

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

February 10, 2020

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

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator, Nancy Gondella, Town Clerk & Treasurer, Bill Ellis, Road Commissioner

Visitors present: None

The Selectboard Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM at the Town Office.

Agenda: R. Wilcox moved to accept the agenda with the addition of vacation schedule. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by R. Wilcox to approve the minutes of January 27, 2020. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard approved the motion.

Business

Law Enforcement Fines N. Gondella provided an outline and timeline from her research on why the Town of Mendon has not received law enforcement revenue this fiscal year. To date Mendon has received \$13K of the annually budgeted \$45K. The Judicial Bureau was implementing a new computer system and no fine revenue was distributed to towns from May to November 2018. The town started receiving payments in November 2018 which were greatly reduced from anticipated amounts. The tickets in 2019 were written under the Basic Rule (BR), Local Basic Rule (LBR), Local Speed Violation (SL1, SL2, SL3) and Violation of Local Ordinance (VO). Almost 70% of the tickets issued were written under the Local Basic Rule in which the town does not receive the fine revenue. According to an email from Judge Howard Kalfus dated October 11, 2018 "if the municipality has established a speed limit of 50 miles per hour, this must be charged as an LBR". In following this direction, revenue from tickets written under the Local Basic Rule are distributed to a statewide pool instead of directly with the municipality. The Selectboard agreed to authorize R. Wilcox, N. Gondella and P. Douglas handle this issue by continuing to gather information as well as contacting Rep. Jim Harrison, and VLCT for education and direction.

AT&T Wireless Communication Facility The Planning Commission and Selectboard have completed a review of the Viewshed Analysis that was submitted by AT&T as part of the 60 day Notice. It was determined that the tower location was misrepresented which skewed the results of where AT&T says the tower will be seen in Mendon. It took considerable time and resources to discover this error and create a list of locations in which Mendon officials have determined will have visible views of the tower and some with very close views of the tower. This information will be submitted to AT&T and the Department of Public Service. The balloon test and public hearing is yet to have a date scheduled. The most up to date information will be posted on the website www.mendonvt.org and the Town of Mendon Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/townofmendonvt/>.

Weight Limits Posting S. Tully reported she filed the seasonal restriction for weight posting of Mendon Roads effective March 1- May 15. Motion by G. Wells to accept the seasonal restrictions of all Town Highways in Mendon effective March 1- May 15, 2020. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. Motion unanimously approved. Such notice will be posted in 2 places in Town at the Town Office and Town Garage.

Community Visit Update The Community Visit Steering Committee met on Thursday February 6, 2020 to get organized. The VRCD is scheduled to visit Mendon on February 24th with additional information about the program.

Town Report S. Tully presented an overview of the Town Report with a list of outstanding reports that to date have not been submitted.

Timeline of Reserve Funds S. Tully submitted the timeline of the reserve funds to be printed in the Town report and requested the Selectboard review and make final comments by Thursday.

Roadside Mower The Roadside mower has been delivered to the mendon Town Garage. There is a leak in the hydraulic tank that was damaged during the delivery transport. Fairfield is sending their mechanic to repair at the Town Garage this week.

Vacation Schedule S. Tully submitted an outline of her vacation schedule for the remainder of FY20 and all of FY21 requesting approval from the Selectboard in accordance with the Personnel Policy and Rules Handbook that 4 days of vacation be rolled over into FY21. The Selectboard approved this request.

The Selectboard agreed to meet with the office staff at the Town Office, February 13, 2020 at 8:30 AM.

There being no further business, R. Wilcox moved to adjourn to 8:30 AM on February 13, 2020 for an office staff meeting at the Town Office. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. Motion carried.

Date Approved _____

Richard Wilcox

Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

Geoff Wells

Scott Bradley