

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

July 15, 2013

Members of Selectboard present: Greg Smith, Larry Courcelle

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator, Bill Ellis, Road Commissioner, Nancy Gondella, Bookkeeper/Office Manager

Residents and visitors present: None

The Selectboard Meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM at the Town Office.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed and signed.

G. Smith moved to approve the minutes of 6/24/13. Seconded by L. Courcelle. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectboard Meetings The next Selectboard meeting scheduled for 7-22-13 will be postponed until 7-29-13 to accommodate a Board of Civil Authority Meeting scheduled for 7-22-13.

2012-2013 Budget & Audit N. Gondella provided a financial update for the Selectboard with year end financials. The 2012-2013 year end cash balance is \$32,000 after anticipated accruals.

2013-2014 Tax Rate S. Tully presented the 2013-2014 tax rate calculated with a \$32,000 cash forward balance.

Motion by L. Courcelle to set the 2013-2014 tax rate as presented:

2013/2014 Tax Rate:

Homestead = \$1.6007
(\$1.5035+\$1.0960+\$0.0012)

Non-Residential = \$1.8626
(\$1.5035+\$1.3579+\$0.0012)

Municipal Tax Rate: \$.5035

<i>2013-2014 Amount to be raised by taxes</i>	<i>\$889,142</i>
<i>2013-2014 Municipal Grand List</i>	<i>\$1,766,105</i>

Education Tax Rate:

Homestead = \$1.0960
Non-Residential = \$1.3579

Local Agreement Tax: \$.0012

Eligible properties (6)

<i>Total Exemption</i>	<i>\$2,051</i>
<i>2013-2014 Municipal Grand List</i>	<i>\$1,766,105</i>

Motion seconded by G. Smith. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

2013-2014 Tax Rate Summary:

Municipal Tax Rate= \$.0201 increase or 4.2% increase

Education Tax Rate:

Homestead = \$1.0960 a \$.0164 decrease or 1.5% decrease

Non-Residential = \$1.3579 a \$.0586 decrease or 4.2% decrease

Total Homestead = \$.0038 increase or .3% increase

Total Non-Residential = \$.0384 decrease or 2% decrease

The tax bills will be mailed by July 26th. G. Smith will prepare a memo from the Selectboard to taxpayers with information about current projects and issues in town.

Old Business

Motion by L. Courcelle to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel at 6:00 PM with the Selectboard, N. Gondella and S. Tully present. The motion was seconded by G. Smith. The motion passed unanimously. The Chair declared the board out of Executive Session at 6:35 PM.

FEMA Project Status:

1. Wheelerville Double Culvert – contracts have been signed and executed.

Construction timeline to be determined.

2. Wright Rd – contracts have been signed waiting for execution by the contractor. Construction timeline to be determined.

3. Woodward Rd – G. Smith signed the Stream Alteration permit for D. Conger to submit to the Agency of Natural Resources. D. Conger is preparing the final bid documents. The project should be ready to go out to bid by the end of July. On July 3rd, the town received notification from the State that FEMA updated the project worksheet to include a structure that meets Codes and Standards. The funding increased from \$117,000 to \$170,000. S. Tully and B. Ellis are researching existing and former right of ways.

4. Bridge 22- scope change approved.

5. Upper Notch Slide- Mendon received SCR denial on 6-15-13 although it was dated in February. If the town chooses to appeal the SCR denial the deadline to appeal is Aug. 15. G. Smith will discuss with D. Conger whether an Alternate Project request should be prepared or whether the Town should pursue the Alternate Pilot Project.

6. Medway Bridge – On 6/27/13 Mendon received approved Scope Change Request from FEMA updating the PW to include full replacement of the bridge. G. Smith signed the Stream Alteration permit for D. Conger to submit to the Agency of Natural Resources. D. Conger is preparing the final bid documents and should be ready to go out to bid next week. The town needs a time extension for the temporary bridge.

Bridge 11 D. Conger has finalized the engineering plans. D. Conger will submit to Tom Roberts, VTRANS this week for final approval. The Stream Alteration permit has been submitted to ANR. The project is expected to go out to bid the week of 7/22/13.

Structures Grant Mendon received grant for culvert 22-01 on Journeys End. VTRANS approved for the grant to be transferred to Townline Road Culvert C-02-01. The Selectboard executed grant agreement, request to transfer the funds and amendment to original agreement.

Wheelerville Road Culvert/Road Damage 7/7/13-7/8/13 The recent heavy rains caused approximately \$4,000 worth of damage to the roadway and two culverts on Wheelerville Road.

Summer Paving Schedule B. Ellis will present updated quotes at the next meeting. Townline Road, Journeys End and the Town Garage are scheduled for resurfacing this summer. Woodward Road will also be resurfaced after the completion of the culvert project.

2013 Better Back Roads Grant S. Tully and B. Ellis submitted an application for the 2013 Better Back Roads Grant for erosion control measures on Journeys End from beyond culvert 22-03 to the end of the road. The total project cost is \$13,826. \$10,000 would be funded by the grant and the remaining \$3,826 by the town with in kind labor and equipment.

McLaughlin Falls Road Repairs B. Ellis reported that the roadway stabilization work on the McLaughlin Falls Road has been completed by Town Logging and Trucking. The recent heavy rain did not cause damage to the project location.

Roadside Mowing Orchitt Mowing should complete the roadside mowing on Tuesday 7/16/13. B Ellis requested the payment of \$2,200 be approved by the Selectboard. The Selectboard authorized the payment of \$2,200 to Orchitt Mowing upon satisfactory completion of the roadside mowing.

Proposal to Redesign Access to Route 4 between 2472 and 2672 Route 4 The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Meadowlake Drive Bridge 3 B. Ellis reported that the northwestern bank of Mendon Brook at Bridge 3 needs to be stabilized to protect the bridges abutment. The Selectboard individually will look at the bridge before the next meeting.

There being no further business, G. Smith moved to adjourn at 8:35 PM. Motion carried.

Date Approved _____

Greg Smith

Sara Tully –Clerk of the Board

Larry Courcelle