Select Board Meeting

July 21, 2021

6:00 pm meeting called to order.

Select Board members present: Mike Bedini, Terry Green, Neil Oleson

Select board members absent: None

Others present: Jim White, Christine Dobbert, Cindy Bosley, Ron Bosley, Jacob White, Ron White, Jon Oleson, Kevin Dodge, Stephanie Pare

Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the minutes from the 7/14/21 meeting. Terry Green seconded. Unanimous.

Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the Executive session minutes from the 7/14/21 meeting. Terry Green seconded. Unanimous.

Selectmen:

* Bid Opening for South Street and Church Road project
  + Palmer Paving $86.50 /ton - $211,950.00
  + Northeast Paving $87.45 /ton, Tack Coat $4.75 /gallon - $222,945.00
  + Warner Brothers $73.40 /ton, $3.75 /gallon - $186, 692.50
  + HMA Contracting $96.86 /ton, mas; $71.98 /ton 2” - $186,233.84
  + The board will take these bids under advisement.
* Wi Valley Disbursement-Discussion held regarding concerns about their performance issue and concerns with sending them a payment. All agree it is a catch 22 scenario since they need the money to continue the project and move forward with upgrades. The board is reluctantly choosing to give them another chance however they will not sign for future releases without improvements.
  + Terry Green made a motion to pay Wi Valley the first part of phase 4. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.
* There was a wash out on South County Road, 20’ from road surfaces. The state has agreed to allow access road as 6-8 thousand pounds of rocks can not safely be removed. The board discussed repair option that was shared with the state. They will inquire about possible state funds down the road for box culvert.
* Discussions held regarding renting a machine and hiring Kevin Dodge to run it.
  + Mike Bedini made a motion to hire Kevin Dodge, Dodge Excavating to make repairs on Central Shaft Road. Neil Oleson seconds. Terry Green abstained.
* In the process of getting 30-day permit through DCR. Conservation Commission was awaiting approval from board.
* Diesel locked in at $2.747 per gallon through West Oil for 9,000 gallons.
* Library application received and forwarded to the Library Trustees for review.

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Selectmen (continued):

* Terry received phone calls regarding benches for Carolyn Cummings Memorial. They were supposed to be placed by the library.
  + Terry Green makes a motion to move forward with contacting school regarding placement of the benches. Mike Bedini seconds. Unanimous.

Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor (updates submitted in writing):

* Washouts on Blackstone Road, Tilda Hill (to Gelinas) and Bliss Road
* Pothole repair on Whitcomb Hill Road
* Cutting sides on road will happen this week, if possible.
* Helped out in the library
* Lower Church Road closed Friday all day at the top due to Route 2 construction.

Christine Dobbert, Town Administrator:

* Finishing up end of year reporting
* Contacting Scanlon regarding auditing Fiscal Years 18-20 as soon as possible.

Ron White, Fire Department:

* Concerns were shared regarding the guardrail on the corner by the Eastern Summit. The road construction being done on Route 2 brought the guardrails further down than they were and pose a potential danger. Jim will contract the DOT person.

Public Comment:

* Stephanie Pare brought up discussion regarding excessive vehicles and debris and possible notice as well as year-round campers on properties. Mike will ride with Jim to review properties.

7:10 pm Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter Executive Session. Terry Green seconded. Unanimous.

7:31 pm Terry Green made a motion to reopen the regular meeting and adjourn at 7:31 pm. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.