

SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
JUNE 1, 2015

Meeting opened at 5:00pm

Present: Alan Vint Chair; Howard Knickerbocker, Clerk; David DiNicola  
Duane Pease, Administrative Assistant

Alan motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss Hudson's lawsuit on conference call with Town Counsel (TC), Greg Corbo, Kopelman & Paige and then to reconvene regular Selectboard Meeting.

Alan Vint, Aye; Howard Knickerbocker, Aye; David DiNicola, Aye. Vote 3-0 and Board went into Executive Session at 6:03pm.

Board reconvened at 6:00pm with all present.

Board met with Highway Superintendent, Skip Savery, and discussed current status of road conditions, work lists and priorities. Skip advised he starts with roads in the worst condition and then works forward until all repairs are done. This may mean doing patching and grading as weather permits on different days. Before grading the gravel road, he has one of his men blow the leaves and debris out of the ditches first. He is using the "pot hole" money for the patching and this has to be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup> or the money will be lost.

Also discussed was any short term equipment needs, most of his equipment is relatively new, the backhoe is the oldest and that was purchased in 2004. He could use a trailer to haul the roller but he would purchase a used trailer for that.

Skip picks and chooses what mechanical work is done in-house and what he ships out, it depends on the scope of work needed and time available by him or his employees. It was suggested that he keep a log book of repairs made, work done and work that is needed to be done both for equipment and road work.

Skip has also thought about having someone do the multitude of paperwork that is necessary for Chapter 90 reimbursement and other bills that he has to submit to the Accountant for payment, this would free him up for more

outside work. However, until he can get power run to the upstairs office in the garage, he will continue to do it himself.

The 3 bridge quotes were discussed next; he has not had a chance to speak with the bridge contact in the Lenox DOT office yet but is leaning toward the lowest quote from Gill Engineering of \$23,000. The other quotes were \$44,000 and \$50,000. The principal of Gill is a former DOT bridge expert and has done numerous projects in Massachusetts and other states.

Skip will be attending the MEMA mitigation meeting to be held in Lanesboro on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Last item discussed was the Warrant for a Special Town Meeting (STM) to transfer Free Cash to various accounts that are overdrawn. Free Cash available is in excess of \$44,000. This includes additional funds for the Town Counsel Account, Maintenance of Public Buildings, Snow Removal, Fuel Account and . After discussion, Alan motioned to accept the STM Warrant, Howard 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 3-0 and warrant was signed.

Alan motioned to adjourn, Howard 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease  
Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Alan Vint, Chair

Howard Knickerbocker, Clerk

David DiNicola