

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

February 24, 2020

Members of 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, Fred Bagley, Planning Commission

Visitors present: John Sinclair, Brian Austin, and Chris Mattrick, Green Mountain National Forest.

The Selectboard Meeting was called to order at 4:56 PM at the Town Office.

Agenda: R. Wilcox moved to accept the agenda with the addition of Mendon Town Plan. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox.

Announcements: Town Meeting, March 2, 2020, 6 PM at a new location MENDON METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by R. Wilcox to approve the minutes of February 10, 2020 and February 13, 2020. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard approved the motion.

Business

Community Visit D. Wilcox provided an update on how the Steering Committee for the Community Visit has been working with the Vermont Council on Rural Development. The voters can expect update information to be provided at Town Meeting and outside the polls for the election.

Green Mountain National Forest John Sinclair, Brian Austin, and Chris Mattrick, Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forest announced to the Selectboard that \$6 million has been allocated to begin construction of the Green Mountain and Finger Lakes Supervisor's Office in Mendon. The building will be located on existing forest land across from Woodward Road. No additional land would be removed from the Grand List. The 10,000 square foot building and accessory storage building will operate with 65 employees. The building will be accessible to the public for information and viewable from Route 4. The Mendon Selectboard are enthusiastic about the project and look forward to welcoming the GMFL Supervisor's Office to Mendon. The Selectboard discussed the location and potential prime access to existing trails up Blue Ridge and the Canty Trail and respectfully request they plan for as much public parking as possible at the new building. Construction on the site will start this summer and be finalized for occupancy of the building by 2023.

Mendon Recreation Liam Fracht- Monroe, Chair of the Recreation Committee presented an executive

summary that included a comprehensive plan for the Mendon Recreation Area. First thing this spring the Road Crew will assist in installing a path for increased handicap accessibility down to the play structures. The Recreation Committee will be accepting bids for paving a half basketball court. The Selectboard increased the annual appropriation to the Recreation Reserve Fund to \$5,000 for the Recreation Committee to accomplish the goals set forth in the plan presented.

Town Meeting Presentations & volunteers for set up and tear down The Selectboard discussed the presentations for Town Meeting. The Methodist Community Church in Mendon has graciously allowed us to use their basement meeting room. We will need volunteers to assist in setting up and tearing down the room.

AT&T Wireless Communication Facility The AT&T group requested to present information on the Viewshed Analysis and discuss dates for the balloon test and public hearing. Time would not allow this discussion at the regular meeting so the Selectboard decided to adjourn this meeting until Thursday February 27th at 5:15 PM at the Town Office to hear the information AT&T will present.

Law Enforcement Fines R. Wilcox provided an update regarding the law enforcement fine revenue the town expected to receive.

Town Plan Adoption The Planning Commission conducted a Public Hearing on February 19, 2020 for the Proposed Town Plan. There were no changes and they are submitted the final draft and the accompanied report to the Selectboard. The Selectboard will then have an opportunity to make changes and warn a public hearing and the adoption of the Town Plan.

There being no further business, R. Wilcox moved to adjourn at 6:40 PM to reconvene at 5:15 PM on February 27, 2020 at the Town Office to continue the AT&T agenda item and review the View Shed Analysis, review visible tower locations and discuss a date and time for the balloon test. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. Motion carried.

Date Approved _____

Richard Wilcox

Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

Geoff Wells

Scott Bradley