

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

October 26, 2015

Members of the Selectboard present: Geoff Wells, Richard Wilcox

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

Residents and Visitors present: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM at the Town Garage.

The Selectboard, B. Ellis, S. Tully and P. Douglas conducted a site visit looking at two proposed locations of a new Salt Shed. The pros and cons of each location was discussed. There should not be significant cost differences between the site locations. The Selectboard decided the location in line with the existing salt shed would be the most beneficial location to access the remaining part of the acreage on the parcel.

The Selectboard conducted a brief tour of the Town Garage.

The meeting adjourned to move to the Town Office

The Meeting was called to order at the Town Office

Additions/deletions to the Agenda: Motion by G. Wells to table the approval of the minutes and add personnel to the agenda. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed and signed.

Business

Truck #3 For Sale B. Ellis reported that the financing fell through on the sale of the truck and he is still accepting bids. B. Ellis is authorized by the Selectboard to sell truck #3.

Liquid Chloride Tank S. Tully reported that the lease agreement with the supplier for storage tanks is not feasible or cost effective. B. Ellis recommends that the Town purchase a storage tank from Lawes Agricultural Services for \$2,050. Motion by G. Wells to spend \$2,050 from the New Equipment Fund to purchase a storage tank for Liquid Chloride. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Town Employee The town hired a part time employee, Greg Webster, to work with the road crew.

McLaughlin Falls The Selectboard discussed winter maintenance of the McLaughlin Falls Road. Since Tropical Storm Irene in 2011, the town has provided sand barrels and plowed the road

during major snow storms. The residents of the legal trail have maintained the road through the winter. The resident that maintains the road has requested the town load his truck to be able to sand the road. The Selectboard discussed liability to the town of loading a private truck and tabled making a decision until the issue could be discussed further.

Mascoma Savings Bank N, Gondella requested the Selectboard renew the line of credit with Mascoma Savings Bank for \$750,000 at 1.25% interest. G. Wells moved to renew the line of credit with Mascoma Savings Bank for \$750,000 at 1.25% interest. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Health Insurance 2016 S. Tully presented 2016 health insurance costs with a history of what the town provided last year and the formula used to cost share the increase between the town and the employees. This decision will need to be made at the next meeting.

Property Appeals to the State Appraiser S. Tully provided a memo to the Selectboard discussing the state education taxes that will be determined by the end of December regardless of what the results of the two property tax appeals filed with the State Appraiser. The Selectboard discussed the implications and R. Wilcox will contact Spencer Potter, Mendon's Assessor to ask a few questions. Issue tabled until the next meeting.

Public Records Request The town has received a public documents request from a company in Boston that wants CAMA software data on all properties in Mendon. It is against state law to refuse this information, but Marie Conway, Town Clerk, wanted to make the Selectboard aware the information was going to be provided. Most likely the information will be sold and used for marketing purposes.

2016-2017 Budget The Selectboard reviewed the first draft of the 2016-2017 budget.

There being no further business, G. Wells moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 8:45 PM. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Date approved _____

Larry Courcelle

Sara Tully- Clerk

Geoff Wells

Richard Wilcox

