

AGENDA FOR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 13, 2021
Selectboard to Meet at the Robert Vasseur Town Hall
Meeting also Via Zoom
Meeting ID 338 889 0421
Password 492597
5:00 p.m.

Attendees

Select Board Members: Jared Cadwell (Jared), Chuck Martel (Chuck), Mike Jordan (Mike)

SB Assistant/Town Clerk: Patti Lewis (Patti)

Minutes taker: Betsy Carter (Betsy)

Guests: Stuart Hallstrom (Stuart), MRVTV

Meeting called to order at 5:01pm.

1. Approve Selectboard Minutes of March 23, 2021.

a. Motion to approve by Chuck, seconded by Mike; all in favor and none opposed, motion passes.

2. Bid Opening for N. Fayston Rd. Paving Project

a. 2 bids submitted for review

i. Pike Industries (Barre, VT)

1. Total bid price: \$294,300

2. Included:

a. Cold Planing (\$47,700)

b. Reclaiming (\$35,775)

c. Machine Pave (\$201,600)

d. Shoulder Gravel (\$9,225)

3. Certificate of liability insurance submitted

ii. ST Paving (Waterbury, VT)

1. Total bid: \$271,145.45

2. Included:

a. Cold Planing (\$23,507.00)

b. Reclaiming (\$19,980.95)

c. Paving (\$202,027.50)

d. Gravel Shoulders (\$17,630.00)

e. Traffic Control (\$8,000.00)

3. Certificate of liability insurance submitted

b. The criteria for bid selection are based on all of the following: total price, bidder's ability to perform within the specified timeline, bidder's prior experience and reputation in field and including past performance with the town, quality of materials and services specified

in the bid, bidder's ability to meet the other terms and conditions including insurance and bond requirements, bidder's financial responsibility, bidder's ability to provide future service and maintenance and support, nature and size of the bid, and contract provisions that are acceptable. We take all these factors into consideration and not necessarily just take the lowest bid.

- c. Jared: Are we comparing apples to apples? Chuck: that appears to be what Mike is doing, but it sounded that way.
 - d. Mike: The cold planing and reclaiming and paving are very similar, but the shoulder gravel is wildly different.
 - e. Jared: When do we ideally have the work started? There is a lot culvert work. Stuart: We were talking about May 15 for the cold planing and reclaiming, then we can do the culvert work.
 - f. Jared: Also adding that we don't necessarily have to decide tonight, but on first look there's a clear difference in price. Mike: Yeah I'd like to spreadsheet both out to compare them apples to apples. Jared: So you'd rather hold off. It'll be 2 weeks until our next meeting, do we need to meet again? Mike: I'd just like to compare everything in a spreadsheet to ensure we're looking at apples to apples. Jared: We can call a meeting within 24 hours; how about Friday morning?
 - g. Special session for 8:30 on Friday morning, April 16 in the Town Hall.
 - h. Jared: Will there be any clarifying questions we should ask to the bidders between now and then? Chuck: I think to me, the work that Mike is going to be doing is the most important thing; I think they both have a good reputation and they both have done this kind of work before, we know what the price difference is, but we should dig into what's behind the pricing to make sure we're looking at apples to apples. I can't think of anything else.
- 3. 2021 HS-122 Penalty Set by Select Board**
- a. Most recently the SB has set the penalty at 3% and there is a range up to 8% allowed by the State. The SB's most recent opinion was to keep it at the low end.
 - b. *Motion to keep at 3% by Chuck; seconded by Mike, no discussion. All in favor, none opposed; motion passes.*
- 4. Ratify Waiver of Late Dog Fee Penalty for 2021**
- a. Recommendation to invoke waiver for the remainder of 2021 by Town Clerk.
- 5. Advertise for Transportation Advisory Rep and Energy Coordinator**
- a. Jared to work with Patti on posting a note
 - b. Transportation: This position would meet with the AOT to discuss issues in Washington County and represent Fayston.
 - i. This is an important position to have a voice for the town with the deteriorating bridge on North Fayston Road and the condition of Route 17.
 - ii. Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month; Fayston does not currently have a representative.

- c. Energy Coordinator: David Frank current rep.
 - i. Town is receiving \$4,000 to upgrade the office with efficiency upgrades with no match required by town.
- d. Chuck: Have these positions been published on the list serv? Jared: No, but that is a good idea.

6. Cindy Carr re: Slide Brook Road

- a. Cindy (not present) met with Tripp Johnson of the Waitsfield-Fayston fire department and they have done a walk of the road. Chip Decray from Kingsbury was the contractor for the road upgrade was also up there. We have not heard the final recommendation for the road.

7. Road Foreman Update

- a. Stuart has solicited pricing for 19 culverts on North Fayston road: \$45,388.80
- b. The culvert reserve is \$38,000.
- c. Equipment rental may be a challenge – there's no excavators available for rental in the state. Construction is booming and everyone is renting them.
- d. Stuart: If we wait, the project may be delayed by a month because we need to rent the excavator when it's available.
- e. Pricing is typically \$5,700 per month and we have 2 months of rental in the budget; we still have to rent a compactor too.
- f. Mower pricing is \$5,500 and there are 3 in stock. Grant amount is \$5,600.
- g. We need to ensure the paperwork is completed to ensure we're getting reimbursed.
- h. New truck was being serviced for warranty work, so the town is down a truck.

8. Excess Weight Permits

- a. Ratify signing of Excess Weight Permits on 3/23/21 for:
 - S.D. Ireland
 - Kris Bullock
 - Redi-Mix Corp.
- b. Sign new Excess Weight Permits for:
 - Pike Industries Inc.
 - Irving Energy Customers
 - Goin Owen's Little Digger Service
 - N. Pizzale Trucking
 - RP Frost Inc (dba VT Well & Pump)
 - Bacon Trucking LLC
 - Ernest Krusch
 - Huntington Homes, Inc.
 - Hutch Crane & Pump Rental Corp.
 - Canopy Timer Alternatives, Inc.
- c. All signed by Jared Cadwell.

9. Liquor License Permit(s) – Tucker Hill, Swanson Inn

a. Signed by SB members

10. Read Mail and Sign Warrant

a. No mail

11. Other Business

a. Orders signed by SB members.

b. On April 28, 7pm we will be having the first meeting for the Boyce Hill Town Forest Public Meeting. The team is seeking public input and would like the town to join us; the meeting will be conducted via Zoom. Another one will be in May and a third in June. The fourth and final may be in person at BHTF. We're looking for public input and ideas for the use of the property.

12. *Motion to adjourn at 5:43 by Chuck, seconded by Mike. All in favor, none opposed, meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Carter

Approved: Jared Cadwell

Next meeting April 27 at 5pm.