

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

November 9, 2015

Members of the Selectboard present: Larry Courcelle, Geoff Wells, Richard Wilcox

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

Residents and Visitors present: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM at the Town Office.

Additions/deletions to the Agenda: Motion by G. Wells to add Rutland County Sherriff and FEMA update to the agenda and delete a discussion with Rep. Job Tate that is unable to attend the meeting. Motion seconded by L. Courcelle. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Announcements

Red Cross Shelter Training, November 11, 2015 at Barstow Memorial School

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: G. Wells moved to approve the minutes of 9/28/15 and 10/5/15. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion. G. Wells moved to approve the minutes of 10/26/15. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. G. Wells and R. Wilcox approved the motion.

Business

Selectboard Meeting schedule The Selectboard will be meeting Nov. 23rd, Dec 7th and Dec. 14th

Salt Shed P. Douglas continues to gather cost estimates for the replacement of the sand and salt shed. Some repairs to the siding of the existing salt shed are required to utilize this building for cold storage in the future. B. Ellis is gathering cost estimates of repairs to the Town Garage. N. Gondella will present requirements the town must follow for a bond vote. The Selectboard agreed to call this project the Town Garage Improvement Project which will include the construction of a new sand and salt shed, repairs to the existing salt shed and repairs to the town garage.

Truck #3 B. Ellis reported that Truck #3 was sold to the Town of Windham for \$22,000.

Mendon Emergency Response Trailer for Sale \$6,000 The 2003 MERT trailer will be advertised for sale for \$6,000 and is 7.5' X 20'. P. Douglas will post details. The MERT trailer was created in 2003 to be used as a mobile command unit to respond to lost hikers/skiers, forest fires, long term accidents, natural disasters and hazardous spills. In 2003, there was no other trailer in

Rutland County that provided the specialized service that MERT provided. In recent years, multiple area fire departments and the State Police have acquired equipment to provide these services and the Selectboard decided it is no longer required that Mendon maintain the MERT trailer.

Winter Maintenance McLaughlin Falls Road The Selectboard agreed to continue some winter maintenance on McLaughlin Falls Road which includes providing sand barrels and hiring a contractor to plow in a heavy snow storm at the discretion of the Road Commissioner. The Selectboard denied a request to provide sand to a resident by filling a privately owned vehicle with town equipment.

Planning Commission Vacancies There are two vacancies on the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission have submitted names for consideration by the Selectboard. The Selectboard is currently accepting letters of interest to fill the vacancies. The Selectboard received a letter of interest from Fred Bagley. Motion by L. Courcelle to appoint Fred Bagley to the Planning Commission to fill a vacancy with a term ending 3/31/17. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Holiday Appreciation Dinner S. Tully will request proposals from local establishments to host a dinner in appreciation of all the elected and appointed town officials.

Property appeals to the State Appraiser There are two property owners that have grieved their property assessment and do not agree with the decision of the Board of Civil Authority. They have submitted an appeal to the State Appraiser. The process, time frame, and cost implications of this appeal was discussed at length by the Selectboard.

Health Insurance 2016 S. Tully presented health insurance rates for 2016. Overall, rates saw a 5.2% increase. Historically, the employees and town share this increase. The town sets a level of funding and allows the employee to choose the plan and funding options through premium payment or contributions to a Health Savings Account. The Selectboard set the funding levels as follows with a \$4,000 buyout option:

Single: \$7,650

Two Person: \$15,229

Parent/Child: \$14,764

Family: \$21,496

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

Rutland County Sherriff The Selectboard authorized hiring the Rutland County Sherriff for additional coverage in Mendon under a short term contract. Sherriff Benard will attend the next meeting to discuss the law enforcement needs of the Town of Mendon.

There being no further business, L. Courcelle moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 8:25 PM. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Liquor Control Board

Motion by L. Courcelle to convene the Liquor Control Board meeting. Motion seconded by G. Wells the Liquor Control Board unanimously approved the motion.

Motion by L. Courcelle to approve the Liquor License for Bhakta Development LLC doing business as the Cortina Inn. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, L. Courcelle moved to adjourn the Liquor Control Board Meeting at 8:35 PM.

Date approved _____

Larry Courcelle

Sara Tully- Clerk

Geoff Wells

Richard Wilcox