

# Town of Mendon

Selectboard

October 23, 2017

Members of the Selectboard present: Richard Wilcox, Geoff Wells, Scott Bradley

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

Residents and Visitors present: Julia Purdy

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

*Additions/deletions to the Agenda:* Motion by G. Wells to approve the agenda with the addition of the Tax Sales and Maintenance of Falls Road to the agenda. Seconded by S. Bradley. The motion passed unanimously.

## Announcements

The Town of Chittenden will be testing the new emergency siren on November 1<sup>st</sup> at Noon and 6:30 PM. Certain areas of Mendon may be able to hear the siren. This is only a test.

## Administrative Matters

*Selectmen's Orders* approved and signed.

*First Quarter Financials* N. Gondella, Treasurer provided first quarter financials with explanations to individual line items.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by R. Wilcox to approve the minutes of 9/25/17. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The motion passed.

## Business:

*Health Insurance* S. Tully and N. Gondella presented the health insurance rates and plans for 2018 with a recommendation for the Selectboard. D. Wilcox requested to table the discussion until the next meeting to facilitate further review of health insurance costs.

*Bookkeeper & Assistant Clerk Position* S. Tully reported that the position has been advertised and the Town is accepting resumes and applications. The job posting can be found on the mendon website [www.mendonvt.org](http://www.mendonvt.org).

*Quit Claim Deed- Evegan* The Selectboard reviewed a Quit Claim Deed for the Evegans property on Old Turnpike Road. It was discovered through a title search that an old lease existed on the property from the Town of Mendon. The Quit Claim Deed was reviewed by Christopher Corsones and the Selectboard was advised to sign and clear up the title. This property that this lease existed on was subdivided and the additional property owner may consider submitting similar documents for their land. Motion by D. Wilcox to sign the Quit Claim Deed for Town of Mendon to Robert and Rebecca Evegans. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

*Rolston Rest* The Selectboard sent a letter to Senator Collamore, Senator Flory, Senator Soucy and Representative Jim Harrison discussing the need for emergency access across land owned by the State

of Vermont. S. Tully recapped the response from Rep. Jim Harrison that is reaching out to the State to help us open dialog. Senators Collamore and Senator Soucy responded thanking Rep. Harrison for taking the lead on the issue and that they will be monitoring the discussion.

*Wildcat Road Legal Trail* The beaver dam on Wildcat Road is damaging the road. The current roadway is almost impassable. B. Ellis has contacted the Game Warden, Warren Butler and Taylor Brown from the State of Vermont to discuss the beavers and get approval to remove them from the area to protect the road. The Selectboard approved the removal of the beavers.

*Re-adoption of the Local Emergency Operations Plan* P. Douglas submitted an updated version of the Local Emergency Operations Plan. Motion by D. Wilcox to adopt the Local Emergency Operations Plan . Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion. D. Wilcox signed the Local Emergency Operations Plan.

*Request for Signage at Journeys End* The town has received two requests to install signage on Route 4 warning about turning vehicles to and from Journeys End. The Selectboard and Constable agreed that it is a dangerous intersection onto Route 4 with very little visibility and turning vehicles from the passing lane. The town will submit a letter to VTRANS District 3 requesting additional signage.

*Tax Sales* The Selectboard reviewed a letter requesting the opening bid at the tax sales warned for November 16. The Selectboard reviewed the properties that are up for tax sale and elected not to make the opening bid on behalf of the town.

*Maintenance Falls Road* In 2011 the Falls Road became the primary access to the upper portion of the Notch Road, Northam Road and Clark Mason Road. At that time the Selectboard agreed to provide a few sand barrels to be filled at the beginning of the winter and hire a contractor to break open the road in the event of a heavy storm event of 10-12 plus inches of snow. This is the only winter maintenance performed on this road in the winter.

R. Wilcox requested P. Douglas, Director of Emergency Management and S. Tully, Town Administrator to meet and discuss emergency management planning.

There being no further business, R. Wilcox moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 7:05 PM. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

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

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Richard Wilcox

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Sara Tully, Selectboard Clerk

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Geoff Wells

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Scott Bradley