

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

May 22, 2017

Members of the Selectboard present: Richard Wilcox, Geoff Wells, Scott Bradley

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator, Nancy Gondella, Bookkeeper, Susan Schreibman, Project Manager for McDevitt Buyout

Residents and Visitors present: Kate Wanner, Trust for Public Lands

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

Additions/deletions to the Agenda: Motion by R. Wilcox to approve the agenda with the addition of the Law Enforcement Vehicle Decals and Quotes for New Lawn Mower to the agenda. Seconded by G. Wells. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders approved and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by R. Wilcox to approve the minutes of 5/8/17. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Business:

McDevitt Buyout – S. Schreibman reported the house is completely demolished, the slope has been seeded and netted, the well will be removed Tuesday to complete construction by Harvey's. The final inspection is 5/25/17 at 9 AM. S. Schreibman and S. Tully will attend. S. Schreibman is requesting final payment be approved tonight for payment after a satisfactory final inspection. S. Schreibman is submitting requests for reimbursement to the State of Vermont before June 2. S. Schreibman also requested the Selectboard approve transfer of property located at 6196 US Route 4 to the State of Vermont and have Steve Cosgrove record it after VTRANS inspects the property and approves the transfer. The Agency of Natural Resources was also invited to the final inspection. S. Schreibman does not foresee any issues to complete the project paperwork by the end of June deadline. The Selectboard thanked Susan for an excellent job managing this project.

Motion by R. Wilcox to approve final payment to Harvey's Plumbing and Excavating, LLC for \$16,740 for demolition of 6196 US Route 4, Mendon, VT pending a satisfactory final inspection. Motion

seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion. Motion by R. Wilcox to direct Steve Cosgrove to complete the transfer of 6196 US Route 4, Mendon, VT to the State of Vermont pending a satisfactory final inspection and record the deed signed by R. Wilcox, Selectboard Chair. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard unanimously approved.

Rolston Rest The Selectboard discussed that the Town of Chittenden overwhelmingly passed the question to transfer the land to the State of Vermont 161 in favor and 18 against. The project will continue in Chittenden regardless of what Mendon decides with the land located in Mendon. Kate Wanner attended the meeting to answer any further questions for the Selectboard. The Selectboard has reached out to the Chittenden Selectboard to discuss what they would like to see regarding access. G. Wells asked Ms. Wanner about how to develop biking trails on Green Mountain National Forest. K. Wanner discussed there are limited funds and staff available to the Green Mountain National Forest to get through the public hearing process to create trails. The Trust for Public Lands needs support for the project by July in order to meet their deadlines for the purchase contract. The Selectboard agreed to conduct a site visit to consider how developable the property seems to be as it is located in the Residential II Zoning District.

CAI Technologies N. Gondella and S. Tully highlighted the benefits and presented the cost of the mapping and GIS software. The initial set up would cost \$6,700, a reduction of \$1,500 because it is being completed in connection with the State of Vermont's implementation of the software. Annual updates would cost \$2,400. Motion by D. Wilcox to purchase CAI Technologies mapping and GIS software for \$6,700, \$1,900 to be paid out of the General Fund and up to \$4,800 to be paid out of the Preservation and Restoration Reserve Fund. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

H. 42 Appointment of Town Clerks and Treasurers Governor Scott signed H. 42 into law on May 10, 2017. The law allows towns to vote to appoint the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer. The Selectboard, Town Clerk/Treasurer and office staff support this proposal. S. Tully, N. Gondella and M. Conway presented an outline to start discussing this

Highway Maintenance & Equipment Operator and Facilities and Grounds Maintenance S. Tully outlined the interviewing procedure for hiring a Highway Maintenance & Equipment Operator and Facilities and Grounds Maintenance. One full time position is available. S. Bradley, B. Ellis and S. Tully will be conducting the interviews May 30th and May 31st.

Law Enforcement Vehicle Decals S. Bradley requested the new constable vehicle have the town logo

decaled on the vehicle. D. Wilcox requested we get input from Constable Bradley. S. Tully was directed to request Constable Bradley come to the next meeting a present a plan for decals on the new vehicle.

Quotes for New Lawn Mower S. Bradley presented three quotes for a lawn mower for mowing cemeteries. Motion by R. Wilcox to spend \$5450 for a John Deere WH48A 18.5 HP hydrostatic lawn mower from Mountain View Equipment to be paid for out of the Cemetery Fund. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Sidewalks G. Wells suggested the Selectboard look at what it would take to install a sidewalk from Bridges Country Store to Allen Engineering. G. Wells felt that there are a lot of people that walk Route 4 and it would attract business. The Board discussed economic development of Mendon.

Signs & Mendon Logo The three signs ordered from Signs of Distinction are going to be installed in the next week. The town logo was updated slightly and a copy provided to the Selectboard.

VLCT PACIF The Selectboard reviewed correspondence from VLCT regarding an insurance claim. No action taken.

There being no further business, R. Wilcox moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 8:00 PM. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Date approved _____

Richard Wilcox

Sara Tully, Selectboard Clerk

Geoff Wells

Scott Bradley