Town of Mendon

Selectboard June 24, 2019

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

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator, Phil Douglas, Constable, Nancy Gondella, Town Clerk & Treasurer

Visitors present: None

The Selectboard Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM at the Town Office.

<u>Agenda:</u> R. Wilcox moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Split Rail Fence and BUU School District Budget. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed and signed.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> N. Gondella presented the Selectboard with year to date financials and anticipated a \$0 to \$10,000 cash forward at year end. N. Gondella reported that she just received audit proposals ranging between \$11,000 and \$19,000 but has yet to review them to make a recommendation to the Selectboard.

<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u>: R. Wilcox moved to approve the minutes of June 10, 2019 and June 19, 2019. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Business

Repairs 07-48 B. Ellis is scheduled to conduct a site visit with Dubois-King and Richard Reed & Sons on June 26th. G. Wells moved to authorize R. Wilcox to sign the engineering agreement with Dubois-King once received by the town. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Better Roads Grant Award S. Tully reported the Better Roads Grant application for \$22,575 to ditch and replace a culvert at the intersection of the Notch Road & Wheelerville Road was awarded with \$18,060 to be paid for by grant funds.

Town Office Lighting The ballasts of the lights in the Town Office continue stop working requiring repairs. N. Gondella presented three proposals for replacing the lights with energy efficient lights which include rebates from Efficiency Vermont. The proposals include rates per hour for installation. Motion by R. Wilcox to contract with Matt Voity, master electrician, to replace the lights in the office for up to \$4,000 to be paid for out of the Town Office Maintenance Fund. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Law Enforcement Contract Lengthy discussion regarding increasing the Rutland County Sherriff contract by 8 hours per week. The Selectboard will submit to Sheriff Benard specific requests to be added to contract. If the requested changes are made the Selectboard will sign the contract at the next meeting.

Disaster Declaration DR4445 A mandatory Applicant Briefing is scheduled for 6/27/19 at 10:00 AM, at the VTRANS Office in Mendon. N. Gondella will attend.

Contract Award Culvert 07-61 Project Motion by S. Bradley to award the contract to ECS Excavating and Landscaping, LLC for \$52,854.00 to replace culvert 07-61 and to be paid for out of the Bridge and Culvert Fund. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Split Rail Fence S. Tully reported the expenses on the split rail fence exceeded the original motion by \$35.40. Motion by G. Wells to spend \$35.40 out of the Town Office Maintenance Fund to complete the replacement of the split rail fence. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

BUU School District Budget G. Wells reported that he has a number of concerns regarding the BUU School District Budget that he has requested clarification on from Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union. S. Tully explained that the BUUSD is a completely separate entity with no oversight from the Selectboard. Understanding this G. Wells is meeting with the BUUSD Board as a voter of the district.

There being no further business, R. Wilcox moved to adjourn at 6:10 PM. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. Motion carried.

| Date Approved | |
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| Richard Wilcox | Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board |
| Geoff Wells | |
| Scott Bradley | |