

# Town of Mendon

Selectboard

January 25, 2016

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

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

Residents and Visitors present: None

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

*Additions/deletions to the Agenda:* Motion by L. Courcelle to add Law Enforcement to the agenda. Seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

L. Courcelle reported the Mendon Town Plan received Regional Planning Commission approval on January 19, 2016.

There will be a Red Cross Shelter Training at Barstow on April 4, 2016.

## Administrative Matters

*Selectmen's Orders* were reviewed and signed.

## Business

*Law Enforcement* The Selectboard discussed the law enforcement needs for Mendon and meeting those needs with a long term contract with the Rutland County Sheriff or providing the service with town employees and equipment. After a lengthy discussion, the Selectboard requested a detailed cost comparison of all solutions.

*2015 Structures Grant Agreement – Wheelerville Road Culvert 07-48* B. Ellis and S. Tully are submitting the required information for the Army Corps of Engineers Permit and the Agency of Natural Resources Stormwater Discharge Permit. Edman Kesselring Consulting Engineers have been hired to engineer the 07-48 culvert. B. Ellis requested the Selectboard approve an expense of up to \$4,000 to have Edman Kesselring Consulting Engineers to do a hydraulic study on culvert 07-47. Motion by L. Courcelle to spend up to \$4,000 from the bridge and culvert fund to hire Edman Kesselring Consulting Engineers to complete a hydraulic study on culvert 07-47. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

*Town Meeting Warning* S. Tully presented the Town Meeting Warning. Motion by L. Courcelle to approve the Town Meeting Warning for February 29, 2016. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

*Town Report 2015 & Notice of Availability* S. Tully presented the 2015 Town Report to the Selectboard. The Mendon voters approved to eliminate the distribution of the Town Report at last year's Town Meeting. The required Notice of Availability that the Town Report is available

on the Town Website and available for pick up at the Town Office will be sent to the voter checklist. The Selectboard reviewed the layout of this notification.

*2016-2017 Budget approval final* S. Tully presented the final version of the 2016-2017 budget. L. Courcelle moved to approve the 2016-2017 budget as presented. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

*FEMA Update* S. Tully reported that she and N. Gondella met with Ron Pentowski from the State of Vermont to review close out requirements for the large FEMA projects. Once closeout paperwork is submitted, it is expected to take the state a few months to review as well. There are approximately 130 outstanding project worksheets for disasters in Vermont. It is a top priority for Mendon to closeout these projects, as construction is complete and final payments from FEMA and the State can be received.

There being no further business, L. Courcelle moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 7:26 PM. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

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

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Larry Courcelle

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Sara Tully- Clerk

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Geoff Wells

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Richard Wilcox