

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
June 22, 2020
MINUTES**

Call to Order

5:30 pm – Chairman Robertson called the meeting to order

Present: Andrew Robertson, Chairman; Richard Pitman, Vice Chairman. Fred McGarry, Cindy McHugh, Selectpersons.

Absent: Alden Dill, Selectman

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chairman Robertson stated no pledge because of ZOOM meeting format.

Nick Lawrence, Parks & Recreation – Quarterly Update

Mr. Lawrence was not in attendance at this time and Mr. Harrington stated that they should skip Nick and go onto the next person.

Rick Garland – F.L. Merrill Construction, Inc.

Chairman Robertson stated that he believed that Mr. Garland wanted to talk to them about the most recent bid process, particularly regarding winter sand.

He asked if Mr. Garland was with them that the screen and mike was his.

Mr. Harrington asked if Mr. Garland was on the phone and the chairman stated that he wasn't getting any audio. He asked if the town administrator recognized the phone number to which he didn't.

Mr. Harrington again asked if Mr. Garland was on the phone to which it didn't appear to be and he then asked if Mr. Lawrence was on the phone to which he answered that he was.

Nick Lawrence, Parks & Recreation – Quarterly Update

Chairman Robertson stated that they were going to go with him then if he wanted to give the Board a quarterly update from Parks and Rec. Tell them anything else that is going on.

Mr. Lawrence stated absolutely and that he would get right to it.

Basically, what he wanted to let them know is that the baseball season is off and going as of tonight. Teams are starting practices. They have teams at the AA and AAA way levels and the numbers, as they could imagine, dwindled quite a bit from the start of the pandemic with registrations and things like that all the way down to less than 25 percent now.

They don't have the numbers to have softball teams at all in Deerfield this year but they are trying to find homes for the girls that are still adamant about still playing, so they are working on that. So, baseball and softball are finally off the ground and they are happy to report that.

Senior fitness is also ready to go off the ground now. He has been working very closely with John to make sure that there was a document formulized to basically show that they have addressed the risk involved and that everybody that participates that program is going to know what they are getting themselves into if they choose to participate. That is set to go off tomorrow and he is set to meet Jodi at the beginning of the class and make sure that everybody is squared away, collect their activity agreements.

Based on the COVID thing, everything is a little different. They wanted to make sure that this was addressed and that they had that and they were also going to get the "Stay at Home" guidelines for those types of activities like senior fitness, for their reference, and get off the ground with that as well.

Those are really the only two programs that they have going as of right now but working to see on some other things that are coming up through the summer which leads him into his next thing.

He wanted to see what the Board's feelings are on Old Home Day. He thought that all of them had quite a bit of experience with the event and what goes into it and all the different things and the amount of people that are involved in that type of thing.

So now that the "Stay at Home" order has expired, and it is more of a "Safer at Home" advisory they are calling it, just looking to see what the comfort level is in having, certainly, just parts of the event. He didn't think that they were going to get away with the huge gathering.

The biggest part that comes to mind, he thought, was the chicken dinner, chicken barbeque itself, and the potluck style, he didn't think that's going to be appropriate this year, in his own opinion but he wanted to get the Board's feeling on moving forward with the parade, fireworks if they are able to get the donation from the Fair Association. That's still up in the air as well and maybe some other social distant activities, if they could do it.

Chairman Robertson stated, on a personal note, he would agree with him wholeheartedly about the dinner. He thought that was what congregates people closest and if they had multiple people handling utensils and food, that sort of thing, probably not a great idea but if they could figure out how to do the fireworks or the parade, or something like that, that would be a great idea.

Vice Chairman Pitman stated that he was not speaking out of school but if the fair gets voted down, which the directors are recommending that it does, there will be no funds for the fireworks.

Chairman Robertson stated that in years past, they have done some other fund raising. He didn't know what the capability was, there was probably a lot of folks that have helped them in the past, that are going to be in the same boat as the fair association is but he thought that it was worth looking into and certainly would be well received in the community if they could do anything along those lines. He didn't know how the rest of the Board feels.

Selectman McGarry asked what kind of a price tag do the fireworks carry?

Mr. Lawrence stated that they last display that they had he thought were \$4,000.00 and the vice chairman stated that the fair association kicked in \$2,500.00 of the \$4,000.00.

Mr. Lawrence stated that they usually kicked in \$1,500.00.

Vice Chairman Pitman stated that he just got a text from Mr. Dill asking if they had a meeting tonight? (Selectman Dill joined the meeting shortly thereafter.)

Mr. Harrington stated that he was signing in now.

Selectwoman McHugh asked how much money would they save by not doing other activities for Old Home Day?

Mr. Lawrence stated that there would be a great deal of savings that goes into everything that goes on during the course of the day. In the past, they have had things that they have organized such as the clown that they have come in. There are other expenses such as bringing in food and other resources that they do just to have activities and of course the money that they front for all the food that is involved which they usually get back when they collect that so that is not necessarily a concern, he thought.

They could really make it what they want if they stay socially distanced and safe to do so.

Vice Chairman Pitman asked what the date was on the event this year to which Mr. Lawrence answered that it was August 15th.

Chairman Robertson stated that of the activities, the fireworks would be one activity that they could hold which may boost morale in town and be easy to stay socially distanced.

Vice Chairman Pitman stated that he is looking to see if the fairgrounds haven't been already rented out for that weekend but looking at the list, it looks like that is doable if they do have it.

He also stated that they didn't have concrete dates on some horse events which wouldn't mix with fireworks but as of right now, they were okay.

Chairman Robertson stated that he would recommend that Mr. Lawrence come back to them with a proposal for what he thought could be done on a socially distanced basis and if the Board's in agreement, they can look to see if they can find funds to do it.

Mr. Lawrence stated that he thought that it would be pretty minimal, based on what they have been able to do in the past, as usually everybody is congregating around the gazebo field area throughout the day and that would be tough to do but he thought that there might be some things that they could salvage and save the day a little bit.

Mr. Lawrence stated that the two other items that he had which were playgrounds which are a pretty hot topic throughout New Hampshire right now. He thought that there was some guidance that came out that he wasn't able to find when he was looking for the meeting with them.

There are some towns that have begun to open up their playgrounds on an "At Your Risk" basis and he was curious as to what the Board's feelings would be on this if they were confident in moving forward as to managing that.

Vice Chairman Pitman stated to ask Cindy.

Selectman Dill asked how many have opened up locally or who has opened up locally.

Mr. Lawrence stated that there are a few surrounding towns. He knew that North Hampton, as Joe Manzi is over there now, has opened up and is keeping very close contact and there are ones that are closer, like Raymond, that haven't opened theirs yet so its very much a town to town decision.

He knew that many of them are telling people right up front that they are not going to try and keep up with sanitization or disinfecting or anything because it is just too much to do and it is going to be a constant thing to have those resources to be able to do that so it is kind of playing at their own risk, take the chance if they wanted to go do it, and they are open.

Selectman Dill asked what the state was saying.

Mr. Lawrence stated that he thought that the State had guidance but like he was saying that he wasn't able to find it under the "Safer at Home, 2.0". He is going to look again after the meeting. That is kind of what he was saying, if they find it and they are confident that they can do it safely, that would be, he would ask the Board, what their thoughts were to move forward for their town.

Chairman Robertson stated that he knew, as of last week, the beginning of last week, he believed that the State was still advising not to open playgrounds but he didn't know if that had changed.

Mr. Harrington stated that he had not seen any update. He knew that the State playgrounds at all the parks are not open.

Chairman Robertson stated that this was correct and that was in the memo that Mr. Harrington has sent them but let's see if they can find the specific state guidelines before they do anything. He didn't know how the rest of the Board feels about that and all Board members agreed with that and Mr. Lawrence agreed as well.

Mr. Lawrence stated that the last item that he had, and he gave John a copy of the form, is a letter to be signed for a grant extension for the Hartford Brook grant.

Chairman Robertson stated that indeed, they did have that with them.

Mr. Lawrence stated that he just wanted to make sure that it gets signs and that is the last thing that he had.

Chairman Robertson stated that it is on the list of signatures for this evening.

Mr. Lawrence thanked the Board.

Chairman Robertson stated that he was going to come back and see if they had Mr. Garland of F.L. Merrill Construction with them.

He stated that it didn't seem like that did so he would move to their regular agenda.

Regular Business:

Review of Outstanding Minutes of June 8, 2020 and June 15, 2020

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve the minutes of June 8, 2020

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve the minutes of June 15, 2020

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Accounts Payable of June 15, 2020, \$36,473.71

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve the accounts payable of June 15, 2020 in the amount of \$36,473.71

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Accounts Payable of June 22, 2020, \$33,447.41

Motion: Selectman McGarry moves to approve the accounts payable manifest of June 22, 2020 in the amount of \$33,447.41

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Payroll Manifest week ending June 10, 2020, \$85,292.75 (gross), \$58,492.64 (net)

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to approve the payroll manifest for the week ending June 10, 2020 in the amounts given.

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman Robertson stated that he is going to move on just in the order that he has things here to the dog warrant.

They had a letter of recommendation from Kelly, the town clerk, advising them that she would like them to direct civil forfeiture in the amount of \$25.00 for anyone who hasn't licensed their dog by July 20th, 2020 with a cost of service not to exceed \$7.00 for each, unlicensed dog on the list.

Kelly gave them some background information. There are approximately 528 unlicensed dogs. If you are on the Board, it is a good idea to check that list.

He didn't know if Kelly was still with them but if she was, he would be happy to hear comments from her regarding this.

Ms. Roberts stated that she has submitted the warrant for their approval and there is 500 on the list. After they send out the notice, a lot of that will be cleaned up and then the rest they will be working on getting licensed.

Chairman Robertson added that once they get the deceased dogs, the dogs that have moved, off the list, that will help.

The chairman asked if there were any questions and with none heard asked for a motion.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to put in force, the dog warrant as recommended by the town clerk

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Selectwoman McHugh thanked the town clerk.

Selectman Dill stated that it makes Ms. Roberts life a whole lot easier if people license their dogs to which Selectwoman McHugh stated that yes, it does make it a whole lot easier and when they put their tags on too.

Chairman Robertson stated that they had a proposal for a facilities premises license agreement, essentially a rental agreement for town property.

He thought one of the biggest changes that are enacted by this proposal is one, the formality of the agreement and two, this would allow consumption of alcohol with the management of the building's approval and that is something that in the past they have not allowed in the town hall or on town premise.

He didn't know if they had an opportunity to review this. He knew with the alcohol, they are not interested in hosting beer parties on town property but this has come up primarily with folks who wanted to use the town hall or the gazebo field for weddings, to have a champagne toast, that sort of thing and have been disheartened that this was an impossibility in their home town.

Mr. Harrington asked if he could add to this.

He stated that this would not replace the current town hall rental agreement. That was not the intent of this. This was more for their outdoor spaces such as the fields, on the side of GBW, possibly the gazebo field so he just wanted to make that clear. This was not intended for the town hall.

Chairman Robertson thought that either way, if it is not intended for the town hall, it would likely call them into question if they have rental agreement and policy whereby they let people have alcohol at events when they are using spaces other than the town hall, they are likely to have folks come back and ask how about the town hall.

Mr. Harrington stated that he could certainly amend the agreement with that as a consideration if the Board would like.

Chairman Robertson stated that he didn't know if the Board has had a chance to review this.

Selectman Dill asked Mr. Harrington if this was attached to one of the emails that he sent and where would he find it.

Mr. Harrington stated that this would have been in the emails with all the documents and this is an important part of the senior program that will function tomorrow. This is for the program coordinator to sign understanding that they are using the town's facility.

Normally, that would have been covered with the usage agreement signed when they use the building in Parks and Rec but because they are going to be outside of the building, it needed to be specified and clarified and there is also a clause in there concerning COVID-19.

Selectman Dill stated that he just found it. He hadn't opened it before.

Mr. Harrington stated that this is the reason that it was developed. It is based on recommendations by Primex.

Chairman Robertson asked if the Board was comfortable moving ahead with the agreement that Mr. Harrington had prepared?

Many members of the Board agreed.

Chairman Robertson stated that he thought that they should get a motion because it is an agreement to which Mr. Harrington agreed.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve the new building usage agreement

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 3, Nay 0, Abstained 1 – Motion Carries

Chairman Robertson stated that they had a basic service plan agreement from Always Accessible Service Plan and he was assuming that this was the lift in the GBW to which Mr. Harrington stated that he was correct.

This was a renewal of the service agreement that they have had in place.

He could give them the specifics. It is \$929.00 for a two-year contract for their service plan.

Selectwoman McHugh asked if this was all budgeted for to which the town administrator stated that it was.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve the service agreement for Always Accessible

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman Robertson stated that they had a project agreement modification as noted from Mr. Lawrence for the Hartford Brook project. It is essentially extending the project and keeping them in the good graces of the State of New Hampshire's Department of Natural and Cultural Resources with regard to the grant which extends the project out to May 31, 2022.

Motion: Selectman McGarry moves to approve the extending of the grant for Hartford Brook

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Land Use Change Tax – Shawn and Richard Labrie, Map 409, Lot 57.

The piece coming out of current use is valued at \$68,000.00. The LUCT penalty is \$6,800.00.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to collect the Land Use Change Tax in the amount of \$6,800.00

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion: The vice chairman asked what street it was on and the chairman stated that he didn't know and Mr. Harrington added that it was at 76 Nottingham Road is the street address of the applicants and Perry Road is the location of the land.

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Town Administrator's Report:

Just to keep the question in front of the Board, or current when he is asked, is the Board comfortable staying in this format to meet or would they like to consider meeting in public again. They usually get this question a couple of times a week.

Selectman Dill stated that he would rather stay in this format currently, himself.

Vice Chairman Pitman asked if they would have a better meeting if they met as they were more apt to talk things over but that he didn't have a problem with this as it is a good way.

Chairman Robertson stated that this is the way that he would feel also. If they had something vital that they had to have someone come in and talk to them where the Board could see them, he was probably comfortable at this stage of the game but for meetings like tonight, where they are working through basic, regular business, he was comfortable in this format.

Mr. Harrington stated that he had no problem staying in this format as long as the Board is comfortable. If that situation arises, he would let them know and as long as the Governor's order stays in place, they are good in this format.

He did want to bring into the minutes today as part of the municipal reimbursement fund, part of GOFER, that their first billing to the state was \$1,101.64 and if the Board is in agreement to accept that dollar amount, it's under \$10,000.00 so they don't need a public hearing, but the Board needs to accept those funds when they are reimbursed to them.

Motion: Selectman McGarry moves to accept the GOFER funds when received from the State

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Last on his administrator's report is because of a recent emergency order from the governor, it reversed a previous order which put a halt to all foreclosures which is why the auction has been suspended for town-owned properties. That has been lifted so what he would need from the Board to move forward with scheduling a date for the auction, is a final approval of the property list that they had previously seen but had left open the option of making changes.

If the Board is comfortable with the list as is, he would need a vote on that so that they could finalize that and get it to the auctioneer.

Chairman Robertson stated that at this late date, they should just move ahead but he didn't know how the rest of the Board felt.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve the list of town-owned properties to go to auction

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion: Selectman McGarry stated that he had a few comments on some of these parcels. He had two comments.

There was one parcel, Map 208, Lot 15 which was Doliver which is 1.1-acres and it is behind the Knowles Cemetery that is there and the question that he had was do they want to consider using this acreage to add to that cemetery?

Chairman Robertson stated that it is certainly something that they could look at.

Selectman Dill asked which cemetery it was to which it was stated that it was on North Road, approximately a quarter of a mile up going north from Freese's Pond on the right.

Chairman Robertson added that it had the large, granite slabs around it and the vice chairman added that it was the Old Berger property.

Vice Chairman Pitman stated that he thought that it was a good idea. Some day someone would have wished they had it.

Chairman Robertson asked how the Board felt? Do they want to hang onto to the Doliver land and take that one off? It is the second property on the chart.

Vice Chairman Pitman stated that they might as well as it can't be divided anyway.

Selectman Dill stated that it was a good find. He would agree with holding off on it if everyone else agrees.

Chairman Robertson asked if there was general agreement that they would remove the Doliver land on North Road. No one disagreed and they would take Map 208, Lot 15 off.

Mr. Harrington stated that he had that.

Selectman McGarry stated that he had two others, both of which are right on Freese's Pond, directly off of Route 107 and it is Map 208, Lot 59 and is listed as the West land and he believed that it was on the east side of Route 107 and it shows it as .51-acres and it includes a small island that is in Freese's Pond itself and then there is another one which is directly opposite that one, it's Map 208, Lot 003 with unknown prior ownership and that is .4-acres and really, he couldn't see any value to somebody else acquiring this other than they could conceivably get into a situation where somebody wants to try and squeeze something onto that lot like is occurring at the north end of Pleasant Lake.

Chairman Robertson thought that the other factor there is that first piece is pretty heavily used by the public for access, there is always folks fishing and putting in their boats.

Selectman Dill stated that is where everyone pulls off to fish in those two spots on either side.

The chairman asked if the town administrator got those lots to which he wanted them repeated. The first one is Map 208, Lot 059 and he believed that Fred said the second one was Map 208, Lot 003.

Chairman Robertson asked for other recommendations.

Selectman McGarry stated that those were the only three that he had comments on.

Chairman Robertson asked if the Board was in general agreement that they should proceed with the list that they had seen before and reviewed again, now.

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Paving and Road Reconstruction:

Chairman Robertson stated that they needed to come to some decision or recommendation here as to who they were going to award to or they are going to be talking to the pavers in November and hoping that they get some paving done before it snows.

Selectman McGarry asked if the chairman wanted him to give an update to which he stated that he would love that.

Selectman McGarry stated that he talked to Steve Keech and he offered to come out and take a look at the three locations which they were proposing to have paved.

He had recommended that where ever they had any “rutting” that is taking place and it is certainly occurring on at least on Middle Road and on Candia Road and dependent on how much pavement is currently there in place, rather than doing a shim coat, it would be better off to do what is referred to as “cold planing” or “milling” where they are grinding down the high spots and then basically having it flat across the pavement and then putting the inch and a half of wearing coarse on top of that.

Again, he had offered to come out and take a look. Selectman McGarry stated that he talked to Jeff “can’t pronounce his last name” from R & D Paving and they do have that the cold planing capability so what they would have to do, based on what recommendations that Steve Keech had, would have to take and negotiate with R & D as far as the extent of the cold planing that they would be doing.

Steve Keech said that the prices from R & D were excellent prices so they really didn’t want to lose them as the paving contractor.

Vice Chairman Pitman stated that the homework that he did, he was told, no matter what, don’t cut down on the top layer. He checked with two other people in the know and a lot of big operations in our town and they said, whatever they do, don’t cut that top layer. That is what is part of the problem with the roads now is that it is thin and is already breaking up.

Selectman Dill stated that he would assume that the cold planing is pretty expensive per foot.

Selectman McGarry stated that R & D said that it works out to \$3.00 or \$4.00 a running foot based on the width of the road and when you look at what the cost is for the shim course, it is close to being comparable.

Vice Chairman Pitman stated that it would be worth looking into.

Selectman Dill stated that they would have to use quite a bit of shim to fill those ruts in, they are pretty deep and Selectman McGarry agreed with him.

Selectwoman McHugh asked if the road agent was on the line?

Mr. Harrington stated that he did not see him.

Selectman McGarry stated that what he would want to do is to offer to Steve Rollins to come out with Steve Keech and discuss the cold planing.

Vice Chairman Pitman stated that definitely, the road agent should be there.

Chairman Robertson asked if they wanted to award the bid?

Selectman Dill added that it should say to “adjust as needed”?

Vice Chairman Pitman asked if they could do like they have done in the past, up to \$250,000.00 which is the budgeted amount to get it rolling.

Chairman Robertson stated that he thought that it was a good idea.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to award the road reconstruction/paving contract to R & D Paving up to \$250,000.00

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion: Mr. Harrington stated that he had one comment and that whatever the final agreement is, he would recommend that they ask R & D to submit a final agreement to what has been discussed and what has been agreed upon because right now they had a bid for the full amount of \$276,000.00, so you can still award it but they would still need a final work proposal so that the Board could sign off on that so that they knew what they were agreeing to.

Chairman Robertson asked if it could be awarded conditionally to which Mr. Harrington stated that he thought it could and the vice chairman added just so that they know that they are in the door.

Mr. Harrington asked Selectman McGarry if he could pass that information on when he talked to them that the town would need something finalized when they were done their discussion.

Selectwoman McHugh asked if this was changing what was put out before to bid to which Selectman McGarry stated that yes, it would be.

Selectwoman McHugh asked how they could award it to a company when the other companies haven't had a chance to get back.

Vice Chairman Pitman asked if anyone else bid it and it was answered that no, it was just R & D.

Mr. Harrington stated that basically, what this represents is a negotiation during the bidding process. They are going to conditionally award the bid but they are going to continue their negotiations. When they finally finish the negotiations, that is when you would be looking for a service agreement.

Selectwoman McHugh stated that she knew that, she just didn't remember that they didn't have anyone else bid.

Vote: Yea 3, Nay 0, Abstained 1 – Motion Carries

Chairman Robertson asked Mr. Harrington what other materials have not been awarded?

Mr. Harrington stated that it would be the reconstruction materials. They had three bidders, Earth Northeast Earth Mechanics, Deerfield Sand and Gravel and F.L. Merrill Construction. That is for all the different sizes of stone and crushed materials.

Chairman Robertson added that it was minus, bank run and processed.

Mr. Harrington stated that this was correct and there is a delivery charge and there is also a pick up difference. He had handed them a formatted chart of those.

Chairman Robertson stated that he was looking at it as he spoke.

He continued that the discussion that they had, everyone was fairly familiar with the numbers and it came down to whether they felt comfortable awarding it to the local company actually owned by the highway agent as opposed to the other bidders.

His recollection was that they had circular discussion about it and decided to kick it down the road until tonight but again, it is something that they need to award. They are past the twelve months that were awarded previously.

Selectman McGarry stated that they had two different motions of which neither got a second.

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to award the reconstruction materials contract to Deerfield Sand and Gravel

Second: No second

Discussion:

Vote: Motion Fails

Selectwoman McHugh stated that she is just trying to look at the figures first.

She asked when the chart was sent out and the chairman stated that it was probably around May 28th or 29th, more in that vicinity.

Mr. Harrington stated that it would have been prior to the meeting that they had and the chairman stated that he thought that it was May 28th.

Vice Chairman Pitman stated that he thought that Earth Mechanics was out of it because of the price and others on the Board added that they were the highest.

Selectman Dill stated that it comes back to that pick up verses delivery problem that they keep running into.

Chairman Robertson stated that Deerfield Sand and Gravel is cheaper on the delivery certainly than Merrill Construction.

They are also cheaper on the pickup because the town can do it with town trucks and the chairman added that they are also cheaper on delivery by a lot.

Motion: Selectman McGarry moves to award the reconstruction material contract to F. L. Merrill Construction

Second: No second

Discussion:

Vote: Motion Fails

Chairman Robertson stated that if they don't approve a contract, it is going to be at the beck and call of the road agent to get the materials that he needs.

Selectwoman McHugh stated that she thought she wanted to jump onboard with Selectman Dill but they were just going to have to watch the material, she guessed. There is quite a bit of difference between delivery charges and she realized that Steve is right here in town. \$12.50 delivery verses \$17.00 delivery.

Chairman Robertson asked Selectman Dill if he was willing to remake that motion?

Vice Chairman Pitman asked if there is a way, and they hate to say it but could they double check the loads? He didn't have a problem with it being Deerfield Sand and Gravel other than the fact of how did they know, weigh slips?

Selectman Dill stated that this was the problem he was coming down with.

Vice Chairman Pitman stated that this was Fred's issue.

Selectman Dill stated that he would assume that they would have slips when they run over the scales. Fred's issue, and he understood it, was that the same person that is ordering the gravel is the same person that is selling the gravel which he understands is an issue, but it just comes down to cost just as much with him and he agrees that they are going to have to watch it.

There is such a difference in cost that he didn't see he spending the extra money before they have a problem.

Vice Chairman Pitman asked the chairman if there was some way to revoke the contract if they came up with an issue to which he answered that he was not sure of the logistics of pulling a bid that was awarded. It has never happened in his tenure as a board member.

Mr. Harrington stated that the only thing that they had in there in the RFB is that conditional or qualifying bids will be accepted and the town reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Chairman Robertson added, but not the contract once it was awarded and Mr. Harrington stated that they didn't have language in there for this.

The chairman stated that he thought if there were general malfeasance, he thought that they would be in their rights to end the contract.

Mr. Harrington stated that it sounded about right.

Chairman Robertson asked if there were any other discussion.

Vice Chairman Pitman stated that he thought that they should go with Selectman Dill's deal and give it a try.

Motion: Selectman Dill moves to award the reconstruction material bid to Deerfield Sand and Gravel

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 3, Nay 1, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

New or Other Business:

Selectman Dill stated that a couple of months ago he brought up repainting the stop line at the end of South Road by Route 43. Somebody missed that stop sign again the other day. They didn't have the stop line painted up there yet. He knew that Steve was amiable to going up there and painting it but it is not there. He thought that they should do some serious looking something with that intersection. They are getting a lot of accidents up there.

Mr. Harrington asked what intersection was he talking about again.

Selectman Dill stated that it was at the end of South Road/Route 43 on the sharp corner also referred to as Butler's Corner. A lot of people are missing that sign and going into traffic.

Chairman Robertson stated that he thought that it was important enough to take to the road agent and get that attended to.

Mr. Harrington stated that he will contact him tomorrow then. He asked Selectman Dill if that was heading south on South Road to which he agreed it was.

Selectman Dill stated that the other question that he had on that intersection is that since it is a town road entering a state road, is the state able to give them any help in making that a safer intersection?

Chairman Robertson stated that his interaction over the years with the state is that they are happy to show up with an engineer, take a look at it and in all situations, they have come back with the town's portion of the expense. He believes that it includes that corner, it also includes the corner down by the brook below the fairgrounds and it includes the Church Street/Candia Road, Route 43.

The last attempt with them to fix an intersection like that was the Church Street/Candia Road/43 one and his recollection is that they wanted somewhere upwards of \$80,000.00 from the town for the state to fix their road. They also wanted labor for a good chunk of the project from the highway department and the highway agent.

They can certainly look into again but he was fairly confident that that will be their answer again. The town's involvement in restructuring will be significant.

Selectwoman McHugh suggested that they send something to them and see what they say so we can say that we tried.

Selectman Dill stated that it is not getting any better the way that it is sitting.

Chairman Robertson asked Mr. Harrington if he could get them a contact at the state to reach out to and he stated that he would look into it.

The chairman stated also that he thought that the other problem there that there are people rocketing off Route 43 because they are going straight, don't attempt to slow down and go into that intersection at 35-45 mph.

Selectman Dill stated that the last one was just because the person wasn't paying attention and went right straight onto South Road and just creamed a car coming up from Candia because they had no idea that there was a stop sign there.

Selectman McGarry stated that they might check with Sylvia to see if she could make a connection with DOT to which the chairman stated that it was a good idea.

The chairman asked for any other new business or other business.

Hearing none, he would look for citizen's comments at this point.

Selectwoman McHugh asked to go into non-public under RSA 91-A3, II(c)

Motion: Selectwoman McHugh moves to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A3, II(c): Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

Second: Vice Chairman Pitman

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman Robertson stated that no action was taken during the non-public session and would take a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to seal the minutes of the non-public session

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Citizen's Comments:

None

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to adjourn

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Next Meeting: Monday, July 6, 2020 at 5:30 pm

*The Minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted by Dianne L. Kimball, Recording Secretary
Pending approval by the Board of Selectmen*