

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

September 11, 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, Phil Douglas, Constable, Rod MacCuaig, Animal Control Officer

Residents and Visitors present: John Borbulis, Chad Galiano, Rebecca Day, Susan Day, Melinda Humphry, Stephen Taylor

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM at the Town Office.

Additions/deletions to the Agenda: Motion by G. Wells to accept the agenda. Seconded by R. Wilcox. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

The Selectboard paused in acknowledgement of September 11, 2001

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders approved and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by G. Wells to approve the minutes of 8/14/17. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Business:

Rolston Rest The Selectboard reviewed and discussed the Contingent Right of Way Easement and Release of Rights with changes that were made from the last meeting. The Selectboard continued to have two concerns that were not addressed. First, in an emergency the town wants to be able to make upgrades to the road as they need to respond to the emergency without getting a permit. Second, in regards to maintenance of the road in a non-emergency situation the town wanted to see that a response to a permit would happen within 30 days. This is necessary both due to short construction seasons and to prevent further damage to a road if a repair can not be made in a timely manner. The town will submit these suggested changes back to the Trust for Public Land.

Goats & Tenants Rights Complaint John Borbulis lodged a complaint against his landlord, John Kim, regarding unnecessary noise that prevent his peaceful enjoyment of his rental in Mendon. J. Borbulis complained that building noise, watering flowers outside his window and unruly goats cause him to not be able to sleep. The Selectboard responded that the noise he refers to is not regulated by the Mendon Noise Ordinance and that they did not have a regulatory tool that would help him. The Board

discussed that this is a civil issue and he should seek legal advice.

Recap Special Town Meeting The Special Town Meeting resulted in an affirmative vote to appoint a Town Clerk and a Town Treasurer. The town staff will move forward with organizing job descriptions to execute this approval.

Economic Development Committee The town has invited all commercial property owners and businesses to participate on an Economic Development Committee. All individuals are welcome. If anyone is interested, please contact Sara Tully at the Town Office or mendonadmin@comcast.net.

Town Garage Improvement Project S. Tully reported that the bond funds are available for three year. Mendon would be able to explore all options for repairs to the cement floor of the garage in order to complete the project next summer. The Selectboard agreed. S. Bradley, B. Ellis and S. Tully will continue to explore appropriate solutions.

Animal Control Complaint Rod MacCuaig, Animal Control Officer investigated a complaint made by Chad Galiano that Rebecca Day's dog bit his dog on South Mendon Road. The Selectboard had reviewed the report which did not make a conclusion. R. Day requested to meet with the Selectboard and therefore all parties were invited to the meeting. C. Galiano was given an opportunity to explain the incident. R. Day was given an opportunity to explain the incident. R. MacCuaig provided a summary of the initial interviews that he conducted. Pictures of the wound to the Galiano's dog were reviewed. R. Day asked questions about the Animal Control Ordinance in which S. Tully responded. The Selectboard agreed that the two accountings of what happened that day are so vastly different that the Selectboard is unable to make a conclusion. Therefore there are no violations of the Animal Control Ordinance being issued at this time. S. Tully will respond in writing to C. Galiano and R. Day.

Power Poles on Meadowlake Drive Stephen Taylor, DeerLeap Communications is working with Green Mountain Power to relocate some of the power poles on Meadowlake Drive. The plan was reviewed and the Selectboard initially did not see any issues with the pole relocation. Mr. Taylor was instructed to send S. Tully the right of way agreements for Selectboard approval once they are finalized.

There being no further business, R. Wilcox moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 11:00 AM. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Date approved _____

Richard Wilcox

Sara Tully, Selectboard Clerk

Geoff Wells

Scott Bradley