

# Town of Mendon

Selectboard

December 19, 2016

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

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

Residents and Visitors present: Lyle Jepson, Rutland Economic Development Corp. and Mary Cohen, Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce

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

*Additions/deletions to the Agenda:* Motion by L. Courcelle to approve the agenda. Seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

## Administrative Matters

*Selectmen's Orders* approved and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: L. Courcelle moved to approve the minutes of 12/12/16. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

## Announcements

Larry attended the Aitken State Forest Long-range Management Planning meeting held on December 13<sup>th</sup>. The parking access in Mendon was discussed and Lisa Thornton, VT Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation expressed desire to move the parking area to the intersection of Wheelerville Rd.

## Business:

*REDC & Rutland Chamber of Commerce* Lyle Jepson, REDC and Mary Cohen, Rutland Chamber of Commerce presented the Killington Valley Initiative, a marketing strategy to improve the economy. The group solicited financial support at \$1 per capita or \$1,059 from Mendon. The Killington Valley Initiative is a three part plan addressing quality of life, work force and tourism in Rutland County. Mendon was invited to have representation on a Steering Committee that will also have representation from REDC, The Rutland Chamber of Commerce, municipalities and community members. L. Courcelle summarized Mendon's concerns of the economic state of businesses along Route 4 in Mendon and Killington's economic strategy to provide services to keep as much business on the mountain. Mendon's appropriation request procedure was explained and petitions signed by 5% of the voters are due January 19, 2017.

*Truck Accidents* The Selectboard approved \$720.44 expenses to Tyanne Bourn's vehicle to be paid for out of the general fund miscellaneous highway expenses.

*Letter to the Public Service Board re: electrical poles along Route 4 in Mendon* The Selectboard signed a letter to the Public Service Board requesting that unused or duplicate utility poles be removed from Route 4 in Mendon.

*Replacement of Town Office Sign & Two Mendon Entry Signs* Motion by L. Courcelle to approve \$929.14 for Sign's of Distinction to replace the Town Office sign to be paid for out of the Town Office Maintenance Fund. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox and the motion passed unanimously. Motion by L. Courcelle to spend \$1,397.08 for Sign's of Distinction to replace two Mendon signs on Route 4 to be paid for out of the General Fund Sign Budget. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox and the motion passed unanimously.

*2017-2018 Budget Discussion* The Selectboard reviewed the proposed budget and made changes reflecting a 2% increase.

*Law Enforcement Fines* L. Courcelle moved that 100% of the law enforcement fines are deposited in the General Fund versus a split of the revenue between the General Fund and the Law Enforcement Fund

*Bridge 21* The Selectboard directed S. Tully Dubois & King to request cost to engineer solution to repair or replace Bridge 21. S. Tully will prepare a Structures Grant application by March for Bridge 21.

*2003 Trailer* The Selectboard received bids for the 2003 trailer formerly used as the Mendon Emergency response Trailer. Phil Douglas, Green Mountain Pug Rescue, was the highest bidder at \$3,000. Motion by G. Wells to accept the offer from Phil Douglas and sell the 2003 trailer for \$3,000. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The motion passed unanimously. All Mendon decals will be removed prior to the sale.

There being no further business, L. Courcelle moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 8:27 PM. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Date approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Larry Courcelle

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Sara Tully, Selectboard Clerk

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Geoff Wells

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Richard Wilcox