

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

April 23, 2018

Members of the Selectboard present: Geoff Wells, Scott Bradley, Richard Wilcox (participated via teleconference)

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

Residents and Visitors present: Larry Gold, Mike Mullin, Byron Hathaway, Representative Jim Harrison. The Rutland Town Selectboard: Joshua Terenzizi, Joe Denardo, John Paul Faignant, Mary Ashcroft

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM at the Town Office.

Additions/deletions to the Agenda: Motion by G. Wells to approve the agenda with the addition of the Town Office Guardrails and Personnel. Seconded by S. Bradley. The motion passed.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders approved and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: G. Wells moved to approve the minutes of 4/9/18. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The motion carried.

Public Comment L. Gold asked the Selectboard to waive the interest and penalties on a delinquent tax payment for a property he purchased mid-year. He claimed that he was not given the tax bill at closing and was not told that the tax payment made at the closing wasn't for the entire year. S. Tully provided information regarding why the Selectboard is unable to waive these fees.

Business:

Rutland Town and Mendon Paving Bids The bid opening for the 2018-2019 Rutland Town and Mendon paving bids occurred on April 18th. The low bid on the two town contract was Pike Industries at \$592,929 of which \$415,908 is Rutland Town's projects and \$177,021 is Mendon's projects. Mr. Faignant made a motion on accept the bid from Pike. Ms. Ashcroft made a second to the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Motion by G. Wells to accept Pike's bid price at \$177,021 to be spent out of the Highway Improvement Fund. Price quoted is based on Vtrans price for liquid asphalt for the month of April. If the quotes price changes by more than 5% in the month of paving, the price due will be adjusted accordingly. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The motioned carried. S. Tully clarified detailed section of the contract and will prepare contract for signatures by all parties.

Garage Improvement RFP for floors Mendon is currently accepting bids for grinding the cement floors at the Town Garage. Bids are due May 7th and the Selectboard will award contract May 14th.

Use of the ballfield & fees The Selectboard reviewed a letter from Rutland County Little League to use the field on South Mendon Road. The Selectboard as requested a practice and game schedule from the Bartow Youth Club. G. Wells will follow up.

Legislative Update Representative Jim Harrison attended the Selectboard meeting to provide a legislative update as they prepare the end of the session currently scheduled for May 12th. Rep. Harrison discussed the status of various pieces of legislation including education finance, health care benefits for teachers and school staff, \$15 minimum wage bill, miscellaneous changes to tax statues, and a bill that would require children’s meals come with a healthy beverage, and the budget. Rep. Harrison also addressed the recent Supreme Court’s decision in the Fair Haven Sawyer case. Members of both the House and Senate Judiciary Committees are working on domestic terrorism and the definition of “attempt”. The Selectboard thanked Rep. Harrison for attending the meeting and providing an update.

Alarm System Ordinance The draft ordinance has been sent to VLCT for legal review.

Mendon Local Emergency Operations Plan Motion by G. Wells to adopt the Local Emergency Operation Plan.

Town Office Guardrails B. Ellis presented a cost of \$500 to replace the broken horizontal guardrails at the Town Office. B. Ellis stated that delivery and hardware if needed would be an additional cost. Motion by G. Wells to spend up to \$600 to replace the broken guardrails at the Town Office to be paid for out of the Town Office Maintenance Fund. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The motion passed unanimously.

Personnel Motion by G. Wells to enter Executive Session at 7:00 to discuss personnel with the Selectboard, B. Ellis and S. Tully present. The motion was seconded by S. Bradley. The motion was approved unanimously. G. Wells declared the Board out of Executive Session at 7:30 PM.

There being no further business, G. Wells moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 7:30 PM. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Date approved _____

Geoff Wells

Sara Tully, Selectboard Clerk

Scott Bradley