

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

October 10, 2016

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

Town Officers and employees present: Susan Schreibman, Interim 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: G. Wells added the town garage, B. Ellis added new equipment and trail signs and R. Wilcox added the old town hall. Motion by L. Courcelle to approve the agenda with the additions. Seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders approved and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: L. Courcelle moved to approve the minutes of 09/26/16. Motion seconded by D. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Announcements: L. Courcelle reported that Jan Sotirakis notified him that the Local Emergency Planning Committee was told that the Red Cross will not be supporting the local shelter and is moving toward regional shelters; for this area it is located at Rutland High School (RHS). It is unknown what the procedure will be to activate RHS. At the Barstow generator dedication, no mention of this was made by state officials.

VLCT is participating in a study of reimbursement of forest fire suppression costs by Dept. of Forests, Parks and Rec (FPR) to towns in which forest fires occurred. Act 171 directs FPR to develop a municipal reimbursement policy. G. Wells said he will respond for the town.

The Regional Planning Commission is hosting a meeting Oct 18 on Act 174- Integrating land use and energy planning. L. Courcelle will attend.

VLCT News had information on Act 71 which eliminated the role of town service officers. This is something for the Selectboard to remember at the organizational meeting.

VLCT's Municipal Action Papers were distributed.

Business:

MERT Trailer: G. Wells would like it pulled up so it gets some visibility. P. Douglas indicated that he would be interested in purchasing it if there are no offers.

Townline Road Culvert: B. Ellis said that if the culvert is shortened, it would require a bigger

headwall and guardrail. L. Courcelle asked about the history of it and the recommendation. B. Ellis said that it will not be done before winter and just wanted the Selectboard aware of the situation. Contact with the property owner is necessary.

Municipal Planning Grant: The resolution that is required to accompany the application was signed by the Selectboard and also requires the signature of the Chair of the Planning Commission.

Draft Alarm System Ordinance: S. Schreiberman presented the draft ordinance which identified changes from the previous one, some questions and the suggested fine of \$800 for a false fire alarm. Fines for unregistered systems are higher. The discussion continued about annually registering them, and who is currently registered. G. Wells suggested this could be discussed at town meeting and that timing this when dog registrations are due would make sense. Comments on the draft are due at the next Selectboard meeting.

A purchasing policy was also discussed with a generic form to be used. This will be forthcoming.

FEMA Update: G. Wells reported that 6 or 8 projects are complete and that the rest will be done by 10/20.

The discussion continued on to Bridges #14 and #20. L. Courcelle suggested that the Selectboard budget for the payment due and N. Gondella will report on this at the next meeting.

McDevitt Property: S. Schreiberman reported that ANR looked at the site and was going to contact Two Rivers Ottauquechee RPC. There is no other update available. G. Wells suggested that the property owner be asked to remove the trash and a letter will be prepared for L. Courcelle's signature. Discussion continued on town owning this property and its liability and if VTrans would take it over. S Schreiberman said that she will do research on this.

Sheriff's Contract: P. Douglas will try to reach the Sheriff and will take the Impala to him to see about his interest in purchasing it. R. Wilcox said the rate of \$37/hour would become \$35/hour with a long term contract. G. Wells asked about getting a report by month of activity. L. Courcelle suggested looking at the budget and R. Wilcox said that we will stay within the budget at \$35/hour.

Sand/Salt Shed: B. Ellis reported that they are still working on the structure and that the fabric is on site. B. Ellis is getting prices on sand and salt.

Highway Dept. New Equipment: B. Elis said that they need a new string trimmer and a blower.

He will get more quotes on this equipment and bring it to the next meeting.

Old Town Hall: R. Wilcox reported that the Historical Society has funded the inspection and cost estimate and that they intend to fine tune this before coming to the Selectboard within the next month, with the cost, plans and recommendations. The project has been staged with prioritization of projects for structural soundness. R. Wilcox spoke about access to the building and the obligation that the town has to the family and lessees.

P. Douglas reported that the Tier 2 report of hazardous material was completed.

B. Ellis showed the Selectboard sample blaze for marking the trails and the VT Dept. of Corrections can provide 200 for \$48. He will research the colors and let the Selectboard know. S Schreibman said that previous minutes show that they are to read "Town of Mendon Legal Trail" with the town's logo.

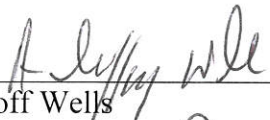
B. Ellis reported that the culvert on Wheelerville, culvert 07-47, is complete, except for the guardrails. The road is open.


There being no further business, G. Wells moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 7:22 PM. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Date approved Oct. 24, 2016


Larry Courcelle


Susan Schreibman, Interim Selectboard Clerk


Geoff Wells


Richard Wilcox