

Select Board Meeting, Friday, February 24, in the Cavendish Town Office

Meeting Room at 5:00 pm

Present: Bob Glidden (Chairman), George Timko, Mike Ripley, Jill Flinn, Brendan McNamara (Town Manager), Bruce McEnaney (Assistant to the Town Manager) and Jen Leak (Recording Secretary).

1. Call the meeting to order

Bob Glidden, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Consider approval for purchase of new 2017 International 7600 6x4 dump truck to replace the one lost in Town Garage fire.

Brendan informed the Select Board that Reed's Truck Service in Claremont, NH, has a new truck in stock which meets the specs of the truck that was lost in the fire. That truck was slated for replacement in 2019. Bruce discussed the warranty and specifications with the Board. The plow from the damaged truck can be salvaged, but a new two-way radio will need to be purchased and installed in the new truck. Bruce said that he plans to add the radio expense to the insurance claim. The truck could be picked up on Monday and the sales price is \$204,566.00, including warranty.

Bruce said that the insurance value of the old truck will be between \$45-65,000. The Capital Equipment fund has \$210,000 (including the FY17 appropriation of \$75,000). The insurance settlement money will go directly back into the equipment fund when it is received. Bruce added that the backhoe was scheduled to be replaced next year, but that purchase would need to be pushed back a year if the Town buys this truck. He commented that the Select Board might have a future discussion on the pros and cons of trading in equipment before it gets too old and in need of expensive repairs.

Mike asked for an update on the fire damage to the garage building. Brendan said that he is waiting for the insurance adjusters final reports. However, it is likely that the interior will need to be completely stripped down to the studs, since the insulation, wiring, etc. was damaged by heat, smoke and water. Bruce said that the insurance will likely base the settlement on rebuilding the garage back to the way it was. He and Brendan suggested that now is the perfect time to consider making changes to the garage to better serve our needs. They suggested that the Town get bids for both repairing the garage to it's original condition and for rebuilding it to new specifications. Bruce said that a temporary office building and storage container will be delivered on Monday. He said that all the electrical tools exposed to the fire must be replaced, and our insurance policy will cover the replacement costs for them.

George Timko moved/Mike Ripley seconded a motion to purchase a 2017 7600 International dump truck for the amount of \$204,566.00, including warranty, from Reed's Truck Services. All voted in favor.

3. **Review and award bid regarding the Bridge #58 Utilities Crossing Project.**

Brendan said that three companies submitted bids:

Dufresne Group, Springfield VT	\$28,000.00
CLD Engineering, Manchester NH	\$81,360.00
Weston & Sampson Engineering, Waterbury VT	\$29,360.00

Brendan commented that the CLD bid included more consultants and engineering hours, which significantly increased the price. Since this is an engineering-only project, not a construction project, there are no differences in materials to consider. Bruce and Brendan said that they recommended accepting Weston & Sampson's bid, since they have many years of experience working with our system and employees.

Bob Glidden moved/Jill Flinn seconded a motion to accept Weston & Sampson Engineering's bid of \$29,360.00 for the Bridge #58 Utilities Crossing Project. All voted in favor.

4. **Adjourn.**

Bruce commented that VELCO moved some heavy equipment this week while the roads were muddy, which made very deep ruts on Town Farm and Stevens Roads. They did deliver some crushed stone to the town pit, which our highway crew used to make repairs so that the roads are passable again.

Jill said that she assisted a motorist who became stuck in the snow on the Proctor Piper Forest Road, and asked if a "Road Closed" sign could be put up there. Bruce said that was a state property so the Town could not put up signs there, and added that the road gate was left open for snowmobiles.

Mike Ripley moved/Bob Glidden seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. All voted in favor.