

# Town of Mendon

Selectboard

August 13, 2018

Members of the Selectboard present: Richard Wilcox, Geoff Wells, Scott Bradley

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator, Phil Douglas, Constable

Residents and Visitors present: Ann and Steve Singiser, Gregg Casey

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

*Additions/deletions to the Agenda:* Motion by R. Wilcox to add Make It Happen Seminar to the agenda. Seconded by S. Bradley. The motion passed unanimously.

## Administrative Matters

*Selectmen's Orders* approved and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: R. Wilcox moved to approve the minutes of July 23, 2018. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The motion passed unanimously.

## Business:

*TD Bank* The Selectboard reviewed an updated banking proposal from TB Bank. The Treasurer submitted an updated analysis of all banking proposals and recommended the Town remain with People's United. Motion by R. Wilcox to keep our banking with People's United. Motion seconded by S. Bradley and the motion was unanimously approved.

*Culvert 07-48 Repairs* The Selectboard reviewed the recommended solution by Nicole Kesselring to repair the failed culvert at Culvert 07-48. Lengthy discussion regarding the repair and cost as well as the cost being charged by the engineer. The Selectboard will question this expense.

*Culvert 07-61 Culvert Replacement Project* The Selectboard reviewed a proposal to provide engineering for the replacement of Culvert 07-61. Motion by R. Wilcox to hire engineering services for the Culvert 07-61 Replacement Project from Dubois & King for \$11,994. Motion seconded by G. Wells and the motion passed unanimously.

*Bridge 21 Status* Motion by R. Wilcox to accept amendment 1 for Dubois and King to provide additional project oversight. Motion seconded by S. Bradley and the motion was unanimously approved.

*Old Town Hall* Gregg Casey met with the Selectboard to discuss a proposal to stabilize the building, make repairs to the electrical service and replace the sills under the building in a two year plan in exchange for the ability to rent the building for a seasonal business. Ann and Steve Singiser attended the meeting to express their support for the project and to provide a personal recommendation for Gregg. The Selectboard questioned whether Gregg's offer included repairs to the roof, windows or paint. Gregg's offer did not include these repairs. S. Bradley stated that he felt this was a short term solution and the building will cost more to demolish in a few years from now. D. Wilcox recapped that the Old Town Hall Committee looked for a viable use of the building for over a year and could not justify a use for the building. S. Tully and P. Douglas presented the final draft of the RFP for demolition as requested by the Selectboard at the previous meeting. Motion by R. Wilcox to advertise the RFP for demolition of the Old Town Hall. Motion seconded by S. Bradley and the motion passed unanimously.

*Alarm System Ordinance Review* The Selectboard reviewed the draft of the Alarm System Ordinance that incorporated all the changes from the legal review by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. The Selectboard discussed changing the penalties to up to the statutory maximums. This minor change will be incorporated and the Selectboard will move forward with adoption at the next meeting.

*Town Office Painting* S. Tully submitted painting quotes to paint the Town Office. Motion by G. Wells to accept the proposal by Flying Colors at \$7,750 to paint the Town Office to be paid for out of the Town Office Maintenance Fund. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox.

*USA vs. Pondview Condo Association* The Selectboard reviewed and signed the stipulation in order for the Town of Mendon to continue to collect property taxes throughout the term of this case.

*MEDC & Tax Stabilization* R. Wilcox and S. Tully provided a brief overview of tax stabilization and the work that the Mendon Economic Development Committee has been accomplishing. It is expected that MEDC will make a recommendation to the Selectboard at their next meeting to take necessary steps to implement tax stabilization in Mendon. This requires voter approval.

*Rutland County Sheriff Contract* P. Douglas provided an overview of the status of the Rutland County Sheriff contract which was renewed July 1. It was requested whether the Selectboard wanted to increase the hours offered by the contract. The Selectboard agreed to evaluate the contract as part of the 2019-2020 budget process this Fall.

There being no further business, R. Wilcox moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 7:45 PM. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Date approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Richard Wilcox

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Sara Tully, Selectboard Clerk

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Geoff Wells

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Scott Bradley