

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2016

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Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

Present: Norman Martin, Mary Oldenburg, Randy Kennedy, Vicky Young, Nancy Robinson and John Timken via phone.

Visitors: Virginia Dean, VT Standard Reporter

Re-organization: John Timken nominated Norman (Nope) Martin as Chair and Mary Oldenburg as Vice- Chair. Nope & Mary seconded the motion and motion carried.

Nope moved to accept the minutes of February 23, 2016 as written. John seconded the motion and motion carried.

Visitors: None

Highway Report: Randy presented quote for the new truck that was approved at town meeting. This truck will replace the 2008 Western Star. Quote from Patriot: truck with body and all attachments including extended warranty is \$180,421.00 less trade in of \$65,000. Total truck cost of \$115,421.00 Quote from JB was \$171,638 less trade in of \$32,000. Total truck cost of \$139,638.00. Mary moved to proceed with purchase of truck through Patriot at a cost not to exceed \$120,000.00. John seconded the motion and motion carried. Randy has been working on putting together 4 grant packages; three through the Better Back Road's program for work to be done on Little Sherburne Road, Cox District Road and an Inventory of culverts to assist with watershed requirements. The fourth grant is a Class 2 Road paving grant through the State to be used on the Bridgewater Center Road. These grant applications all have to be submitted by April 15th. The two Better Back Road grants involving road projects are required to have submission of at least 3 bids/quotes. Randy will personally contact local contractors to ask them to bid on these road projects. Will also have a mandatory site meeting for each of the projects. Bids will be due at the town office by March 29th. Mud season arrived last week, several roads needed graveling and grading. Randy hired Martin Exc. truck to haul stone for a 1 ½ days.

Treasurer's File: Order sheet (ck. #'s 2196-2198 & #16750-16774) was signed. Payroll sheets (ck. #'s 3274-3289 & #2582-2589). Discussion of new changes effecting worker's compensation and hired contractors. All contractors must have and provide the town with proof their worker's compensation, if the town hires a contractor that does not have WC, the amount billed by the contractor will be calculated in the town's WC contribution and paid through our insurance. All new bidding/contracted jobs will include the need for proof in insurance and worker's comp.

Current budget status report was given to the board for review.

Clerk's File: Excess weight permits were approved for ABLE, Bazin, Blaktop, Camp Precast, N. Eastman, G. Bisson, H & K Ex., Markowski, Olmstead Property and Pike Ind.

New/Other business:

Annual appoints were made: John moved to appoint the same slate as last year.

Nope seconded the motion and motion carried.

Town Service Officer: on hold pending legislative changes

Road Commissioner: Norman Martin II
Tree Warden: Gerry Hawkes
Fence Viewers: Andy Bird, Owen Astbury & Clifford Geno
Weigher of Coal: John Timken, Jr.
Inspector of Lumber: Norman Martin II
Emergency Management: Josh Maxham
E 9-1-1 Coordinator: Steve Hill
Pound keeper: Woodstock Animal Care
Planning Commission: Bruce Maxham
Newspaper of Record: Vermont Standard
Representative to TROPC: Lynne Bertram
Rep. to GUVSWMD: John Timken, Jr. Alternate: Norman Martin II
State Police Advisory Rep: Mike Sawyer, Constable

Discussion of town property maintenance bid. Current contract is expiring and town needs to bid out for a new 3 year contract. Board reviewed advertisement notice which will be “run” in the Vermont Standard the weeks for March 24th and 31st. Sealed bids to be submitted to the town office by April 7th. The Cemetery Commissioners are also putting out the mowing contract for bid with a return date of April 7th.

Notice from VTRANS of RT 4 paving project beginning later this week. Phase one will consist of some tree and brush cutting in West Bridgewater. Traffic will be down to one way for the rest of this month.

At this time Vicky requested an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Board entered into executive session at 5:30 pm as per 1 V.S.A. 13 (3). Board returned to open meeting at 5:55 pm. No action taken.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Robinson

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Clerk