

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2020

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Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Lynne Bertram, Chair.

Present: Norman (Nope) Martin, Brian Bontrager, Vicky Young, Jeff Sailer and Nancy Robinson

Visitors: via phone conference call in – Allan Stein, VT Standard Reporter, Pete Fellows, TRORC, George Spear

Additions to agenda: Alternative Authorized representative for Wastewater Facility financing. Service agreement between town and LE Environmental for site investigation (Community Center)

Nope moved to accept the minutes of July 28, 2020 as written. Brian seconded the motion and motion carried.

Scheduled visitors: Pete Fellows, TRORC reviewed 3 proposals that have come in for the design of the new sand shed; Dubois & King, Lamoureux & Dickinson and GPI. Committee/team consisting of Jeff Sailer, Nancy Robinson, Pete Fellows and Nydia Lugo, VTRANS met to review proposals and rank by criteria of understanding of project, scope, qualifications & experience, costs, performance on similar projects. The overall consensus of this team was to recommend Dubois & King to the Selectboard. Questions raised as to projected cost of total project, will not know until we get further into project. Current grant is for \$374,000 with the town's share of approx. \$75,000. Discussion of at what point the town could withdraw from grant project, anytime but town would be responsible for expenses incurred. Town is hesitant to commit without knowing total cost of project and town's responsibility. Sand/salt sheds are being built and have been built for years, why is this so difficult to get a cost from what has already been done. This is process that has to be followed to get federal funding. Lynne moved to table this project. Nope seconded the motion and motion carried.

Bruce Seely and Josh Maxham joined meeting to present proposals for the Phase II Civil Engineering portion of the fire station project. Committee received 3 proposals from Otter Creek, Pathways and John Turner. Proposals were all within the same price range, reviewed scope of work and knowledge of site that would be provided, sub-contracting some of the work and relationship with architect. The recommendation from the Fire Station Committee to the board is to hire Otter Creek Engineering. Lynne moved and Brian seconded to hire Otter Creek Engineering to preform the Phase II engineering work for the new fire station. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Highway Report: An access permit was approved for William Cooney. A Right of Way permit was approved for Green Mountain Power to relocate pole/lines on Old Bridgewater Hill and Mountain View Road (private). Will have to follow town's policy for burying underground lines. Board signed grant paperwork for storm line ditching a section of the North Bridgewater Road between Atwood Lane and Maple Valley. Will be completed this fall. Discussion of grant for culvert inventory. Tabled for tonight, will get information to board regarding past status of past culvert inventory. Jeff reported that they have been grading roads. Not much damage, from recent storm, few trees down and washed out ditches. Still making repairs as roads are graded. Replaced culverts on Bridgewater Hill Rd, Labor Rd and Steven's Rd. Problems with Dig Safe that they are signing off of sites that have not been visited. Jeff has contacted company to complain. This could be a dangerous situation if electrical wires are dug up.

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Winter sand has been ordered from D&D, same price as last year of \$13.75 cy. Not sure about mixing with grits this year as Markowski is not making this year. Jeff will get prices from other companies for material and trucking. Chloride that was already purchased has been used and now replaced which will come from material line budget.

Treasurer's File: Expense warrant #3 (ck #'s none and e-ck #'s 18886-18918) was reviewed and signed. A current budget status report was given to the board for review.

Clerk's File: September calendar given to the board. Board signed Appointment of Alternative Authorized Representative form for Vicky Young and Nancy Robinson to transact business for the Wastewater Facility Clean Water Revolving Fund financing.

** Thomas Thompson, Melissa Hanson, Jean Bontrager, Eric Johnsen, Christine Geisler and Jim Kelley joined meeting via phone conference at this time.

Old business: Board signed the Historical Society Lease for another 10-year term. Jeannette Sawyer has already signed on behalf of the Historical Society. Board approved and signed the appointment of authorized representatives of Vicky Young and Nancy Robinson for the Fire Station bond.

New business: Board accepted with regret the resignation of Nicola Shipman from the Windsor Central Unified School District as she is moving from town. Position will be posted.

Board signed three-year contract with Yankee Generator for the wastewater treatment facility.

Board discussed and reviewed with above noted concerned citizens the need to control speed on RT 4 and various other town roads (town has recently rec'd phone calls and emails regarding speeding).

Lynne reported that the town is currently completing a traffic study as part of an application for flashing radar speed signs within the 25mph zone. Lynne has contacted the Windsor County Sheriff's Dept. to ask that they perform the traffic study on behalf of the town. Windsor County Sheriff's will do the study and will get it done within the next couple of weeks. Lynne also spoke to the Sheriff about resuming some traffic services. The town has also requested a traffic study of the Bridgewater Corners area in the 45mph zone requesting it to be lowered to 35mph. Discussion of speed limit outside of 25mph on west end of town near recreation field. Traffic is going to fast for children to walk to and play at park. Suggestion made to see if town could get State, as RT 4 is a State Road to lower the speed from 35mph to 25mph in the village area back to the recreation park. Discussion of Jake Brakes, notice from VTRANS that engine brakes are a legal and necessary safety device.

Town will contact Windsor County Sheriff's Department to inquire about resuming some degree of services. Town is also considering investigating the installation of a flashing light by the town office.

Lynne suggested that individuals could contact the state to inquire about crossing signs and lowering the speed limit along RT 4 in the village area. Thanked people for joining meeting and sharing their concerns.

Board reviewed and signed Agreement for services between the Town and LE Environmental, LLC to perform the site investigation work at the community center for the monitoring wells.

Lynne moved to enter into executive session at 6:05 pm per 1 V.S.A. 313 (3) contract discussions with Windsor County Sheriff's Dept. Returned to open meeting at 6:18 pm. Board members authorized Lynne to continue negotiations with the Sheriff's Department and to bring resolution to a return of service.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Robinson, Clerk