

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

March 28, 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: Mendon Historical Society: Steve and Ann Singiser, Fred and Jennifer Bagley

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

Additions/deletions to the Agenda: Motion by L. Courcelle to approve the agenda with the additions of 2016-2017 Budget: Selectboard Compensation, MERT Trailer & ATV's and deletion of Ed Bove from the RRPC to discuss Route 4. Seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Announcements

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Committee Meeting April 13, 2016, 6:00 PM at the Town Office.
Red Cross Shelter Training, April 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Barstow

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: G. Wells moved to approve the minutes of 3/14/16 as amended. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Business

2016-2017 Budget: Selectboard Compensation S. Tully reported that the 2016-2017 Budget as presented and approved by the voters reflects a decrease from \$7,000 to \$4,000 in the Selectboard Salary line item. This was done in error. The budget cannot be changed without an additional town vote. All members of the Selectboard made an agreement for splitting the \$4,000 compensation.

MERT Trailer & ATV's Rutland City Fire Department has expressed interest in the MERT trailer and ATV's that were used with the trailer. P. Douglas will have the equipment assessed to determine its current value.

Mendon Historical Society Steve Singiser, Ann Singiser, Fred Bagley and Jennifer Bagley representing the Mendon Historical Society requesting the Selectboard appoint a study

committee to determine viable uses for the Town Shop and cost for renovation. The Mendon Historical Society is willing to donate \$10,000 for the restoration of the building. It is estimated that the outside structure could be saved from further deterioration for \$100,000. This does not include cost for renovation of the interior of the building. The Selectboard will conduct a site visit at the next meeting. Issue tabled.

Green Mountain Power S. Tully discussed that Green Mountain Power is trying to provide power access from the pole located in the Town Office Parking Lot to 4 lots off Old Stockbridge Path. One option is to run power from the pole along the eastern boundary of the town property. The Selectboard expressed concern about any tree removal from the eastern boundary due to water and drainage, stability of the bank holding up the road and aesthetics of the power line behind the office. Another option discussed was going off the pole directly across Old Stockbridge Path to access the lots. The Selectboard issued similar aesthetic concerns that a large swath of trees would be cut. The Selectboard determined the solution they would support is burying the line from the pole under Old Stockbridge path to maintain the wooded backdrop of the property.

Solar/Wind Resolution to the Public Service Board Motion by R. Wilcox to adopt the resolution to increase the input of Vermont municipalities regarding the siting of renewable energy projects in certificate of public good proceedings before the public service board. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved.

Garage Improvement Project P. Douglas presented draft RFP's for the fabric structure. The Selectboard reviewed and approved. S. Tully and P. Douglas will create a task sheet and timeline for the project.

Appointment of Officers Larry Courcelle moved to appoint:

- Bill Ellis, Road Commissioner for one year
- Sara Tully, Administrative Road Commissioner for one year
- Mary Ann Reich, Town Service Officer for one year
- Therese Corsones, Planning Commission for four years
- Nicole Kesselring, Planning Commission for four years
- Justin Lindholm, Planning Commission for four years
- Steve Cosgrove, Zoning Administrator for three years
- Michael Curren, Zoning Board of Adjustment for three years
- Andy Zak, Zoning Board of Adjustment for three years

Therese Corsones, Zoning Board of Adjustment for three years

Jim Reddy, Town Recreation for four years

Michael Barone, Cemetery Commissioner for one year

Phil Douglas, Rutland Transportation Counsel for three years

Larry Courcelle, Rutland Transportation Counsel, Alternate for three years

Sara Tully, Health Officer for three years

Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Grant Applications S. Tully and B. Ellis presented the list of eligible projects to apply for either the Better Backroads Grant or State of Vermont Structures Grant. The Selectboard prioritized the list. Applications are due 4/1/16. The RRPC has presented an application for a Better Backroads Grant to update the culvert inventory. The town currently has a culvert inventory but it has not been updated on the State's website. S. Tully stated that the town is in compliance and does not feel it is a priority. The Selectboard would like to follow up with RRPC for further details.

AOT Annual Financial Plan S. Tully presented the AOT Annual Financial Plan for Mendon's 2016-2017 approved budget. Motion by L. Courcelle to adopt the Mendon's AOT Annual Financial Plan. Seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

FEMA Update N. Gondella provided a memo for FEMA update regarding project closeout preparations.

New Phone System at Town Office Motion by L. Courcelle to spend \$3,400 out of Office Equipment Fund for a new phone system for the Town Office. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Recreation Field & Barstow Youth Club The Selectboard will hire an employee to mow the ballfield. One shed will be used for maintenance equipment. The second shed will have access by the town and Barstow Youth Club and the baseball equipment will be stored in the second shed.

Motion by L. Courcelle to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel at 9:30 PM with the Selectboard, S. Tully and B. Ellis present. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

The Chair declared the board out of Executive Session at 9:43 PM.

There being no further business, L. Courcelle moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 8:47 PM. The motion carried.

Motion by L. Courcelle to convene the Liquor Control Board at 9:45 PM. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by L. Courcelle to approve the Liquor Licenses for:

1. Mountain View Hospitality Inc. dba The Vermont Inn
2. Countryman's Pleasure Inc. dba Countryman's Pleasure
3. T.P Hospitality, LLC dba Red Clover Inn
4. Bridges Country Store, Inc. dba Bridges Country Store
5. Bhakta Management, LLC dba Cortina Inn and Resort
6. Ski Mendon Management, LLC dba Mendon Mountainview Lodge

Motion seconded by G. Wells. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, L. Courcelle moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 9:50 PM. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Date approved _____

Larry Courcelle

Sara Tully- Clerk

Geoff Wells

Richard Wilcox