

# Town of Mendon

Selectboard

April 11, 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, Phil Douglas, Constable

Residents and Visitors present: Jeff Brusco

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM at the Town Office.

*Additions/deletions to the Agenda:* Motion by L. Courcelle to add FEMA Update, Part-time Personnel Hours and Legal Trails to the agenda and remove RRPC from the agenda. Seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

## Announcements

Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee Meeting, April 13, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Town Office.

## Administrative Matters

*Selectmen's Orders* were not available due to a computer problem at the Town Office.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: L. Courcelle moved to approve the minutes of 3/28/16. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

## Business

*Town Shop/Old Town Hall* The Selectboard conducted a site visit to the Town Shop and former Town Hall. The Mendon Historical Society has requested the Selectboard create an Old Town Hall subcommittee to look objectively at what should be done with the building. The committee will determine cost for renovations to the building and to research viable uses for the building. It will also look at whether the building should or could be moved, torn down or sold. The Mendon Historical Society wishes to assist in saving and renovating the historical building and has offered the Town \$10,000 to do so. The Selectboard believes this donation is premature and has declined to accept at this time. The Selectboard created an Old Town Hall Committee and appointed Ann Singiser, Steve Singiser, Jennifer Bagley, Fred Bagley, Richard Wilcox, Phil Douglas and Mike Barone to the committee. A post looking for additional interested committee members that could provide varying expertise to existing members will be posted on the Mendon website. The committee will not interfere with the tenant of building who is current with rent payments.

*Green Mountain Power* Green Mountain Power has requested to replace the pole in the parking lot and to provide service to lots 2-5 located on Old Stockbridge Path. The Selectboard reviewed the location of the pole in the parking lot of the Town Office. Jeff Brusco attended the meeting as the property owner of lot 1. Green Mountain Power had flagged two trees to be cut down and one to be trimmed for the line. There was a lengthy discussion and the Selectboard issued concern about the easement and the future cutting of trees to clear the lines both for reasons of aesthetics and stabilization

of the bank holding the road up. S. Tully will follow up with Green Mountain Power to issue various concerns.

*Garage Improvement Project* B. Ellis reported on the status of clearing the lot. P. Douglas has sent out Requests for Proposals for the Fabric Structure and the concrete block. P. Douglas discussed clearing the entire building site in order to have the final grade for the building surveyed.

*Local Emergency Operation Plan* Tabled until the next meeting.

*Recreation Field & Barstow Youth Club* L. Courcelle stated that Liam Monroe has been hired to mow the Recreation Area at \$14.00/hour. He will submit his payroll to S. Tully for approval. Barstow Youth Club will have access to the new shed for storage of baseball equipment, but the maintenance shed will not be accessible. The Selectboard discussed installing the basketball hoop.

*FEMA Update* The Selectboard would like to have a Special Selectboard Meeting to discuss FEMA on May 2, 2016 at 4:30 PM at the Town Office.

*Part-time Hours* G. Wells expressed concern that B. Ellis is using the two part time employees too much. Federal guidelines only allow part time employees to work 119 days and to sate they have used half of them. There is a concern that we will be short staffed in the summer.

*Legal Trails* G. Wells reported that he talked to Justin Lindholm who is willing to assist in getting the Town of Mendon Legal Trails identified and mapped.

There being no further business, L. Courcelle moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 8:30 PM. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

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

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Larry Courcelle

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Sara Tully- Clerk

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Geoff Wells

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Richard Wilcox