

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

August 29, 2023

Present: William O. Young – Chair, George Spear – Vice Chair & Stephen S. Tarleton – Road Commissioner (Board), Melissa Spear – Treasurer, Nancy Robinson – Clerk & Victoria Young – Administrative Assistant

Visitors: Owen Astbury, Greg Robinson, Gloria Martin

Zoom: Diane Martin, Dennis & Joan Wideman

Call to Order: William called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

★ ** Additions/Changes to Agenda:

- EPW Program Administration – This is to clarify who the Technical Contact for the Town is for this program. Nancy has been fielding calls in the last few weeks. This is a federal program to help property owners that have damages from the storm that is threatening their home from the river washing away. Five property owners have contacted her in the last few weeks. Nancy is meeting with an engineer from this program on September 9, 2023, to view the five properties after all owners give their consent. The program covers 75% and the Sponsor or the owner covers 25% of the cost. William made a motion for Nancy to be the Technical Contact - seconded by Steve – motion passed.
- Bridge #44 – VT AOT - Spencer Howard who is the Bridge Management & Bridge Inspection Program Manager for Vermont AOT - sent an email about Bridge # 44 in Bridgewater Hollow. The bridge either needs to be posted for weight limit or extending the timber runners across the entire deck of the bridge to improve the load rating. Thus, making the posting unnecessary. The Board will pass this information on to Randy and decide how/when to get this accomplished.
- PACIF (Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund) –Insurance change for Town - Community Center. This would change the building valuation type from an Actual Cash Value to a Guaranteed Replacement Cost value. Because of the new construction in the past year – this needed to be updated. There will be an increase to the insurance cost for the Town – but is reimbursed from the Community Center. William made a motion to change the Community Center Building insurance to Guaranteed Replacement Cost Valuation – seconded by Steve –motion passed.

Clerk- Event/Catering permits for Ottauquechee Farm on Sept 8th and 9th (Wedding) and an Excess Weight Permit for Jeff Bridge Exc. The Board approved the Catering permit and William signed the Overweight Permit.

Executive Session – if needed- None

Review & Award Bids:

Steve reported that Randy will stay until grading of roads is done. Steve, Randy & Melissa met with FEMA last Friday –which took all day. We are meeting with FEMA this coming Friday morning with the Mitigation and Environmental Staff for a site visit of the Holiday Farm & Jenne Rd bridges. Olmstead's have started on the Wayside Road project, Dana Noyes is up on Little Sherburne Road, Markowski's finished sites 1&2 on the Center Road (Bugby Hill & Oak Chapel) and will move up to site 3, by Chip

Ballou's. We need to get bids for bridge demolitions. Rock crusher will be here next week. We are going to start hauling from the crusher in the Rec Field to North Bridgewater Road, Gold Coast Road, Cox District Road. Once finished there, the Crusher will move to Oak Chapel Field. We are looking into hiring a 140 Cat Grader with operator from Markowski at \$150.00/hour and \$170.00 per hour for mobilization. 8 hours per day -\$6,000.00 per week. Steve will look further into this.

The Board reviewed the following bids:

1. **Barnard Excavating & Logging – Stephen Johnson** – Bank slide on Dailey Hollow Road - before Gorge Road. Estimate -\$139,180.00. William made a motion seconded by George to accept the Estimate for Stephen Johnson of \$139,180.00 - motion passed.
2. **Markowski Excavating Inc. - River Road:**
 - Site 1 - \$124,227.14
 - Site 2- \$67,824.44.

William made a motion to accept the bids from Markowski for sites 1 & 2 on the River Road of \$124,277.12 and \$67,824.44 respectfully – seconded by Steve - motion passed. Start date to be determined.

3. **Barnard Excavating & Logging – Stephen Johnson** – Estimate for Oxbow Road- \$18,500.00 - Pushing off the river run gravel from 3 haul trucks to fill in the holes on the Oxbow Road. William made a motion to accept the Estimate of \$18,500.00 from Shephen Johnson for the Oxbow Road – seconded by Steve- motion passed.
4. **Jeff Bridge Excavation, LTD:**
 - Little Sherburne Road:
 - Site 1- \$20,000.00
 - Site 2- \$6,000.00
 - Site 3 -\$6,000.00.
 - Richardson Road – Site 1 - \$6,000.00
 - Stevens Road – Site 1 - \$15,000.00

William made a motion to accept Jeff Bridge's Estimates for Little Sherburne Road - (1) \$20,000.00, (2) \$6,000.00, (3) \$6,000.00, Richardson's Road - (1) \$6,000.00 and Stevens Road (1) \$15,000.00 – seconded by George – motion passed.

Visitors: Nancy asked about the Bridgewater Center Road by Oak Chapel – it is very muddy – Steve will see if we can get some ¾ " stone put down – paving is in the works. Also questioned the bidding process- Steve verified that multiple contractors have been asked to bid for each job. General discussion of roads still needing work. Owen Astbury asked about Cox District Road by Smith's property –the road is much higher than it was prior to the storm and is concerned that when the top layer of stone is put down-it will be even higher making it difficult to come on to from their driveway. The Board will look into this and make sure that it gets adjusted to a better level for accessibility.

Adjourn: William made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m. seconded by Steve – motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Young, Administrative Assistant