

# Town of Mendon

Selectboard

June 26, 2017

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

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator, Bill Ellis, Road Commissioner, Phil Douglas, Constable/Planning Commission, Justin Lindholm, Planning Commission

Residents and Visitors present: Cort Jones, resident, Kate Wanner, Trust for Public Lands, Chris Mattrick, Green Mountain National Forest.

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM at the Town Office.

*Additions/deletions to the Agenda:* Motion by R. Wilcox to approve the agenda with the addition of the Paquette Act 20 Municipal Impact Questionnaire, Recreation Field, Barstow Shelter, Thai Restaurant to the agenda. Seconded by G. Wells. The motion passed unanimously.

## Administrative Matters

*Selectmen's Orders* approved and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by R. Wilcox to approve the minutes of 6/12/17 and 6/19/17. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

## Business:

*Rolston Rest* The Selectboard read and acknowledged an email from Heinz-Joseph Werner requesting no through traffic access on Old Turnpike Road to Elbow Road. J. Lindholm also expressed opposition to this access. The Selectboard requested a legal right of way across the A. Johnson bypass in order to protect access for any future purpose to the northeast section of the town. The Selectboard also requested 10 parking spaces be created on Old Turnpike Road within the town's right of way for access to the Green Mountain National Forest. Chris Mattrick expressed the Green Mountain National Forest would not be willing to allow a town right of way intersect the national forest for a number of reasons but potential for increased ATV use being the greatest concern. The Selectboard asked if they would be willing to exchange the current legal right of way for the A. Johnson bypass that would be more feasible for the town to use primarily for emergency access, but also to protect access to that area of town. C. Mattrick denied this request and suggested a Memo of Understanding be created that would be renewed every 5 to 10 years. Kate Wanner suggested a legal easement for access for emergency purposes

only. She will have an agreement drafted for review by both all parties to see if this will be a compromise by all parties. The town will provide a cost estimate and exact location of proposed parking spots on Old Turnpike Road.

*Economic Development Committee* The Selectboard is created and recruiting individuals to participate on an Economic Development Committee. Anyone interested should contact Sara Tully at the Town Office.

*H. 42 Appointment of Town Clerks and Treasurers* The warning for Special Town Meeting will be reviewed by the Selectboard at the next meeting.

*Old Town Hall Survey* The Selectboard reviewed and made changes to the advisory poll survey to be sent with the tax bills in July. This survey is to gauge the towns willingness to restore the structural elements and exterior appearance of the Old Town Hall to be used for storage or demolish the building.

*Highway Maintenance & Equipment Operator and Facilities & Grounds Maintenance Worker* The town has offered the position to candidate.

*Paquette Act 250 Municipal Impact Questionnaire* The Selectboard reviewed and approved the impact questionnaire of the Paquette Property located on Valley View Drive. The increased storage units do not impact municipal services.

*Recreation Field* The Selectboard reviewed a request for Rutland County Little League to use the Recreation Field this summer. The Selectboard approved the request with a carry in carry out policy for garbage and also requested this be managed by the coaches to ensure garbage is not left behind. S. Tully will discuss the details with the organization.

*Barstow Shelter* P. Douglas supports working with the Town of Chittenden on an emergency shelter at Barstow. The Selectboard agreed. Either town would be authorized to open the shelter. In the event that both towns utilized the shelter costs would be split based on which town the displaced person came from. An agreement will be created and the Barstow Unified Union District would need to approve the use of the school.

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

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

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Richard Wilcox

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Sara Tully, Selectboard Clerk

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Geoff Wells

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Scott Bradley