

# Town of Mendon

Selectboard

March 14, 2016

Members of the Selectboard present: Geoff Wells, Richard Wilcox

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

Residents and Visitors present: Rep. Job Tate, Jeff Wenneburg, Rutland City Public Works

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

*Additions/deletions to the Agenda:* Motion by G. Wells to approve the agenda with the addition of discussing engineering of headwalls for culvert 07-47 and right of way agreement for the culvert replacement of 07-48. Seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

## Announcements

Dog Licenses Due April 1st

## Administrative Matters

*Selectmen's Orders* were reviewed and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: G. Wells moved to approve the minutes of 2/22/16. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

## Business

Engineering: McFarland Johnson Headwalls for culvert 07-47 Motion by G. Wells to spend \$2,200 out of the Bridge and Culvert Fund for the engineering of the headwalls for culvert 07-47 with McFarland Johnson.

*Right of Way Agreements for culvert 07-48 replacement project* The town requested a right of way agreement from two adjacent property owners to the culvert 07-48 replacement project. The town received Partalis' signed agreement. The Selectboard signed the agreement. S. Tully will follow up with Mark Larson, the other property owner.

*Annual Organizational Matters:* Motion by G. Wells to elect Larry Courcelle, Chair, Geoff Wells, Vice-Chair, Sara Tully, Clerk of the Board. The meeting schedule for the Selectboard will be the second and fourth Monday of Month at 5:30 PM at the Town Office. The Rules of Procedure are adopted and will be available upon request. The official newspaper will be the Rutland Herald. The appointed fence viewers are Justin Lindholm, Geoff Wells and Larry Courcelle. The appointed poundkeeper and Animal Control Officer is Rod MacCuiag. The appointed Tree Warden is Bill Ellis. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by G. Wells to adopt the Mendon Open Meeting Law Policy and the Town Road and Bridge Standards. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The motion passed unanimously.

*Treasurer* Marie Conway was elected Treasurer for the Town of Mendon. The Selectboard signed a resolution for the People's Bank for Marie Conway to take over financial control of the accounts with the bank. This was a requirement of the bank, not a statutory requirement.

*Stormwater Discharge Regulations* Jeff Wenneburg attended the Selectboard meeting to discuss the proposed Combined Sewer Overflow Rule by the Department of Environmental Conservation and how it would affect the Mendon properties connected to the Alpine Pipeline. Mr. Wenneburg provided a lengthy explanation about the combined sewer and stormwater system in Rutland City that the Alpine Pipeline also connects to although it only transports sewage, not stormwater. The system can treat 22.5 million gallons daily and is the largest system in Vermont. The daily treatment is 3.5 million gallons far below the capacity. If the demand exceeds 22.5 million gallons, untreated wastewater overflows into area streams. The newly drafted Combined Overflow Rule would allow the Department of Environmental Conservation to prohibit the expansion of existing connections into the system and any new connects to the system that would increase capacity. This rule is economically devastating to Rutland City and properties in Rutland Town, Killington, Clarendon and Mendon that are also connected to the system. The Selectboard agreed to write a letter to the Commissioner opposing the draft Combined Sewer Overflow Rule to be submitted at a Public Hearing on March 24, 2016.

*Local Emergency Operation Plan Update* The Local Emergency Operation Plan has been updated by P. Douglas and reviewed by the Selectboard. The LEOP will be adopted at the next Selectboard Meeting.

*Recap Town Meeting* The Selectboard would like to thank the voters for approving the Town Garage Improvement Project for \$285,000. The town received positive feedback moving the meeting to the downstairs location at Mendon Mountainview Lodge. The town received multiple complaints about information being passed out during the meeting as it was unwarranted information and disruptive. S. Tully agreed to work with the Town Clerk to create a policy that information will be available for people to pick up when checking in.

*Garage Improvement Project* B. Ellis and P. Douglas will proceed with drafting Requests for Proposals for the various components of the Garage Improvement Project.

*Hazard Mitigation Plan* The hazard Mitigation Plan Committee has met with RRPC and the first draft of the completely revised plan will be available to view next week. The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2016 at 6:30 PM. There will be a public hearing warned for public comment before adoption by the Selectboard. The date of the Public Hearing is to be determined.

There being no further business, G. Wells moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 7:45 PM. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

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

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Geoff Wells

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Sara Tully- Clerk

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Richard Wilcox