

Town of Jamaica Select Board – Emergency Meeting
Select Board Members convene in person.

In Attendance: Chair, Jessica Pollack, Greg Meulemans, and Andy Coyne.

Absent: Kate Ullman and Derek Ahl

Staff: Mike Tuller, Town Administrator

Public: Wes Ameden

Date: November 7, 2023

Meeting convened at 6:05 PM.

Bid Opening for Emergency In-Stream River Work and Necessary Town Facility Repairs:

Old Route 8 Road River Embankment Restoration Project RFP

1. Ameden Construction - \$130,000
2. Hunter Excavation – \$141,000
3. Fitzpatrick Excavating - \$97,500
4. AS Clark Construction: \$112,260

Resolution to Accept the RFP cost proposal from Fitzpatrick Excavating quote in the amount of \$97,500 to perform the work related to the Old Route 8 Road River Embankment Restoration Project.

Discussion: It was acknowledged that all contractors submitting cost proposals have been referenced as the local experts with experience working in streams and working with the River Engineer on repair projects related to storm impacts.

Motion Accepted by Greg Meulemans, Seconded by Jessica Pollack.

Motion Passed 3-0

Old Route 8 Road Uphill Slope Stabilization Project RFP

1. Ameden Construction - \$110,000
2. Hunter Excavation – \$52,000
3. Fitzpatrick Excavating - \$18,000

Discussion: The Chair asked if there were any concerns accepting the low bid. It was referenced that the contractor may be exposing themselves to a certain amount of risk with bids that fall substantially below other contractor bid proposals for the same work.

Resolution from Jessica Pollack to Accept the Cost Proposal from Fitzpatrick Excavating in the amount of \$18,000 to perform the work related to the Old Route 8 Road Uphill Slope Stabilization Project with the proviso the cost proposal submitted is indeed consistent with the scope of work referenced in the RFP. If there is a mismatch between the work proposed by Fitzpatrick Excavating and the Town of Jamaica RFP, then the bid submitted by Hunter Excavating in the amount of \$52,00 shall be accepted.

Motion Made By: Jessica Pollack

Seconded: Greg Meulemans

Motion Passed: 3-0.

Goodaleville Road Embankment Restoration Project RFP

1. Ameden Construction - \$96,000
2. Hunter Excavation - \$125,000
3. Fitzpatrick Excavating - \$42,450
4. AS Clark - \$47,600

Discussion: Concern whether Fitzpatrick Excavating can perform the necessary work on the Goodaleville Road Bridge, when the two awarded emergency projects will take a significant amount of time to address. Ideally these emergency projects are to be completed by the end of November, where the state River Engineer can halt all project work until the spring, if weather conditions become too severe. It was proposed to award the project to the second lowest bidder to help expedite these emergency project by the end of the month or sooner. The difference between the proposal submitted by Fitzpatrick Excavating and AS Clark were very close to one another and AS Clark's work on a similar project at Pikes Fall Road shows their expertise with this specific type of storm damage repair.

There was also discussion whether AS Clark could perform the work before the end of the year. It was recommended that a similar resolution to the Old Route 8 Road Uphill Slope Stabilization Project should be entertained in the approved decision.

Resolution by Greg Meulemans to Accept the Cost Proposal from AS Clark in the amount of \$47,000 to perform the work related to the Goodaleville Road Bridge Approach and Embankment Restoration Project. It was further stated, if AS Clark cannot do this emergency repair project this year, the cost proposal submitted by Ameden Construction in the amount of \$96,000 would be accepted.

Motion Made By: Greg Meulemans

Seconded: Jessica Pollack

Motion Passed: 3-0.

Jamaica Transfer Station Gap Closure and Railing Project RFP

Only one cost proposal was submitted. A proposal by Hunter Excavation in the amount of \$6,000 to perform the work related to the Recycling Dumpster area gap closure and the railing repair at both the Recycling Dumpster and Demolition Dumpster Areas.

Motion by Jessica Pollack to Accept the cost proposal from Hunter Excavation in the amount of \$6,000 to perform the work outlined in the Jamaica Transfer Station Gap Closure and Railing Project.

Motion Made By: Jessica Pollack

Second Made By: Greg Meulemans

Motion Passed: 3-0

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 6:45 PM.

Motion Passed Unanimously.