

October 31, 2011 Minutes of Selectboard meeting at Highway Garage

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

Present: Noreen Suriner, Chair; Alan Vint, Clerk; Mitch Feldmesser
Skip Savery, Highway Superintendent; Joe Kearns, Finance Chair; Duane Pease
Administrative Assistant

Purpose of the meeting was to review status on 1995 Autocar truck purchased for exclusive snow plowing, 2012 Project Plan for 2012, equipment needs for 2012 and the current short-term work plan for the remainder of 2011.

Skip explained this truck was purchased as a cab and chassis for \$29,900, had been a “Southern” truck with no rust on the body or frame, had no snow plowing equipment installed on it and replaces the 1978 International wing truck.

The highway workers have built a removable plow frame and modified the wing tower from the old truck to fit this vehicle. Some parts of the wing tower were sent out to be rebuilt. The sander body was taken from the old truck and installed on this one. There are still additional items that need to be done to the truck to make it road worthy and Skip estimates it will take approximately 200 more man hours for this work. He also noted that all work that has been done on the truck has been done “in-house” and the funds have come from his annual Machinery Account.

The Project Plan for 2012 includes rebuilding Chester Road if he receives a STRAP Grant; reconstruction of the last section of River Road near the Worthington line using Chapter 90 Funds; repaving lower end of Chipman Road with Chapter 90 Funds and also installing some guardrail on River Road.

Equipment needs for next year include consideration of replacing the 1985 Ford dump truck, the 2000 Ford F550 that has 90,000 miles on it, installing a dump body on the military truck that was purchased this year and either lengthening the sander body on the 1995 Autocar or installing an All-Season body on it so it could be used year round.

The short term work includes completing the 1995 Autocar, changing the front axle on the 1972 Mack, installing a new clutch in the tractor, paving sections of Cone and River Roads, putting the Boom Mower into service, siding and finishing the interior of the Transfer Station attendant’s building, changing the side door on the Senior Center Building and removal of the water tank from the Town Hall. Also, servicing all the plow trucks for winter and ordering and stocking the sand and salt needed for winter use.

The highway employees are also building an office in a portion of the upstairs of the garage with parts storage across from the office. The current office would be used for a tool crib.

Skip was questioned by the Board about the total expected cost of putting the Autocar truck on the road and said the total cost of the vehicle purchase and work to make it snow worthy would be about \$70,000. When asked what it would have cost to purchase the truck “ready-to-go” the price would have been in excess of \$225,000 for a new truck.

There was a general discussion about the week’s previous unexpected snow storm and how the equipment held up.

Noreen motioned to adjourn, Mitch 2nd, vote was 3-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.

Minutes respectively submitted,

Duane Pease
Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes

Noreen Suriner, Chair

Alan Vint, Clerk

Mitch Feldmesser