

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

August 24, 2015

Members of the Selectboard present: Geoff Wells, Richard Wilcox

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

Residents and Visitors present: None

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

Additions/deletions to the Agenda: Motion by G. Wells to add Proposed Town Green and Mendon School District to the agenda. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: G. Wells moved to approve the minutes of August 10, 2015. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Terra Lane B. Ellis reported that the ditching project on Terra Lane is complete. Stormwater from the Pasquerello property washes onto Terra Lane. The town installed a culvert and catch basin at the Gates property to direct the water into the ditch line. Mr. Gates and Mrs. Pasquerello have agreed to pay for the cost of the catch basin and culvert.

Salt Shed B. Ellis discussed that he will need to start bringing in winter sand. B. Ellis will contact Dubois and King to determine if they can reinforce the wall in order to push material against it for this winter.

Truck #3 For Sale The Selectboard received three offers for truck 3. They accepted the highest bidder on August 10, 2015. There was a miscommunication with the highest bidder regarding the year of the truck and the sale did not go through. The town will advertise the truck for sale.

Falls Road Maintenance B. Ellis requested up to \$11,500 to reset culverts and apply gravel to the Falls Road. Motion by G. Wells to spend up to \$11,500 from the Highway Improvement Fund to perform upgrades to the Falls Road. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Animal Control: Burns The Selectboard has issued three violations to Ms. Burns. Payment was received for the first violation. The second violation fee is past due and the third violation fee is due September 10th. S. Tully will notify Ms. Burns to make necessary payments.

Motion by G. Wells to enter Executive Session at 6:50 PM to discuss personnel with the Selectboard and S. Tully present. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion. The chair declared the Board out of Executive Session at 6:55 PM.

Proposed Town Green Attorney Chris Blanchard informed the Selectboard that the Agency of Transportation is not willing to support the proposed Mendon Town Green Project on Route 4. VTRANS cited multiple reasons for not considering this project within the State's right of way which include stormwater issues, clear zone requirements, public safety of pedestrians and motorists and future transportation related projects.

Mendon School District An article was published in the Rutland Herald on August 20, 2015 discussing the creation of a school district with Rutland Town, Mendon and Chittenden in order to meet Act 46's requirements. The Selectboard discussed requesting the Mendon School Board to keep them informed of discussions and how to best disseminate up to date information to the taxpayers.

There being no further business, L. Courcelle moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 7:10 PM. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Date approved _____

Geoff Wells

Sara Tully- Clerk

Richard Wilcox