

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

January 24, 2022

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

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

Visitors present: None

The Liquor Control Meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM at the Town Office.

Motion by R. Wilcox to approve the Liquor License for Flannel's Restaurant doing business as Flannel's Bar and Grill. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

R. Wilcox moved to adjourn the Liquor Control Board Meeting at 6:11 PM. Motion seconded by L. Courcelle. The Selectboard approved the motion.

The Selectboard Meeting was called to order at 6:11 PM at the Town Office.

Agenda:

Motion by R. Wilcox to approve the agenda with the addition of Stormwater Master Plan. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Announcement

Selectboard Rules of Procedure are available for view.

B. Ellis announced that Rutland City is continuing with the logging in the Rutland City Forest to remove the Red Pines.

Town Plan with Enhanced Energy Plan Public Hearing and Adoption March 14th

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed.

Motion by R. Wilcox to approve orders for 1/24 for \$27,470.32 and \$38.64. Motion seconded by L. Courcelle. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

The Selectboard Meetings scheduled for February 14th and February 28th will not be held due to Valentine's Day and Town Meeting. The Selectboard will meet Tuesday, February 15th at 8:30 am at the Town Office.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: R. Wilcox moved to approve the minutes of 1/10/22. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The motion passed.

Public Comment None

Business

Adopt Statewide Policy on Police Use of Force Motion by R. Wilcox to adopt the Statewide Policy on Police Use of Force. Motion seconded by L. Courcelle. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

2020-2021 Audit Review The Selectboard received copies of the 2020-2021 audit on January 19, 2022. S. Tully reported that receiving the audit this late does not allow the Selectboard to utilize the report throughout the budget process that starts in October. S. Tully recommended contacting Bachelder Associates, PC to request the audit be completed annually by October. R. Wilcox would like to hear from N. Gondella, Treasurer, what communication she had with the auditors regarding deliverables and timing of the audit as well as a recap of the audit process.

2022-2023 Budget Final The final budget was reviewed. The budgeted expenses increased by \$58K for FY23. The FY21 surplus of \$258K was discussed in detail. \$100K of the surplus was rolled into the FY22 lowering the tax rate set in July. \$60K of unspent highway funds are able to be retained for highway and transferred to the Highway Improvement Fund. An article is included on the Town Meeting 2022 warning to transfer \$50K to the Highway Improvement Fund. The remaining \$48K will be rolled into FY23 lowering tax rate to be set this July. If the voters do not approve the article of transferring some of the surplus to the Highway Improvement Fund, the \$50K will also be rolled into setting the tax rate for FY23.

Motion by R. Wilcox to transfer \$60,000 of unspent FY21 highway funds to the Highway Improvement Fund. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Warning for Town Meeting 2022 and presentations- Motion by R. Wilcox to approve the warning for Town Meeting 2022. Motion seconded by V. Taylor. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion. The Selectboard discussed the presentations for Town Meeting. L. Courcelle will conduct the financial presentations and V. Taylor will present the article about the changing the office of Constable to an appointed office versus elected..

Town Report 2021 S. Tully discussed the various reports to be included in the Town Report.

Rutland County Sheriff Contract R. Wilcox provided a recap of a meeting held with Sheriff Fox and town representatives, Phil Douglas, Constable, Nancy Gondella, Treasurer and himself from the Selectboard. Multiple subjects were discussed from a shortages of officers to the collection of fines from the state. The RCS contract is up for renewal July 1, 2022.

Stormwater Master Plan Jim Pease, Analyst-Biologist for the VT Department of Environmental Conservation, recently inquired whether Mendon would like to be included in a grant application to complete a Stormwater Master Plan. He offered two supporting documents the Tenney Brook, Rutland-Mendon, Vermont and the Town of Mendon Stormwater Infrastructure Mapping Project. The Selectboard will review these documents and gather additional information on what a Stormwater Master Plan is and how it obligates the town to follow the plan in the future.

Reappraisal S. Tully reported the town has secured legal representation for the two appeals that were filed in Superior Court.

R. Wilcox moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 PM. Motion seconded by L. Courcelle. The Selectboard approved the motion.

Date Approved _____

Richard Wilcox

Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

Larry Courcelle

Val Taylor