

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

January 14, 2013

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

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

Residents and visitors present: Josh O’Gormon, Rutland Herald

The Selectboard Meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM at the Town Office.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed and signed.

G. Smith moved to approve the minutes of 12/17/12. Seconded by I. Pike. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Government Highway Safety Program 2012-2013 The Selectboard signed the grant agreement for \$5,000.

Old Business

Budget 2013-2014 The Selectboard discussed and the final budget will be adopted on January 28, 2013.

Town Report The Selectboard discussed and amended various reports to be included in the Town Report.

Town Meeting Warning The Selectboard discussed the articles to be included on the Town Meeting Warning. G. Smith has been discussing the wording of the article that includes authorization for the Selectboard to set the hourly rate. The Selectboard would like the Town to authorize them to set the hourly rate of all employees as well as compensated elected officials when there is a mid-term change over in staff.

Elected Offices Denise Clark is not running again for the School Board and Gail Buck is not running for Treasurer. Petitions for candidates to get their name on the ballot are due January 28, 2013 at 5:00 at the Town Office. Petitions must be signed by 1% of the registered voters (9 signatures).

FEMA S. Tully reported that the FEMA scope change requests were completed and submitted for R3 (areas 1-4), R4, R4A, R17. The FEMA scope changes remaining R11, R12, R13, and R15. These will be submitted as soon as the information is received from D. Conger, D & K. Extension letters need to be completed and submitted by 2/1/13 for R4A, R10, R11, R12, R13, R15, R17. Contract amendments with State of Vermont need to be signed and submitted with the time extension requests. Motion by I. Pike to authorize G. Smith to sign the contract amendments for the State of Vermont for each project the Town is submitting time extension requests. Motion seconded by L. Courcelle. I.

Pike and L. Courcelle approved the motion.

Recreation Grant Closeout S. Tully has submitted the required paperwork to close out the Recreation Grant for \$14,000. This money was spent on the ball field, dugouts, wiffle ball field, and play ground.

Municipal Planning Grant The Municipal Planning Grant must be executed by January 26, 2012. S. Tully will execute the agreement once the Planning Commission approves the contract and the press release.

Helvi Hill G. Smith reported that he went to inspect Helvi Hill recently due to the warm weather causing the snow to melt. The new culvert that Darren Snitker installed in the fall was working well and diverting a lot of the run off before it hit Sherwood Drive.

New Business

Emergency Management - Generator for Barstow School Jan Satorakis, Chittenden, is preparing to apply for a grant for \$75,000 for a generator for Barstow School. A generator at the school would enable the building to be utilized as a shelter in the event of an emergency. The preliminary estimates for the project are \$150,000. Currently, private donations total \$50,000. The remaining \$25,000 would be paid for by the Towns of Chittenden and Mendon. The Selectboard would like J. Satorakis and Scott Bradley provide further information to the Board as it becomes available.

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