

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

June 25, 2018

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, Nancy Gondella, Town Clerk/Treasurer

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. Seconded by S. Bradley. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

The Selectboard would like to thank the Mendon Historical Society for the work they did cleaning the Tenney Cemetery.

There have been multiple bear sightings in all areas of Mendon recently. Please do not have bird feeders in your yard or have any access to garbage or food. If you need a Game Warden you can call the Vermont State Police non-emergency number at 802-773-9101.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders approved and signed.

N. Gondella, Treasurer provided a financial recap of year end projections for the 2017-2018 budget.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: R. Wilcox moved to approve the minutes of 6/11/18. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The motion passed unanimously.

Business:

Culvert 07-48 There is a meeting scheduled Tuesday June 26, 2018 with Richard Reed and Sons, Enman Kesselring and Lane Pipe to discuss the failure of the culvert installed in 2016. Scott Bradley, Bill Ellis and Sara Tully will attend.

Old Town Hall S. Tully reported that there was only one person that attended the Old Town Hall site visit in response to the town's advertisement of a Request for Proposals to save the building and move to another location. The Selectboard agreed to continue with the advertisement of the RFP and waive the mandatory meeting requirement. If anyone is interested in saving the building, please contact the Town Office to schedule a site visit to see the building.

Rutland County Sheriff contract 18/19 The Selectboard reviewed and signed the 2018-2019 contract to provide law enforcement services by the Rutland County Sheriff.

Highway Projects S. Tully provided an overview of the current status of this summer's highway projects.

Backhoe Replacement The Selectboard completed a comprehensive review of the submitted proposals for the replacement of the backhoe. B. Ellis discussed the pros and cons of each machine based on its intended use by the highway department. Lengthy discussion from the Selectboard evaluating the equipment. The cost of a JCB4CX 14HFCA with a 5 year extended warranty is \$141,700.16 and Liftech is offering \$21,850 for Mendon 2003 Caterpillar with a net cost of \$119,850.16. B. Ellis recommended an additional bucket attachment which was not included in the original RFP, but he estimated the cost at a few thousand dollars. Motion by R. Wilcox to spend up to \$125,000 out of the Equipment Replacement Fund on a JCB 4CX 14HFCA including the trade of Mendon's 2003 Caterpillar. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The motion passed unanimously.

Alarm System Ordinance Garret Baxter, VLCT, contacted the town and confirmed it would take them approximately 5 hours to review the ordinance and could be completed in a few weeks. S. Tully will contact them to proceed with the legal review.

Burn Permit Ordinance & Fireworks Ordinance P. Douglas is working on draft language for both ordinances and will be adopted with the same advice as VLCT recommends for the Alarm System Ordinance.

Lawn Mowing Equipment S. Tully provided an overview of the various pieces of equipment the town owns. The Selectboard agreed to consolidate lawn mowing under Building and Grounds maintenance and the equipment will be budgeted for replacement out of the Equipment Replacement Fund. The Craftsman riding lawn mower will be posted for sale at \$200 and the Husqvarna push mower will be posted for sale at \$50.

ATVs Sold The ATVs have been sold to the highest bidders from sealed bids opened June 20th. Vehicle #1 was sold for \$1250 and Vehicle #2 was sold for \$755. The Selectboard approved to deposit the proceeds of these sales in the Equipment Replacement Fund.

Recreation The Recreation Committee is organizing a Townwide Yard Sale, August 11, 2018. A notice will be sent with the tax bills. You can participate from your own home in Mendon or set up at the Mendon Recreation Area.

Salaries effective July 1 D. Wilcox moved to approve a 2% increase for all employees except N.

Jones' hourly wage will be set at \$16.50 and J. Bridge will receive a total 2% increase of her current wage with 1% increase effective July 1st and an additional 1% on January 1, 2019. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Town Garage Improvement Project The garage floors have been repaired. The overall budget was reviewed. Remaining expenses include storage cabinets, repairs to the overhead doors and the purchase of rubber mats for the plow and wings.

There being no further business, R. Wilcox moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 7:45 PM. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Date approved _____

Richard Wilcox

Sara Tully, Selectboard Clerk

Geoff Wells

Scott Bradley