

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

February 13, 2017

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

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator, Phil Douglas, Constable

Residents and Visitors present: Kate Wanner, Trust for Public Lands, Chris Mattrick, Green Mountain National Forest

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 PM at the Town Office.

Additions/deletions to the Agenda: Motion by L. Courcelle to approve the agenda with an addition of the Alpine Pipeline. Seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders approved and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: G. Wells moved to approve the minutes of 1/23/17. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. G. Wells and R. Wilcox approved the motion.

Business:

Rolston Rest Kate Wanner, The Trust for Public Land & Chris Mattrick, Green Mountain National Forest presented the Rolston Rest project. The Trust for Public Land is requesting the Selectboard's support for adding 307 acres of property owned by Blue Ridge Properties to the Green Mountain National Forest and the timber rights of 113 acres on the Coolidge State Forest all located in Mendon. The entire Rolston Rest project would conserve 2,611 acres of land and 181 acres of timber rights located in Chittenden, Killington and Mendon. Ms. Wanner presented information that the town would lose \$2,638.33 in Tax, Use Value and Payment in Lieu of Taxes payments. The town and school would receive \$2,393.93 in Payment in Lieu of Taxes and fund payments. S. Tully identified the property on the Mendon Zoning Map located in the Residential 2 and Rural Zoning Districts and suggested the project be discussed with the Planning Commission. The Selectboard agreed.

McDevitt Buyout The closing was postponed until 2/17/17. Motion by L. Courcelle to enter a contract with KAS for asbestos testing at 6196 US Route 4 in Mendon, VT. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The motion was unanimously approved. The contract was signed.

Constable Vehicle Replacement P. Douglas presented cost detail to purchase a 2017 Ford Explorer Police Inceptor for \$47,297. The trade value for the 2008 Chevrolet Silverado is \$7,500. The Selectboard discussed whether the Silverado should be retained by the town to transport equipment for mowing town properties. The Selectboard tabled the discussion.

False Alarm Ordinance & Permits P. Douglas provided the most recent version of the draft ordinance. S. Tully will provide to the Selectboard.

Tier 2 Reporting P. Douglas reported that the Tier 2 reporting is complete.

Grants: Better Roads Program, Structures and Class 2 Roadway Grants S. Tully provided an overview of projects that the town is preparing grant applications for under the Better Roads Program, Structures Grant and the Class 2 Roadway Grant.

Dunbar Tax Sale The property did not sell at tax sale on February 2, 2017. Chris Corsones submitted the expenses to conduct the tax sale. The Selectboard will approve these expenses and these costs will be added to the amount owed on the property.

Town Meeting Presentations The Selectboard reviewed the information to be presented at Town Meeting, March 6, 2017, Mendon Mountainview Lodge, 6 PM. The School Meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2017 at Barstow at 6:30 PM. The polls will be open on March 7, 2017 from 8 AM to 7 PM.

There being no further business, G. Wells moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 8:22 PM. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Date approved _____

Larry Courcelle

Sara Tully, Selectboard Clerk

Geoff Wells

Richard Wilcox