

## Selectboard Minutes

May 11, 2020

Meeting held virtually through a video conference. \*

Selectboard Present: Greg Meulemans (chair), Andy Coyne (vice-chair), Tom Tolbert, Paul Fraser and Jessica Pollack.

Public Present: Terri Garland, Chris Robbins, John Sohikan, Betsy Wadsworth, Fred (paving bids), Steven John

Greg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

*1. Call for any late additions to the agenda.*

There is one overweight permit to add.

The agenda items were changed into a different order.

*2. Approve the minutes from the April 27th Selectboard meeting.*

Tom made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Jessica. All in favor.

*3. Review time sheets for: town office, listers, highway, and transfer station.*

Greg will sign off on these tomorrow.

*4. Review Selectboard orders.*

Greg will sign off on these tomorrow.

*5. Update on Communication Union District (CUD)*

Deerfield CUD was formed from five towns and it is up to seven towns. It was recommended that Jamaica look into joining the Deerfield CUD or we could wait and see what happens with the business plan from Windham Regional Commission. It is possible that they could merge and there would only be one CUD for the entire region. They are not competing but trying to work on the same solution.

The issue before the board is do you want to join this CUD or wait and see what happens? The sooner we join, the more input we would have in how things proceed.

Any borrowing gets paid back from the user service fees.

If we do join and regret the decision, then we can leave the same way we joined, by the vote of the Selectboard. We would have to have a representative and two alternates.

Tom made a motion for the town of Jamaica to join the Deerfield Valley Communication Union District. Seconded by Jessica, all in favor.

Greg made a motion to make Chris Robbins our representative. Paul seconded, all in favor.

*6. Review bids and award for paving.*

Each bid should have two different prices, one square yard for reclaiming and the other by the ton.

**Allstate Asphalt- Winchester, NH**

9200 tons-\$65.00 a ton

\$1.75 for 9400 square yards of reclaiming

**Pike Industries- Wallingford, VT**

\$67.40 per ton

\$2.00 a square yard reclaiming

**Sunpae Paving- Claremont, NH**

\$74.83 a ton

\$2.05 for reclaiming

**Bazin Brothers-Westminster, VT**

\$73.30 a ton

\$2.00 for reclaiming

The completion date is September 30, 2020. All contractors will need to comply with the law whatever it maybe when it comes time for the work to be done. The question was asked if out of state contractors should be used or if they would need to self-quarantine for fourteen days before working in the state?

Andy made a motion to accept the lowest bid by Allstate Asphalt, Greg seconded. All in favor, the bid is accepted from Allstate Asphalt.

*7. Updates and discussion regarding COVID-19.*

There are no Parking signs at the state park, not sure who put them up.

Cleaning supplies are hard to find but we are doing our best to keep everything sanitized.

It was suggested to install plexiglass over the counter in the town office before we open back up. Paul will look into how much plexiglass costs.

There can be up to five people in a building now. Retail will be opening back up Monday.

*8. Review bids and award for mowing.*

Only one bid was received from D&K's property maintenance for the spring cleaning and seasonal mowing of the six cemeteries. The bid total was \$5,000 for the season.

Tom made a motion to accept the bid from D&K's for the mowing and cleanup of the cemeteries for 2020. All in favor.

*9. Updates on contract and RFQ for trash hauling*

The contract with Casella has been extended for one more month which will last until the end of June.

\*Concerns from a towns person about using plastic bags that do not biodegrade. We have just ordered bags at this time but can look into what the cost would be.

*10. Review and approve Road Standards.*

It must be reviewed and approved by the Selectboard.

Generally, we are in compliance with the road standards and it is important to keep them accurate because the town would receive more money in a disaster.

Andy made a motion to approve the Road Standards, Tom seconded. All in favor.

*11. Overweight Permit- Cardinal Logistics Transport Company*

Tom made a motion to accept the overweight permit, Jessica seconded. All in favor.

*12. Technology related updates including Town website and office network*

The website has been back up for a couple of weeks without being compromised again. Tom cleaned up some of the website.

All the office computers have been upgraded to Windows 10.

The wireless network has not been set up yet. Tom thought it would integrate easier in the town office. Chris Clark would need to come and do some electrical work in order to set it up. Tom will contact him to see what it might cost.

It was suggested that the town have their own zoom account, Tom has been hosting the meetings, but the town should have their own account.

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*Decision to hold meeting May 25, Memorial Day*

Tom made a motion to not have a meeting on May 25 on Memorial Day. Andy seconded, all in favor.

*Reminder School District Budget Vote, June 10, 2020*

Absentee Ballots have been sent if you had requested one previously.

*Public concerns*

Plastic is thrown on side of the road; can the town clean it up?

The Planning Commission is looking at a feasibility survey on a wastewater system for the town. There is money available from the state.

Rich from BCTV said they will be out for at least 6 more weeks.

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 9:01 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall