

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

August 9, 2021

Members of Selectboard present: Richard Wilcox, Larry Courcelle, Val Taylor

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator & Health Officer, Nancy Gondella, Town Clerk & Treasurer, Phil Douglas, Constable

Visitors present: Rutland County Deputy Sheriff Bossong, Justin Lindholm, Dennis Charles, Bret Yates, Hal Rosenzweig, Judy Dark, Susannah Loffredo, Sue and John Feenick, Roy and Ellen Prior

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

Agenda:

Motion by R. Wilcox to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by L. Courcelle. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Announcement

Selectboard Rules of Procedure are available for view.

SAVE the DATE Mendon Town Picnic Remembering Irene September 18, 2021 Noon to 3 PM at the Mendon Recreation Area with a rain date of September 19, 2021.

American Rescue Plan Act Funds were received in the amount of \$52,919.66 and will be deposited in a separate fund. The Town of Mendon will hold meetings in the Fall for public comment on how these funds should be used in compliance with all federal eligibility requirements.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed.

Motion by R. Wilcox to approve payroll in the amount of \$10,321.51 for the period ending 8/7/21 and orders for 8/26/21 for \$4,610.53. Motion seconded by L. Courcelle. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: R. Wilcox moved to approve the minutes of 7/26/21. Motion seconded by L. Courcelle. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Public Comment None

Business

Town Office Security Measures N. Gondella provided an overview of security measures that can be implemented at the Town Office. Motion by L. Courcelle to spend \$992.69 with Royal Security to install direct response buttons at the Town Office to be paid for out of the Public Safety Fund and \$299 on an annual monitoring fee to be paid out of the General Fund utilities line item. This system will dispatch out the State Police for emergency response. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Reappraisal N. Gondella provided a financial recap of the total anticipated cost of the Reappraisal that includes the VMA contract, copier expense, insurance, mailings, payroll, and supplies at \$86,529 to be paid out of the Reappraisal Fund. Expected balance of this fund after payment of anticipated reappraisal cost is \$100,000 at the end of the fiscal year. A stipend to pay BCA members for the incredible amount of work members are doing in hearing appeals was discussed and the issue was tabled.

FY20 Structures Grant Request for Reimbursement Culvert 07-42 S. Tully presented the final grant documentation for grant #BC2018 in the amount \$111,080.90 The Selectboard approved the final grant documentation to submit for reimbursement. The Selectboard signed the grant documentation.

Journeys End Traffic Study Update & Erosion Control Project S. Tully reported the Regional Planning Commission continues to gather data regarding the traffic count and speed on Journeys End. The RRPC may have data available at the next meeting. R. Prior indicated the traffic count has reduced dramatically in the past few weeks. S. Tully provided an overview of the Erosion Control Project for the end section of Journeys End. The proposed project would bring the section of the road in compliance with the Municipal Roads General Permit and reconstruct and establish appropriate ditches, install cross culverts, direct water away from the roadway, repair water surfacing under the road, reconstruct road subbase and pave the road. The town would seek permission from private landowners to direct water onto their property. The estimated construction cost is \$170,000. S. Tully will be researching grant funds to assist financially which could contribute \$30-\$40,000 to the total project cost. The remaining funds would be paid for out of the Highway Improvement or Bridge and Culvert Funds. The Selectboard directed S. Tully and B. Ellis to continue to plan out the project and apply for grant funds.

Sherwood Drive & Helvi Hill The water from Helvi Hill Road has been an ongoing issue for decades causing damage and maintenance issues to Sherwood Drive. The town is scheduled to resurface Sherwood next summer. In order to comply with the Municipal Roads General Permit, the town will be performing erosion control measures and ditching along Sherwood Drive. The town along with technical advice from the Department of Environmental Conservation have provided suggested erosion control measures to representatives of Helvi Hill Road, a private road. The town will prepare a recommendation and timeline for implementation of erosion control measures for Helvi Hill. At which time the town completes their project on Sherwood Drive any damage caused by lack of appropriate erosion control measures by Helvi Hill will be charged to the residents of Helvi Hill for damaging a town highway.

2021-2022 Goals and Objectives Update S. Tully provided a detailed update on projects that have been completed, are underway and have yet to be started on the 2021-2022 Goals and Objectives. The

next projects will be to pursue reclassification of some roads as well as a newly added project to the list is the Dry Hydrant upgrades at Woodward Road. Town representatives will be meeting with Troy Dare, Rural Fire Protection Task Force, Bill Lovette, Rutland City Fire Department and Zapata Courage, a Department of Environmental Conservation Wetlands Permit Specialist on August 17th to determine a scope of work for the project. A grant application with the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force has been submitted to assist with funding.

Irene Recognition Committee Update L. Courcelle provided a brief update on the Mendon Town Picnic Remembering Irene September 18, 2021 Noon to 3 PM at the Mendon Recreation Area with a rain date of September 19, 2021.

There being no further business, R. Wilcox moved to adjourn at 6:20 PM. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The Selectboard approved the motion.

Date Approved _____

Richard Wilcox

Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

Larry Courcelle

Val Taylor

