

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

January 23, 2017

Members of the Selectboard present: Geoff Wells, Richard Wilcox

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator, Nancy Gondella, Bookkeeper, Phil Douglas, Constable

Residents and Visitors present: Franco Rossi, CAI Technologies

The meeting was called to order at 5:27 PM at the Town Office.

Additions/deletions to the Agenda: Motion by G, Wells to delete guardrail quotes from the agenda. Seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Announcements

VLCT Special Membership Meeting, February 15, 2017 at 1:30 PM Capital Plaza Hotel, Montpelier

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders approved and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: G. Wells moved to approve the minutes of 1/9/17. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Business:

CAI Technologies Presentation of mapping and GIS development services provided by Franco Rossi, CAI Technologies.

McDevitt Buyout The closing for the McDevitt property is scheduled for 2/7/17. G. Wells moved to use the Irene Fund to receive and disburse funds for the execution of this project. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion. Mendon will receive \$75,829 from the CDBG-DR Funds and will pay out to McDevitt the same at closing. Susan Schreibman submitted three quotes for asbestos testing. G. Wells moved to hire KAS for \$1,180 to complete asbestos testing at 6196 Route 4 in Mendon contingent on successful closing on the property. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion. This cost will also be reimbursed with CDBG-DR Funds.

Mendon Equalization Study 2016 The Selectboard is considering whether to submit an appeal in hopes to lower the COD below 20%. The COD jumped from 13.79% last year to 23.57% this year which will prompt an order from the State of Vermont for Mendon to reappraise the town. S. Tully and N. Gondella consulted with Spencer Potter, Mendon Tax Assessor and Teri Gildersleeve, Property Valuation and Review to analyze the sales data and the effect that removing sales will have on both the COD and CLA. It was determined that Mendon does not have sufficient information to prove that a sale is not reflective of fair market value. Multiple sales would need to be removed from the study in

order for the COD to drop below 20%. The Selectboard decided not to submit an appeal of the Mendon Equalization Study for 2016. Mendon town officials will start preparing for a town-wide reappraisal to be completed within the next few years.

Certificate of Highway Mileage Motion by G. Wells to approve the Certificate of Highway Mileage with no changes. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

2017-2018 Budget Adoption Motion by G. Wells to approve the 2017-2018 budget to present for voter approval at Town Meeting. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion. The budget reflects a 1.9% increase in the amount to be collected by taxes without including appropriations to be voted at Town Meeting.

Town Report The Selectboard discussed various reports to include in the 2016 Town Report.

Management Discussion and Analysis G. Wells moved to approve the Management Discussion & Analysis report to include in the 2015-2016 audit.

Town Meeting Warning The Selectboard reviewed the warning which includes all our traditional articles. It also includes an article to change the Law Enforcement Fund to the Public Safety Fund which more accurately reflects support of the Public Safety Budget. Articles 7-14 are the appropriations that submitted petitions signed by 5% of the voters to get included on the ballot. Appropriation requests increased by 88% this year from \$6,942 to \$13,052. G. Wells moved to approve the warning for Town Meeting, March 6, 2017. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Animal Control The Rutland County Sheriff will respond to immediate animal control issues 24 hours per day. If the issue is not immediate, then response will be the next day. The report will be provided to the Animal Control Officer. The Selectboard requests that the animal control log kept by the Animal Control Officer be provided to the office once per month so the Rutland County Sheriff can be aware of ongoing issues. The Rutland County Sheriff is available to deliver notices or issue municipal tickets.

Town Garage Project ClearSpan Contract Motion by G. Wells to approve ClearSpan Change Order #3 for Block plates and bolts totaling \$5,847.1. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Constable Vehicle Replacement P. Douglas presented two quotes for replacement of the 2008 Chevrolet Silverado. The State contracted price is the lower of the two quotes at \$40,090 for a 2017 Ford Explorer Police Inceptor 3.7 V6 AWD. Accessory equipment would also be considered at an

additional \$7,207. P. Douglas presented a NADA book value of the 2008 Silverado at between trade at \$17,275 and retail at \$23,325. The Selectboard requested P. Douglas look into a trade in value with the state contractor Shearer.

Fire Protection P. Douglas reported that there were 12 fire calls for the second quarter. P. Douglas also questioned whether the Selectboard was still working on revamping the Alarm System Ordinance. The Selectboard confirmed that they are.

There being no further business, G. Wells moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 8:10 PM. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Date approved _____

Geoff Wells

Sara Tully, Selectboard Clerk

Richard Wilcox