

# Town of Mendon

## Selectboard

May 28, 2013

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

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

Residents and visitors present: Fran McGuiness

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

### Administrative Matters

*Selectmen's Orders* were reviewed and signed.

G. Smith moved to approve the minutes of 5/13/13. Seconded by I. Pike. The motion passed unanimously.

### Public Comment

Fran McGuiness attended the Selectboard meeting to request the town fix a culvert on Wheelerville Road in front of his property. The culvert is not low enough so standing water gathers at the inlet end before flowing through the culvert. Mr. McGuiness is concerned that the water backs up and plugs his driveway culvert, the standing water breeds mosquitoes and that he was told by B. Ellis two years ago that it would be fixed. B. Ellis explained that this culvert is still functioning and that he has many other culverts that are higher on the priority list because they are not functioning. The Highway Department has a limited budget and the culverts that are not working are replaced first. G. Smith explained that all projects were reprioritized after T.S. Irene which could also explain why this culvert was not addressed. The Selectboard agreed to monitor the culvert throughout the summer and will get back to Mr. McGuiness.

### Old Business

#### *Wright Road Bid Opening (R17)*

Jack Bowen Excavating	\$52,476.50
Mosher Excavating, Inc.	\$71,002.50
Mountainside Development	\$78,741.68
Tremblay Construction, LLC	\$97,305
Fabian Earth Moving, Inc.	\$90,254
The Belden Company, Inc.	\$117,031
Alpine Construction, Inc.	\$124,290
Markowski Excavating, Inc.	\$135,776.98

The apparent low bidder is Jack Bowen Excavating at \$52,476.50. Motion by G. Smith to hire Jack Bowen for \$52,476.50 pending clarification of bid and reference checks. Motion seconded by Larry Courcelle. The Selectboard unanimously passed the motion.

*Wheelerville Road Bid Opening (R4A)*

Mountainside Development	\$66,706.52
Jack Bowen	\$77,247
Mosher	\$84,126
Fabian	\$93,974
Giancola	\$108,863
Belden	\$124,947
Tremblay Const.	\$147,494
Markowski	\$152,380.94
Alpine Construction	\$154,573

The apparent low bidder is Mountainside Development at \$66,706.52. Motion by G. Smith to hire Mountainside Development for \$56,706.52 pending clarification of bid and reference checks. Motion seconded by Larry Courcelle. The Selectboard unanimously passed the motion.

*FEMA Project Update* The Selectboard will discuss with D. Conger, Dubois and King what is needed to enter construction contracts for Wheelerville Road and Wright Road. The Town is still waiting for a FEMA response on the Medway Bridge. Sven Scribner, VTRANS, has advised the town to request another time extension on the temporary bridge. No response from FEMA on the Notch Road Scope Change request. Woodward Road is in the final stage of permitting. The town is also waiting for a response on the Improved Project Request from FEMA.

*Bridge 11* D. Conger reports that we are in the final permitting process and should be ready to go to bid in the next few weeks.

*2000 Mack Truck* Selectboard discussed and agreed to advertise the 2000 Mack for Sale for \$32,000. Interested parties can contact B. Ellis at the Town Garage for details and specification of the truck.

*Safety Intersection of Killington Ave, Notch Road and Townline Road* L. Courcelle attended the Rutland Town Selectboard Meeting on May 2nd. Rutland Town has sent the issue to their Traffic Safety Committee. The Rutland Town Selectboard said they would like to work together with Mendon to evaluate the safety of the intersection. The Mendon Selectboard appointed L. Courcelle, B. Ellis and S. Bradley to represent Mendon in discussions with Rutland Town's Traffic Safety Committee.

*Old Town Hall Survey* The Selectboard is waiting for results of the survey from Bill Godair. The Selectboard discussed that we may have to make a decision about repairs to the foundation, the frame of the structure and site work. S. Tully will contact B. Godair to get a timeframe of receiving results of the survey.

*Truck #2 Maintenance* B. Ellis requested that Truck 2 be sent to J&B International Trucks. The Town has spent \$6,800 this year on repairs to Truck #2 locally and it is still not running right. B. Ellis wants to take it to the dealer in Colchester. The Selectboard agreed.

*Journeys End Structures Grant* The Town received a grant for the Journeys End Culvert project totaling \$36,756. B. Ellis reported that the results of the VTRANS hydraulic report requires a cement box culvert which will more than double the cost of the project. The additional funds have not been budgeted. The Selectboard can either budget for the additional funds complete construction next summer or return the grant funds this year and reapply for Structures Grant funding next year.

*Recreation Committee* The Selectboard discussed the success of the Fishing Derby. Fun was had by all despite the lack of catching fish. The town has stocked the pond each year and yet a handful of fish are caught each year. The Selectboard would like the Recreation Committee to evaluate the Fishing Derby and the level of success for next year.

*2012-2013 Audit* C. Schneider, Town Treasurer has scheduled the 2012-2013 Audit for August 12<sup>th</sup> with Angolano and Company. The Selectboard will need to review and sign the engagement letter.

*Hazard Mitigation Plan Update* The Rutland Regional Planning Commission secured funds for Mendon to update their Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Selectboard asked S. Tully to find out from RRPC a timeline of the grant funds and what will be required of the town.

*Emergency Plan Update & adoption* Tabled until the next meeting.

*Employee Evaluations* The Selectboard will discuss individual evaluations at the next meeting.

There being no further business, L. Courcelle moved to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Motion carried.

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Greg Smith

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Sara Tully –Clerk of the Board

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Larry Courcelle

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Ira Pike