

May 15, 2014 Select Board Minutes, Groton Community Building (Approved)

Select Board: Peter Lyon, Gary Lamberton, Nathan Puffer

Auditors: Debra Johnson, Martha Crown, Dan Robinson, Treasurer: Roberta Dana, Town Clerk: Linda Nunn, Road Commissioner: Brent Smith, Fire Warden: Wade Johnson, Innovative Surface Solutions: Mark Poole, Frank Beliveau

The meeting started at 7:02 PM

Three companies submitted bids to provide Chloride for Summer Roads

- The Gorman Group Chloride, .879 per gal delivered, 1.01 per gal applied, includes 4500 gal truck tank
- All State Asphalt Chloride, .890 per gal delivered, 1.00 per gal applied, includes one 3000 gal tank
- Innovative Surface Solutions Magnesium Chloride, .860 per gal delivered, no info for applied, includes two 3000 gal tanks

Frank and Mark explained that their bid for Magnesium Chloride is more environmentally friendly and provided references to other Vermont towns that have used it such as Barnet, St. J, Sutton, and Wheelock. Brent expressed as concern as he had specifically requested bids on Chloride and since Innovative Surface Solutions did not honor the request he felt that they should be disqualified. General discussion took place on application rates, environmental impact, and compaction of road surface. It was noted that the town's estimated annual usage is 12,000 gal per year. Peter moved, Nathan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to select the Innovative Surface Solutions bid contingent on Brent contacting other towns to confirm that they are satisfied with the use of Magnesium Chloride.

The Auditors presented a work plan that addresses the findings in the Pace & Hawley audits for 2009 through 2012. Dan has created monthly details starting June, 2014 and ending December, 2014 and will determine areas that need to be addressed further that will then be added to the 2015 calendar. The Board thanked Dan, Debbie, and Martha for their efforts.

Brent reported that he has the Air Conditioning being repaired on his truck. He also presented a gravel pricing sheet comparing product from McCullough of Blue Mountain and Chief of Wells River & South Ryegate. Brent reported that he, Phillip, and Jim had attended the Town Highway Fair.

Wade reported that he has reviewed and is satisfied with the proposed Burn Ordinance. Wade also checked with the Fire Station and there were no comments. Peter moved, Nathan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to approve warning the proposed ordinance as modified for a public hearing. Linda was asked to put together the steps on what was needed to be done to adopt an ordinance and the Select Board will take this up at the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Gary reported that he had looked into the attachment of a cash receipts printer and cash drawer to the proposed systems that would be purchased and found that both were easily supported by the hardware and software that he is recommending. Gary proposed the purchasing of 7 systems and 2 flat screen monitors. This would cover 6 staff, including the fire department, and provide one system as a server. As part of this plan, since the fire department system is the most current at 5 years old, it

would be given to the highway department. A new system would not be purchased for the highway department as Brent reported that there are not enough funds in the budget. (each system cost \$569 plus software at \$200). The reserve fund has \$6,700 available in it and the total cost of the proposed order is \$5,683. This is a particularly good deal as Gary is volunteering to do all the installation work. Nathan moved, Peter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to approve an order from Dak Teck Computers for \$5,683. The Board expressed its deep appreciation to Gary for all of the work he has done on this project.

Nathan reported on the Welton Bridge project that the Engineers lawyer had sent a letter to the Contactor requesting a refund of the \$17,100 that was an overpayment. Chad, of the Engineers, has sent his recommendation on the reverse osmosis/under the counter unit. It was the consensus of the Board to approve Nathan coordinating the implementation of a reverse osmosis system.

Linda reported that the next Blue Mountain School vote will be May 22 and that, with the large number of unplanned votes, her budget is tight.

Roberta reported that she has all the documentation for the close out on the Welton Bridge project and will be reviewing it with Shauna (VAOT). There is a \$80K loan on the project coming due in June, 2014. The final payment to the town from FEMA will be \$43,994 and the final payment from the State to the town will be \$24,841. When adding these payments to the refund of \$17,100 the final cost expected to come out under budget.

Gary reported that he is continuing to research options for the best storage options that do not have yearly fees for the ipad. He is looking for an application that downloads to a local system. At this point the cost of the ipad is within budget however the purchase of a heavy duty case would be over budget.

Roberta reported that the Northeast Delta Dental contract is up for renewal at a monthly cost of \$53.01 which is covered by the budget. Gary signed the forms supporting the contract.

Nathan moved, Peter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to close the meeting (at 9:15 PM)

Gary Lamberton, Chair

Prepared by Peter Lyon