

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

December 17, 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: Representative Jim Harrison, Mary Cohen, Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce, Tyler Richardson, Rutland Economic Development Corporation.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM at the Town Office.

Additions/deletions to the Agenda: Motion by G. Wells to approve the agenda with the addition of Rutland County Emergency and Non-emergency Public Works Agreement. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders approved and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: G. Wells moved to approve the minutes of 12/10/18. Motion seconded by R. Wilcox. The motion passed unanimously.

Business:

Truck #2 Replacement Lengthy discussion with the Selectboard regarding the replacement of Truck #2. S. Tully and B. Ellis will send out a Request for Bid for a new truck.

Town Garage Permit Amendment P. Douglas reported that he spoke with Dave Swift to determine what the state required regarding the future expansion or replacement of the leach fields at the Town Garage. The town needs a rough sketch and a permit amendment. P. Douglas has been contacting site designers from the state approved list to update this permit.

Town Meeting location The town has requested the use of the Mendon Mountainview building to continue to hold the Town Meeting at this location. The property was recently purchased by Killington Pico Ski Resort Partners, LLC, 228 East Mountain Road, Killington, VT. It is required by state law that the Town Meeting be held within the town boundaries. The town has not received confirmation that Town Meeting can continue to be held at this location. S. Tully will follow up.

Audit 2017-2018 N. Gondella and S. Tully reviewed the audit and have various questions for Jeff Bradley. N. Gondella will request a meeting to go over the audit with J. Bradley.

2019-2020 Budget Draft #5 & Reserve Funds S. Tully presented timeline of reserve funds for Selectboard approval. The 2019-2020 budget was discussed. The final draft of the budget will be adopted in January 2019 for presentation to the voters at Town Meeting, March 4, 2019.

Feasibility Study The Selectboard reviewed proposals to conduct a feasibility study on Route 4 to determine whether the market would support a limited service hotel as new construction or a rehabilitation of an existing hotel. Motion by R. Wilcox to contract with HVS for \$8,500 to conduct the feasibility study for a limited service hotel on Route 4. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The motion passed unanimously.

Repairs 07-48 The Selectboard agreed to contract with Monahan Safar Ducham, PLLC to conduct a legal review of the contracts associated with the project.

Rutland County Emergency and Non-emergency Public Works The Rutland Regional Planning Commission is requesting review and adoption of the Public Works Emergency and Non-Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement for municipalities in Rutland County. This document was originally adopted by Mendon in 2013 after Tropical Storm Irene. An agreement with all Rutland County municipalities would allow municipalities to assist each other on an emergency or non-emergency basis as outlined in the agreement. The Selectboard will review and discussion tabled until the next meeting.

Representative Jim Harrison attended the Selectboard meeting to discuss various topics expected to be discussed in the upcoming legislative session. Jim welcomed the Selectboard to reach out to him anytime.

Killington Valley and RU VT Mary Cohen from the Rutland Regional Chamber of Commerce and Tyler Richardson from the Rutland Economic Development Corporation attended the Selectboard Meeting to update the Selectboard on the current marketing of Killington Valley and RU VT. They would like Mendon to continue funding at \$1 per capita. The Selectboard agreed and it will be presented as part of the budget for approval by the voters at Town Meeting. It was also requested for the Selectboard to appoint a representative from Mendon to be part of the Quality of Life Committee.

There being no further business, R. Wilcox moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 11:18 AM. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Date approved _____

Richard Wilcox

Sara Tully, Selectboard Clerk

Geoff Wells

Scott Bradley