on the Barstow Generator. The Selectboard agreed to budget for these repairs out of the Public Safety Fund.

There being no further business, G. Wells moved to adjourn at 7:10 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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Geoff Wells

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Scott Bradley