

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

December 9, 2013

Members of Selectboard present: Greg Smith, Larry Courcelle

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

Residents and visitors present: Fred Bagley, Ted Pratt

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

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed and signed.

L. Courcelle moved to approve the minutes of 11/25/13 as corrected. Seconded by G. Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

L. Courcelle moved to approve the minutes of 12/4/13. Seconded by G. Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Village Center F. Bagley met with the Planning Commission to provide an overview about the idea of creating a centralized access to Route 4. In order to move forward with the research about this concept F. Bagley requested some funding be allocated to the project. The Selectboard agreed to consider adding some funding to the 2014-2015 budget.

Recreation T. Adams discussed developing recreation programs in coordination with the Town of Chittenden. A Program Director would be paid by both towns to create and oversee shared programs. The Selectboard requested a complete proposal be provided by the Mendon Recreation Committee. T. Adams will warn a meeting of the Mendon Recreation Committee for 12/17/13 at 7:30 PM at the Town Office.

Management Discussion and Analysis G. Smith will finalize the report for the audit and narrow down the shorter version for inclusion in the Town Report.

Robinwood Plowing Seth Webb, Killington Town Manager offered to continue the winter maintenance of Robinwood for \$4,000. The summer maintenance of Mendon's section of Robinwood will be taken care of by the Mendon road crew. S. Webb agreed to submit the agreement in writing. Motion by G. Smith moved to pay the Town of Killington \$4,000 for winter maintenance of the section of Robinwood located in Mendon. Specific terms related to payment, plowing times and work transitions between summer and winter maintenance 2013-2014 to be worked out between the Road Commissioners. Motion seconded by L. Courcelle. The motion passed unanimously.

Articles for Town Meeting 2014

Subdivision Regulations The Planning Commission is in the process of finalizing the rewrite of the Subdivision Regulations. S. Tully provided a timeline of warning requirements and holding public hearings of both the Planning Commission and the Selectboard in January 2014. The Planning Commission supports having the Subdivision Regulations adopted by town vote which would require a petition signed by 5% of the voters submitted to the Town Clerk by January 23, 2014. The Selectboard discussed the extremely tight schedule of required public hearings and decided that it would be beneficial to the town to rush through the adoption with little time to review and make any changes as a result of the public hearings. The town will be holding two elections later in the year with the Primary Election in August and the General Election in November. The Selectboard would like to coordinate a town vote on the Subdivision Regulations with either of these elections.

Board of Listers The Selectboard discussed Act 21. The Vermont Legislature gave municipalities another option to replace the Board of Listers with a professionally qualified assessor. Mendon has contracted with Vermont Municipal Assessors for over 25 years limiting the responsibilities of the Board of Listers in Mendon. The town could vote to eliminate the elected offices with an article approved at Town Meeting. The Selectboard would like to meet with the Listers to discuss this option.

Combination of Reserve Funds The Selectboard reviewed an equipment replacement timeline prepared by G. Smith demonstrating a plan to combine the Truck, Grader, Backhoe and New Equipment Fund. The combination of these funds will be an article for voter approval at Town Meeting.

Holiday Dinner Motion by G. Smith to spend an amount not to exceed \$2,100 to The Snow Angel Tavern for the Holiday Dinner for all elected officials, appointed officials and town staff. Motion seconded by L. Courcelle. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Budget 2014-2015 The Selectboard reviewed the proposed budget in detail. The Selectboard requested additional information on Repairs and Supplies and a culvert replacement schedule.

There being no further business, G. Smith moved to adjourn at 8:55 PM. Motion carried.

Date Approved _____

Greg Smith

Sara Tully –Clerk of the Board

Larry Courcelle