

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

March 9, 2020

Members of Selectboard present: Richard Wilcox, Scott Bradley

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator, Bill Ellis, Road Commissioner

Visitors present: None

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 Seasonal Posting of Roads. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox.

Annual Organizational Matters: Motion by R. Wilcox to appoint Richard Wilcox, Chair, of the Selectboard, Geoff Wells, Vice-Chair, of the Selectboard, Sara Tully, Clerk of the Board, the meeting schedule for the Selectboard will be the second and fourth Monday of Month at 5:00 PM at the Town Office, the Rules of Procedure are adopted and will be available upon request, the official newspaper will be the Rutland Herald, the appointed fence viewers are Justin Lindholm, Geoff Wells and Scott Bradley, the appointed poundkeeper and Animal Control Officer is Rod MacCuiag, the appointed Tree Warden is Bill Ellis. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by R. Wilcox to adopt the Mendon Open Meeting Law Policy. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The motion passed unanimously.

The Selectboard directed S. Tully to send the Open Meeting Law Policy to all appointed Boards and Commissions and have them sign off on receiving it.

Town Road and Bridge Standards Motion by R. Wilcox to adopt the Town Road and Bridge Standards. Seconded by S. Bradley. The motion passed unanimously.

2020-2021 Goals and Objectives The Selectboard reviewed and prioritized the Goals and Objectives of the Selectboard.

The Selectboard reviewed the calendar of Selectboard Meeting dates for 2020 and amended the schedule around holidays.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by R. Wilcox to approve the minutes of February 24, 2020 and February 27, 2020. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard approved the motion.

Business

Recap Town Meeting The Selectboard discussed a recap of Town Meeting. The space provided by the church was great and the Selectboard would like to thank the Mendon Community Church for allowing the town to use the space. The Board felt Chris did an excellent job moderating as usual granting everyone that wanted to speak reasonable opportunity to do so. The discussion regarding voting the budget by Australian ballot was informative and the Selectboard will continue to present this idea to the voters.

Community Visit The steering committee and volunteers did an excellent job getting the word out at Town Meeting and voting day. They expect to send a town-wide mailing next week.

FEMA Flood Mapping There is a March 31st meeting that the Selectboard would like Steve Cosgrove to attend and Phil Douglas, Director of Public Safety in Steve's absence

Vermont Emergency Management -COVID-19 In preparation of this developing emergency and recommendation from Vermont Emergency Management to complete a Continuity of Operations Plan the Selectboard intends to adjourn this meeting to reconvene March 10, 2020 at 10:30 AM at the Town Office to discuss COVID-19 and the town's emergency plan. The Selectboard, Phil Douglas, Director of Public Safety, Sara Tully, Health Office and Mary Ann Reich, Deputy Health Officer to attend if available.

C07-42 bids The town received bids February 27th and we sent to the engineer for review. The Selectboard discussed the bids and will submit questions and areas of concern to the engineer.

Dry Hydrant Grant Motion by R. Wilcox and seconded by S. Bradley to approve and sign the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program Grant Agreement. S. Tully submitted a draft easement agreement prepared by Chris Corsones.

AT&T Wireless Communication Facility To date the town has not received the list of addresses from AT&T that was supposed to be submitted last week. AT&T agreed to take pictures from private properties, but stated they may not present them to the PUC. The Selectboard discussed whether the town would be able to see these results from the balloon test. S. Tully will contact them and discuss that further delays in providing this information will push off tentative dates for the balloon test at the end of March. Mendon was hopeful that the balloon test could be completed before the leaves are on the trees this spring. The RRPC is expected to discuss the project at their next meeting. S. Tully will respectfully request they refrain from discussion until the balloon test can be completed.

Law Enforcement Fines There is no news to report regarding law enforcement fines.

Town Plan – Public Hearing of Selectboard The Selectboard will review the final draft and determine if

the Selectboard will make any final changes. S. Tully will discuss the adoption process with RRPC.

Rutland County Little League Request to use Mendon Recreation Area The Selectboard reviewed a letter from Chad Galiano requesting the use of the Mendon Recreation Area for a baseball practice of the Rutland County Little League Tuesday and Thursday, 3:30-5 PM. The Selectboard also reviewed a letter submitted by a concerned resident of Mendon regarding Rutland County Little League and the Barstow Youth Club. The Selectboard took the position that it is up to the parents which baseball program they want their children to participate in and therefore did not weigh in on the issue. The Selectboard approved the request of Rutland County Little League contingent on obtaining clarification that Barstow Youth Club also has access to the fields at Barstow School for practices and games.

Seasonal Posting of Mendon Roads The Selectboard approved the seasonal restrictions on all Mendon Roads. B. Ellis has posted the roads and hung the seasonal restriction on each road.

There being no further business, R. Wilcox moved to adjourn at 7:00 PM to reconvene at 10:30 AM on March 10, 2020 at the Town Office to continue the Emergency Management – COVID-19 discussion, taking action as necessary to prepare the community response. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. Motion carried.

Date Approved _____

Richard Wilcox

Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

Scott Bradley