

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

February 11, 2013

Members of Selectboard present: Greg Smith, Larry Courcelle, Ira Pike

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator, Nancy Merrill, Delinquent Tax Collector

Residents and visitors present: None

The Selectboard Meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM at the Town Office.

Announcements

Town Meeting, March 4, 2013, 6:00 PM Mendon Mountainview Lodge. Voting, March 5, 2013, 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM Mendon Town Office.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed and signed.

G. Smith moved to approve the minutes of 1/28/13. Seconded by L. Courcelle. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

The Selectboard signed the certificate of no appeal or suit pending for the Grand List.

Old Business

FEMA The Selectboard discussed expenses that FEMA did not include in multiple project worksheets. B. Rose, Irene Recovery Office and L. Malcom, SAIC consultant have informed the town that to recover these costs require small project netting. In addition, they advised against small project netting because it requires an audit of all small projects not simply the ones Mendon has issues with. G. Smith has requested a meeting with B. Rose and FEMA. G. Smith participated in an informational hearing with the Agency of Natural Resources, the Irene Recovery Office, legislative representatives and other municipalities to discuss the recovery process as a whole. G. Smith was able to discuss the challenges Mendon has faced over the last 15 months as well as the obstacles continue to be challenges for us.

Town Meeting Presentations G. Smith discussed the presentations for Town Meeting 2013.

Bridge 11 The Selectboard requested S. Tully get a status update on the engineering from D. Conger to discuss at the next meeting.

Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement The RRPC has assisted in drafting a Public Works Mutual Aid agreement for Rutland County Municipalities. This agreement outlines how a community will be able

to request assistance another municipality in emergency and non-emergency events. The Selectboard reviewed and commented on the agreement. G. Smith wanted further definition to what is considered “gross negligence” and would also like to clarify that if equipment is loaned to another municipality that it would be operated by trained/certified employees to run that particular piece of equipment. G. Smith will draft clarifications and L. Courcelle will contact the RRPC with the Selectboard’s comments.

New Business

Delinquent Tax Sale Process N. Merrill, Delinquent Tax Collector attended the Selectboard meeting at their request to outline the Delinquent Tax Collection process. The Selectboard would like to be informed of pending sales to evaluate whether the town should authorize making the opening bid on behalf of the town. The Selectboard wanted to hear the collection process that N. Merrill follows before and after turning the collection over to the town attorney, C. Corsones. There is a pending tax sale in March. The Selectboard will decide whether to make the opening bid at the next meeting. Due to a conflict, C. Corsones will not be conducting the upcoming tax sale and B. Bloomer will act as the town attorney.

VTRANS Codes and Standards The Agency of Transportation has made updates to the Highway and Bridge Codes and Standards. The Selectboard will review for adoption in March.

Town Highway Structures Grant and Class 2 Roadway Grant Applications are due April 12th. S. Tully and B. Ellis are preparing applications for resurfacing Townline Road and replacing a 36” culvert on Journeys End.

Goals and Objectives 2013 S. Tully provided an outline of previous goals and objectives for the Selectboard. The Selectboard will preview and comment for the next meeting.

There being no further business, G. Smith moved to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Motion carried.

Date Approved _____

Greg Smith

Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

Larry Courcelle

Ira Pike