

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

October 22, 2018

Members of the Selectboard present: Geoff Wells, Scott Bradley

Town Officers and Employees Present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator, Bill Ellis, Road Commissioner, Phil Douglas, Constable

Residents and Visitors present: Erica McLaughlin and Chris Gandin, Barstow Unified Union School District

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 feasibility study to the agenda. Seconded by S. Bradley. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders approved and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: G. Wells moved to approve the minutes of 10/09/18. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

Joint Meeting: Selectboard, Planning Commission and MEDC Monday November 5th at 5PM to meet with Paul Costello Vermont Council on Rural Development regarding town wide strategic planning.

The Barstow Unified Union School District has warned a Special Meeting

Business:

BUU School Board Erica McLaughlin and Chris Gandin attended the Selectboard meeting to collaborate on a variety of identified challenges that effect the Barstow Unified Union School District. These issues include declining student enrollment, staffing challenges, the BUUSD's role in governance, communication, and residential growth. The BUUSD invited the Selectboard to appoint one of its members to sit on a committee that will look at these issues and others like it to collaborate with the town governance of Mendon and Chittenden with the governance of the Barstow Unified Union School District. The Selectboard agreed and will appoint one of its members at the next meeting.

Audit 2017-2018 N. Gondella, Treasurer reported that Jeffrey Bagley is working on it.

07-48 Repairs A course of action to repair the failed culvert has yet to be determined.

Grant Update: S. Tully provided an update on the outstanding grants 2018 BRP Meadowlake Drive, 2019 BRP Wheelerville Road, 2018 Structures Grant Bridge 21, 2018 Class 2 Roadway Program Park Lane, and the 2019 Grants in Aid. The application for the 2020 Better Roads Grant Application is due 10/26/18.

Tax Stabilization Policy The Tax Stabilization policy was reviewed by the Selectboard. G. Wells moved to approve the Tax Stabilization Policy. The motion was seconded by S. Bradley. The motion passed.

Old Town Hall Demolition Contract The contract has not yet been returned by Mendon Trucking and Excavating. Seth Bridge intends to complete the entire project in the Spring. S. Tully will facilitate the State permit with VTRANS and Mendon Trucking and Excavating.

2019-2020 Budget Draft #1 Information from various departments have been incorporated in the first draft of the budget.

Feasibility Study The Selectboard directed S. Tully to obtain three bids to look into how to conduct a feasibility study.

There being no further business, S. Bradley 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