

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

September 28, 2015

Members of the Selectboard present: Larry Courcelle, Geoff Wells, Richard Wilcox

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator, Bill Ellis, Road Commissioner, Nancy Gondella, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Residents and Visitors present: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM at the Town Office.

Additions/deletions to the Agenda: Motion by L. Courcelle to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: L. Courcelle moved to approve the minutes of September 14, 2015. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Truck #3 For Sale \$25,000 G. Wells moved to authorize B. Ellis to sell truck #3. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Salt Shed B. Ellis and P. Douglas are preparing a site plan for a new structure to be used for the sand and salt shed. P. Douglas was not present. The Selectboard will look for an update by the next meeting.

Liquid Chloride Tank B. Ellis reported that the Liquid Chloride Tank had a small crack slowly leaking material. The crack is not repairable and the tank had the potential for complete failure which would cause a hazardous material spill. B. Ellis obtained a tank from Lawes Agricultural Services to transfer the material avoiding a hazardous spill. Lawes agreed to lend us the tank until a permanent solution could be found. The tank is available to purchase. B. Ellis is also looking into obtaining replacement tanks from the supplier.

Bridge 21 Maintenance B. Ellis reported there is a significant amount of undermining of Bridge 21 which could be a result of the repairs the State completed to Route 4 after TS Irene. The downstream abutment also has significant cracking which could be a result of the undermining. B. Ellis will contact the State of Vermont to discuss the reconstruction project of Route 4 scheduled to start in the spring 2016.

Personnel Issues: Law Enforcement & Highway Motion by L. Courcelle to enter Executive Session at 6:50 PM to discuss personnel with the Selectboard, S. Tully and B. Ellis present. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard declared the Board out of Executive Session at 8:20 PM.

The Selectboard has decided to hire a part time member of the road crew. B. Ellis and S. Tully will advertise the position. The Selectboard requests Phil Douglas, Constable to attend the next Selectboard Meeting to discuss Law Enforcement staff.

Law Enforcement Budget The Selectboard is closely monitoring the deficit in law enforcement revenue anticipating the need to cut future expenditures from the budget.

Town Plan Update Planning Commission Public Hearing November 2nd and Selectboard Public Hearing and adoption December 7th.

Tax Sales The Town of Mendon has warned two tax sales to be conducted November 2, 2015. The Selectboard will not make the opening bid on behalf of the town. They encourage Nancy Merrill, Delinquent Tax Collector to open the bids at the amount owed plus fees and expenses.

Proposed Mendon Town Green F. Bagley requested to have Senator Peg Flory speak with Chris Blanchard on Mendon's behalf to discuss what he was told by the Agency of Transportation regarding the Proposed Mendon Town Green.

There will be a Regional Recreation Aquatics Center meeting October 6, 2015 at Rutland City Hall.

There being no further business, L. Courcelle moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 8:45 PM. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Date approved _____

Larry Courcelle

Sara Tully- Clerk

Geoff Wells

Richard Wilcox