

# Town of Mendon

## Selectboard

October 28, 2019

Members of Selectboard present: Richard Wilcox, Geoff Wells

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator, Bill Ellis, Road Commissioner, Teri Corsones, Planning Commission, Justin Lindholm, Planning Commission

Visitors present: Amanda O'Connor, Rutland Regional Planning Commission

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

Agenda: R. Wilcox moved to accept the agenda with the addition of Bucklin Trail Parking, Mendon Economic Development and Tamarack Notch Project. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

### Administrative Matters

*Selectmen's Orders* were reviewed and signed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by R. Wilcox to approve the minutes of October 15, 2019 and October 22, 2019. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

### Business

*Bucklin Trail Parking* B. Ellis reported there continues to be parking issues along Wheelerville Road which is a hindrance to emergency response and vehicles are blocking access to private property. Rutland City has agreed to make the Bucklin Trail Parking lot bigger to accommodate for the higher volume of cars for the foliage season. The Selectboard will consider enforcement of parking on Wheelerville Road if the problem continues after the parking lot expansion.

*Tamarack Notch Project* B. Ellis reported the Department of Forest Parks and Recreation have completed the handicap accessible trail upgrades at Tamarack Notch and the parking access on Notch Road.

*Mendon Economic Development* R. Wilcox reported that MEDC sent a letter to blighted or vacant properties along Route 4 to inform property owners of the Mendon Tax Stabilization Policy. There has been some positive interest and it is expected that the town may receive one or two tax stabilization applications in the near future.

*Budget 2020-2021* S. Tully presented the draft 2020-2021 budget. She had requested department heads submit input for the Selectboard budget discussion. To date S. Tully has not received this information from the department heads, but will follow up with them before the next meeting.

*2020 Health Insurance* S. Tully and N. Gondella submitted health insurance analysis with the 2020 rates. MVP and Blue Cross and Blue Shield have 10-14% increases this year. The town may be able to mitigate most of this increase based a change in family status of an employee.

*Dry Hydrant Cortina Update* Rutland City Fire Department is reviewing the replacement plan and will provide suggested changes if necessary to meet their needs to draw water from the dry hydrant. S. Tully and P. Douglas will finalize the scope of work and prepare the Bid Request.

*Old Stockbridge Path Water Issue* S. Tully reported that she is drafting a letter to the State of Vermont Stormwater Division for the Selectboard signature. The Selectboard will request a status update on the enforcement of stormwater regulations for the lots off Old Stockbridge Path that have disturbed more than an acre of land.

*Tax Sales* The Selectboard has decided not to make a bid for the town at the upcoming tax sale warned for November 13<sup>th</sup> and expect the opening bid will be set at the amount owed in taxes, interest, penalties and fees.

*Disaster Declaration DR4445 – Medway, Culvert 07-32 & Culvert 07-42* S. Tully provided an update for the Selectboard regarding the status of the project worksheets. FEMA is looking for approval on the damage dimensions for the projects. B. Ellis will review these and approve. The FEMA Project Specialist also needs direction whether FEMA will insert the cost data for the project worksheet or whether the town elects to do this. It was agreed the cost information on the Medway Bridge repairs will be provided to FEMA for the cost estimate of the project worksheet. FEMA can complete the cost estimates for culverts 07-32 and 07-42.

*Journeys End Speed* P. Douglas was not in attendance to provide an update.

*6:30 PM -Town Plan Public Hearing* The Selectboard conducted a public hearing to discuss the Town plan as approved by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission has been working on an Energy Plan that they would like coordinated with the Town Plan. The Selectboard agreed to table the adoption of the Town plan until the Energy Plan and Town Plan

can be adopted together.

There being no further business, R. Wilcox moved to adjourn at 7:20 PM. Motion seconded by G. Wells. Motion carried.

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Richard Wilcox

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Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

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Geoff Wells

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Scott Bradley