

# Town of Mendon

Selectboard

October 09, 2018

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

Town Officers and Employees Present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator, Nancy Gondella, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Residents and Visitors present: None

The meeting was called to order at 8:27 AM at the Town Office.

*Additions/deletions to the Agenda:* Motion by D. Wilcox to approve the agenda with the addition of MEDC appointments. Seconded by S. Bradley. The motion passed unanimously.

## Administrative Matters

*Selectmen's Orders* approved and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: G. Wells moved to approve the minutes of 9/24/18. Motion seconded by D. Wilcox. The motion passed unanimously.

1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Financials: N. Gondella provided a report of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financials.

## Business:

*Audit 2017-2018* The Selectboard requested an update regarding the 2017-2018 audit and requested it be complete no later than the end of November.

*07-48 Repairs* Motion by R. Wilcox to enter Executive Session to discuss probable civil litigation to which the public body may be a party at 8:54 AM with the Selectboard and S. Tully present. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The motion passed unanimously. The Chair declared the Board out of Executive Session at 9:15 AM.

*Fireworks Ordinance Review and Adoption* The Selectboard reviewed the final draft of the Fireworks Ordinance. Motion by R. Wilcox to adopt the Town of Mendon Fireworks Ordinance. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The motion passed unanimously.

The ordinance will be posted on October 10, 2018 at the Town Office, Town Garage, Mendon Recreation Area, Beaver Pond Bulletin Board, Mendon Country Store, Mendon Mountain Orchards. S. Tully will publish in the Rutland Herald. If a petition is not received signed by 5% of the voters within 44 days of the date of adoption or November 22, 2018 the ordinance will go into effect in 60 days from the date of adoption or December 8, 2018.

*Old Town Hall Demolition Contract* The contract has been provided to Mendon Trucking and Excavation and once returned R. Wilcox, Selectboard Chair is authorized by the Selectboard to execute the agreement.

*Recreation* The Selectboard elected not to submit an application for a VT Land and Water Conservation Fund to assist in funding the basketball court at the Recreation Area. Applicants must agree that the land will be preserved for outdoor recreation in perpetuity and the Selectboard does not agree this is in the best interest of the Town because it is unknown what the future holds for the needs of the community. The Selectboard encourages the Recreation Committee to continue to pursue the project and will have the funds in the Recreation Fund to work with.

*Recap Special Town Meeting* The article to authorize the Selectboard to enter Tax Stabilization contracts was approved by the voters on October 1, 2018. The Selectboard will now create and adopt a Tax Stabilization Policy to act as a guideline for such contracts. The voters also approved the creation of a Mendon Economic Development Fund with the balance of the Contingency fund to be transferred into this fund. Motion by G. Smith to enter Executive Session to discuss Tax Stabilization Contracts with the Selectboard and S. Tully present. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion. The chair declared the board out of Executive Session at 9:50 AM.

*MEDC Appointments* Motion by G. Wells to appoint Dick Wilcox, Selectboard, Mark Latsky, Brittany Charles, Cort Jones and Patrick Kitchin as voting members of the Mendon Economic Development Committee and to appoint Sara Tully, Town Administrator and Fred Bagley, Planning Commission as Alternate Voting members to create a quorum and does not create a conflict of interest. These appointments to replace the appointments made by the Selectboard on October 9, 2017. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, D. Wilcox moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 10:00 AM. Motion seconded by G. Wells. 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