

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
April 25, 2022  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

5:30 – Chairman McGarry called the meeting to order

**Present:** Fred McGarry, Chairman, Richard Pitman, Vice Chairman, Alden Dill, Cynthia McHugh and Will Huebner, Selectmen.

**Pledge Allegiance to the Flag**

**Open Bids for: Town Mowing; Highway Bids (Winter Sand, Road Reconstruction Materials, Roadside Mowing); Town Diesel, Propane and Heating Oil.**

Chairman McGarry: (Could not transcribe as he was muffled and not up to the microphone.

Town mowing, highway bids (couldn't transcribe)

Chairman McGarry read the Invitation to bid for mowing and trimming within the Town of Deerfield. The mowing and trimming shall include George B. White building, town hall, Philbrick-James Library, Monument Hill, fire station, gazebo area and Veasey Park.

All right. First bid is DJ Landscaping, LLC. Total bid of \$7,204.00.

Second bid is from Mark A. Tibbetts with a total bid of \$6,395.00.

Next bid is from TNT Landscaping for a total bid of \$7,200.00.

Next bid is from Blue Sky Landscaping for a total bid of \$7,517.00.

So, the apparent low bidder is Mark Tibbetts for a bid of, what was the number?

Selectman Dill: \$6,395.00.

Chairman McGarry: \$6,395.00.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill moves to go with Mark Tibbetts for \$6,395.00

**Second:** Vice Chairman Pitman

**Discussion:**

Selectman Huebner: Is there any reason to not choose the lowest bidder based on some kind of quality in the past? You know, do we have any history with these guys?

Chairman McGarry: Tibbetts has mowed previously.

Selectman Huebner: Okay. With good results?

Chairman McGarry: Positive experience with Mr. Tibbetts.

Selectman Huebner: Okay.

Selectman Dill: Does that include the transfer station or is that going to be ...?

Mr. Harrington: (couldn't hear answer)

Selectman Dill: Okay. I just wanted to make sure.

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

Chairman McGarry: The vote's unanimous.

Next is mowing and trimming of the athletic fields; Hartford Brook Athletic Field and the Bicentennial Athletic Field.

First bid is D & J Landscaping for a total bid of \$5,414.00.

Next bid is from Mark Tibbetts for a total bid of \$4,858.00.

Next bid is from TNT Landscaping for a bid of \$5,350.00.

And the final bid is from Blue Sky Landscaping for a total bid of \$5,995.00.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill moves to go with Mark A. Tibbetts for \$4,858.00

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

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

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

Next is cemetery mowing and trimming. This includes Old Center Cemetery, Fellows-Sanborn Cemetery on Middle Road, Haynes Cemetery on Haynes Road, Tilton Cemetery across from 106 Nottingham Road and the Parade Cemetery on Nottingham Road near Parade Grounds.

First bid is from D & J Landscaping for a total bid of \$12,119.00.

Next bid is from TNT Landscaping for a total bid of \$13,000.00.

Next bid is from Blue Sky Landscaping for \$12,118.00.

Selectman Dill: Is that it?

Chairman McGarry: And the low bidder is who?

Selectwoman McHugh: This guy.

Selectman Dill: By a buck.

Selectman Huebner: One dollar.

Selectman Dill: Mark, is that got more cemeteries on it than before?

Mr. Young: If it does, (couldn't hear, he wasn't at the microphone).

Selectman Dill: It just seems a lot higher than what it was last year.

Selectman Huebner: What was it last year?

Selectman Dill: I don't know what it was. I don't know but that just seemed high.

Selectman Huebner: Is that something we know right now that, how that compared...?

Mr. Harrington: Those are the same cemeteries as well.

Selectman Dill: Okay. All right.

Selectman Huebner: But I mean what was the contract value last year?

Mr. Harrington: I don't have that right with me.

Selectman Dill: The bid's what it is so I guess we're going to, oh, you made a motion, Dick?

Vice Chairman Pitman: No. I got a question.

Vice Chairman Pitman: What is that, where Mark's involved with the cemeteries, what his thoughts are on this?

Mr. Young: Well, the one we had last year ...

Chairman McGarry: Mark, could you go over to the mic?

Mr. Young: I had issues with the one that did them last year and he is the low bidder on this by a dollar so I just assume use somebody different. That's my opinion.

Selectman Dill: I think we could do that.

Chairman McGarry: Oh yeah, we could.

Selectman Dill: I think, I'm going to make a motion that we go with D&J for \$12,119.00.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill moves to award the cemetery bid to D&J Landscaping for \$12,119.00

**Second:** Selectman Huebner

**Discussion:**

Selectman Huebner: Do we have experience with D&J on mowing for us yet?

Vice Chairman Pitman: I don't even know where they're from.

Mr. Young: No. TNT has mowed for us before but I don't know this D&J.

Mr. Harrington: They're from Concord.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Selectman Huebner: Well, you've never used them before?

Mr. Harrington: No.

Vice Chairman Pitman: He wasn't happy at all with last year so we don't have any choice.

Selectman Dill: Well, we have a choice. We could go with TNT for ....

Selectwoman McHugh: And he's right in town.

Vice Chairman Pitman: He's good to keep it low if we could.

Selectman Dill: He's quite a bit more.

Selectman Huebner: And Tibbetts doesn't want to bid this?

Selectman Dill: He's shaking his head back there.

Selectwoman McHugh: Mark, is this like cemetery cleanup?

Mr. Young: It's clean up, spring and fall cleanup. I'd like to make a decision tonight because we need to get the cleanups going.

Selectman Dill: I made the motion. I don't know if anybody seconded it.

Selectman Huebner: I'll second it.

**Vote: Yea 3, Nay 2, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Chairman McGarry: So, the vote is three to two in favor of D&J.

Thanks Mark.

Selectwoman McHugh: Can I ask a question? Is this just the people that we had last year that didn't show up?

Mr. Harrington: No, these are new bidders.

Mr. Ellis: They are out of Concord.

(Not sure who was talking from the audience but couldn't be transcribed.)

Chairman McGarry: Next is the transfer station, transfer station hill mowing and trimming which includes the transfer station and the transfer station hill also known as the closed landfill.

I have a bid from Mark Tibbetts for \$1,000.00.

We have a bid from Saint's Lawn Care \$7,707.00.

This is cemetery mowing.

Selectman Dill: That was cemetery mowing?

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Selectman Dill: That's significantly, that's like \$5,000.00 lower.

Chairman McGarry: \$5,000.00 lower.

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Chairman McGarry: Do you want to have a motion to reconsider out vote on ...?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Can you tell me the amount again?

Chairman McGarry: That was \$7,707.00.

Selectman Huebner: And you are sure that it's for cemeteries.

Chairman McGarry: That's what it says. Cemetery mowing for Old Center. He lists them individually. Old Center for \$4,365.00. Fellow-Sanborn for \$810.00. Haynes for \$675.00. Tilton for \$810.00 and for the Parade cemetery, \$1,047.00.

Vice Chairman Pitman: (couldn't understand comment).

Chairman McGarry: It's Saint's Lawn Care. Art St. Laurent and there's no listing of where they're from.

Selectman Dill: I know he's put in bids before.

Mr. Harrington: We, Ray, would you like to give your experience with, he did work for us last year. He had the transfer station.

Mr. Ellis: Yeah, he worked for us last year. Did the transfer station. He's out of Pittsfield, New Hampshire. He's a retired police officer. He seemed like a nice guy so we gave him the transfer station last year.

He was low bid last year also on the cemeteries but he was within like five dollars and we didn't dare to take a chance on both.

As it turned out, it was a good decision because I ended up firing him halfway through the season.

He didn't mow the transfer station hill at all. He never called me to tell me that it was getting taller and he couldn't do it with his machine.

I was after him every time it rained. I said, you still have to make up that day and he goes well, just don't pay me that week and I'm like, we can't work like this. I'm going to have to let you go so I had Blue Sky fill in and finish the year out.

So, that's the only time I've ever worked with him so if that helps you.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, it does.

Vice Chairman Pitman: (couldn't hear comment)

Selectman Dill: I would agree with you there, Dick.

Chairman McGarry: So, go with the previous award.

Mr. Harrington: You have two bids for transfer station. One from Blue Sky and one from Mark Tibbetts.

Chairman McGarry: And the bid from Blue Sky is \$2,960.00.

Vice Chairman Pitman: (couldn't understand)

**Motion:** Selectman Dill moves to award the transfer station hill and transfer station mowing to Mark Tibbetts for \$1,000.00

**Second:**

**Discussion:**

Mr. Tibbetts: Can I just verify something?

Mr. Ellis: Mark is just doing the mowing only. Not the hill.

So, what are we going ...?

Mr. Ellis: We're going to deduct that ...

Selectman Dill: Are we doing somebody separate for the hill, then?

Mr. Tibbetts: That's what I thought originally that's what it was, was for the hill and (couldn't hear)

Selectman Huebner: (couldn't hear, audio squelchy)

Chairman McGarry: The advertisement was for both. So, we should be addressing the bid.

Selectman Huebner: Mark, why aren't you going to do the hill?

Mr. Tibbetts: I sold my big bushhog. I have enough and didn't want to (couldn't hear)

The thing is I thought there was going to be two separate bills, bids rather. One for the hill and one for the lower section. I'm not interested in the hill so if you want to pull my bid out, that's fine.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, I think I'm going to retract my motion and if whoever seconded wants to retract that as well.

Mr. Harrington: It wasn't seconded.

Selectman Dill: Oh, it wasn't. Okay. I'm just going to retract my motion.

Chairman McGarry: So basically, we only have one bid.

Selection Dill: Yeah. I'd say we go with Blue Sky for \$2,960.00 then.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill moves to award the transfer station hill mowing and transfer station mowing to Blue Sky for \$2,960.00

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

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

Chairman McGarry: All right. I guess we have a unanimous vote.

Town Heating Oil:

Selectman Dill: I'm glad Mark was here for that one.

An estimate of 14,200 gallons for the town buildings and 12,000 gallons for the school district buildings.

Selectman Dill: This is going to be expensive.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Can I ask a question.

Chairman McGarry: Sure.

Vice Chairman Pitman: I think we're a mistake bidding right now at the peak.

Selectman Huebner: I don't know. Alden and I were just discussing it before the meeting. He feels pessimistic that the rate will come down during this year and I feel optimistic that the rate will come down during the year.

Selectman Dill: What I was discussing and we haven't opened them yet but I'm wondering if these are going to come in as cents over rack price rather than just a straight, flat rate and I'd feel a lot more comfortable this year, like I said, we haven't opened them yet but I'd feel a lot more comfortable this year is a percent, you know, however much over rack than just completely rolling the dice on a flat rate just in case it does change a lot.

Chairman McGarry: So, typically, that's what we've gotten bids in the past ...

Selectman Dill: Depending.

Selectman Huebner: Let's see where they are.

Vice Chairman Pitman: We don't have to award them.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, because we don't to, well hold on, because I know where Dick's going with this is we don't have to award them just yet, right? Dick, that's what you were thinking if we don't open them?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Yeah, I think ...

Chairman McGarry: Well, we can open them and still hold off on the award.

Selectman Dill: Okay. If we can do that, yeah.

Chairman McGarry: Oh, yeah.

Selectman Huebner: Let's see what we're offered.

Chairman McGarry: All right. This is from Rymes and they're offering a price of, I guess it's \$4.459 per gallon for 26,200 gallons so they're bidding at a flat price of \$4.459 per gallon. This price will be effective from June 1<sup>st</sup> and expires on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Selectman Huebner: Do you know what the rack price is right now?

Selectman Dill: I have no, well... I know a couple of local guys are already over that.

Chairman McGarry: This is a price from Irving. Fixed heating oil price, \$3.513 per gallon.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Makes more sense.

Chairman McGarry: September 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Selectman Huebner: (couldn't hear)

Selectman Dill: Yeah, it's starting to make me think they know something we don't.

Chairman McGarry: This one is from Palmer Oil. Price of \$3.999 per gallon.

That's it, John?

Mr. Harrington: That's it.

Selectman Huebner: So, Irving is the obvious low bidder. And they're all flat rates.

Vice Chairman Pitman: They're all flat rates.

Selectman Huebner: So that means we don't take any risk. We take the risk on the downside if it would go way down.

Selectman Dill: But boy, it seems low. I mean I'm pleasantly surprised how low it is.

Chairman McGarry: June 1<sup>st</sup> through May 30<sup>th</sup> which is what we've gotten.

Selectman Dill: That's what ...

Mr. Harrington: But I believe Irving's price was effective September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Selectwoman McHugh: Yeah, September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Harrington: Which would leave a gap.

Chairman McGarry: No.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, at a fixed rate for heating oil is valid until April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Mr. Harrington: That's probably the quote but the heating ...

Selectman Dill: Yes, is September 1.

Mr. Harrington: Is that was we're concerned about because our current heating season runs out with our current vendor at the end of May.

Vice Chairman Pitman: End of May, I don't think we've got a big problem.

Selectman Huebner: Right, do we need heating oil in those months?

Mr. Harrington: If we do, it would be minimal.

Selectman Huebner: So, we could use, spot buy some if we ran out.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, I mean, I ran out the other day but I'm think hard freezes are hopefully over by now.

Vice Chairman Pitman: \$12,000.00 difference.

Selectman Huebner: Why wouldn't we go with Irving then? Is there any reason not to?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Not at all.

Selectman Dill: I don't see any. Yeah, we don't have any hard freezes coming up. I think we're good.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Vice Chairman Pitman: We can always wait and not award it and see what happens?

Selectman Dill: It's a heck of a lot lower than what we're paying, what I just paid for heating oil the other day. I mean, it's, yeah...

Selectman Huebner: So, Dick, are you suggesting we wait into the summer to do this?

Vice Chairman Pitman: This economy is crazy.

It tanked today. Crude did.

Chairman McGarry: What's the Board's pleasure?

Selectman Dill: I'm pretty good at \$3.51 actually.

Selectman Huebner: If we did go with \$3.51 and then the price of the oil came way down, do we have to buy this from this person through that entire time?

(Multiple members of the Board answered, yes)

Selectman Huebner: We can't just cancel that order?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Right. They're going to come in.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, because they have to buy contracts now to fill this later.

Vice Chairman Pitman: What was the budget?

Selectman Dill: Yeah, what did we budget at this year? Do you know off the top of your head? I almost think that's somewhat close to the budget number.

Mr. Harrington: It would be the same as we have this year as we are in a default budget but I don't know that number off the top of my head.

Vice Chairman Pitman: What do you think about waiting until next meeting?

Selectman Huebner: I don't mind waiting.

Chairman McGarry: Any of those have a ...

Mr. Harrington: They may have an expiration to their bid price which then we would have to go out and bid again.

Selectman Huebner: We would have to rebid it.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, that Palmer is valid to the 26<sup>th</sup> of April ...

Mr. Harrington: Which is tomorrow.

Selectman Dill: Which is tomorrow.

The Irving one is valid until the 18<sup>th</sup> of April which has passed and the Rymes one is valid to the 26<sup>th</sup> or the market cost of the next business day.

So, I think we'd have to actually check with Irving based on how this looks to make sure that is the price.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Vice Chairman Pitman: You better make the motion subject (couldn't understand)

**Motion:** Selectman Dill moves that the town go with Irving not to exceed \$3.513 without waiting.

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**



Selectman Dill: I'll modify my motion to say not to exceed because if they suddenly come in lower than that would be awesome but I don't want to pay more than what we got the quote for.

Selectman Huebner: Dick, you prefer to wait?

Vice Chairman Pitman: No, if the budget committee got that near it and I'd be shocked if it is but that's ...

Selectman Dill: Ray says we're close.

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

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

Mr. Harrington: So, we will check with Irving to verify that price? It sounds like the 18<sup>th</sup> was the date that the bids were due. That's when they closed their bid price so we'll call them tomorrow and I'll let the Board know.

Selectman Dill: Thanks, John.

Selectman Huebner: Well, based on what's happened in the market, they should be fine with it.

Chairman McGarry: All right. Next is town propane gas for a total of 4,750 gallons for town buildings and 7,000 gallons for the school district buildings.

(Conversation between Selectmen's Dill and Huebner was not transcribable).

Chairman McGarry: The first bid is from Rymes for the amount of \$2.159 per gallon.

Irving is a fixed price for propane of \$2.655 per gallon. Again, that's \$2.655 per gallon.

And finally, Palmer Gas and Oil bid price of \$2.499 per gallon. Again, \$2.499 per gallon.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, I just had a question for Ray before. Are you

Chairman McGarry: Let's have a motion, do we have second on the motion?

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves to go with Rymes for \$2.159 per gallon

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

Selectman Dill: Who were we using last year, Ray, for propane?

Mr. Ellis: Rymes:

Selectman Dill: Okay. So that negates my question. I just wanted to make sure we weren't going to get into one of those tank situations that we had been in before.

Mr. Ellis: Rymes currently have the bid now.

Selectman Dill: Okay. Thanks, Ray.

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

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

And the next is town diesel fuel, approximately 8,000 gallons of diesel fuel.

One bid. That will make it easy.

A bid from Irving, a price of, this is on April 18<sup>th</sup>, okay, this is a variable diesel price on April 18<sup>th</sup> of \$4.434 per gallon and a fixed diesel price of \$3.769 per gallon starting September 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Selectman Huebner: So, fixed at \$3.769. What's the variable mean?

Chairman McGarry: I have no idea.

Vice Chairman Pitman: \$4.434 so they're banking that it's going to go down.

Selectman Dill: In the fall.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Selectman Huebner: So, does that mean we start paying \$4.424 and then we follow the price as they ...

Selectman Dill: What do they say about the variable? Is it just a certain amount over or is it just whatever it's costing?

Chairman McGarry: The variable rate quoted is \$0.195 dollars over the Irving Commercial fuel rack.

Vice Chairman Pitman: See, that's their rack in the first one which ...

Chairman McGarry: Rack will fluctuate daily but the markup over rack will not change during the duration of the contract.

Selectman Dill: Which is the tough part because that's when we're going to be burning a ton of diesel between now and September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Vice Chairman Pitman: (couldn't hear) ... fixed price.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, but we can't get the fixed price till September.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah, this is interesting here. Fixed rate diesel is valid until April 18<sup>th</sup> which was when the bids were due.

At 11:59 pm, if the quote is accepted, a contract would need to be sent before 5 pm to be signed and returned before 11:59 pm.

If no contract is sent back then the fixed price is no longer valid but can be refreshed at any time upon request.

Selectman Dill: But it's a great offer ...

Chairman McGarry: 8,000 gallons of diesel.

Selectman Huebner: So, I guess we have to go back to Irving.

Selectman Dill: But it's only fixed from September 1 on.

Chairman McGarry: Correct.

Selectman Huebner: So, we have to go variable through the summer and then fixed in the fall.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah, that's what it looks like.

Selectwoman McHugh: Is that what they did to us ....

Vice Chairman Pitman: Something doesn't look right.

Selectwoman McHugh: Is that what they did to us in the heating oil part, too because that doesn't start till September, either.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, but they didn't offer the variable because they figure we're not using heating oil.

Vice Chairman Pitman: We're we getting diesel from now?

Mr. Ellis: The diesel? Irving.

Vice Chairman Pitman: So, we're already probably locked into the better price than this?

Mr. Ellis: We have Rymes the year before that but Rymes stopped doing diesel.

Vice Chairman Pitman: I'm going to wait on this one to get some facts. See how long the one we're on now goes for because it's got to be at least this.

Selectman Huebner: Well, if we get some facts on this and it's this or less, you want to approve up to this amount and just contact Irving for the confirmation that the bid will be honored?

Selectman Dill: I'm guessing whatever we have now, sorry, away from the mic but whatever we have now is probably going to expire May 1, wouldn't it, Dick? Because we always do these about the same time.

Chairman McGarry: May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Selectman Dill: Or May 31<sup>st</sup>. I mean, whatever we're paying now is probably lower. John's looking it up.

Chairman McGarry: We got the question again of now, they're saying their price is only on April 18<sup>th</sup> and we have to confirm that whether the price is still good now.

Selectman Dill: The second half is weird. I mean, these get more complicated every year it seems but that one's new.

Vice Chairman Pitman: It'd be all right to wait two weeks. Get it right.

Selectman Dill: Are there any other fuel suppliers we can contact?

Mr. Harrington: The Palmer bid that won last year was dated April 22<sup>nd</sup> of '21 and it was for the 21-22 season for \$8,000.00, excuse me, 8,000 gallons and the price was on April 21<sup>st</sup> was \$2.699 per gallon.

Vice Chairman Pitman: A buck-ten a gallon...

Chairman McGarry: That was the good old days.

Selectwoman McHugh: How much fuel do we have now?

Mr. Wallace: I don't know.

Selectman Huebner: Again, I'm optimistic that the price would come down.

Selectman Dill: Is there any other fuel contractors we could approach, Ray?

Mr. Harrington: He has to have his conversation over they or it won't be picked up.

Selectman Dill: Yeah. Sorry to keep him moving back and forth, Ray.

Mr. Ellis: I'm sure there is. I didn't reach out to everybody in different towns. I just reached out to the people that have been bidding every year and given an update that the bids have been posted. That's all.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Mr. Ellis: So, I can look into that and see if we can come up with something if you want to. I know we, like I said, Rymes was doing it and we had good luck with Rymes but when they sold the Rymes company to the Canadian outfit, they dropped a lot of their services.

So, I'm surprised they even bid on heating oil this year but the last year they didn't.

Selectman Huebner: So, if we take two weeks, we can get possibly get another bid and you get a verification, ask Irving to give us a bid that's valid on the day that we vote on it.

Chairman McGarry: If we're going to try and solicit additional bids, we have to reopen and give everybody a chance and we can't ...

Selectman Dill: But we only got one.

Chairman McGarry: I know.

Selectman Dill: So, I wouldn't have a problem re-soliciting bids if we only get one.

Vice Chairman Pitman: The question is, does it take effect now or take effect until we're closed.

Chairman McGarry: The \$4.434 would be, apparently would be variable based on 19.5 cents over the rack price until September 1<sup>st</sup>. That's my interpretation of this.

Selectman Huebner: Because they know the fuel is going to high until, through the summer months when all the traveling is going on and then in the fall, it's going to drop again.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Mr. Ellis: The current contract we have with Irving runs out may?

Chairman McGarry: May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Ellis: Yeah.

Selectman Dill: So, we got some time then.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Turn John loose on that tomorrow.

Selectman Dill: Or Ray.

Mr. Harrington: So, do you want to reissue the bid?

Vice Chairman Pitman: We need to find out what that price is from now to September 1<sup>st</sup>, confirm it.

Selectman Dill: Well, they have that in there. It's just the 159.

Mr. Harrington: I believe what they're bid says is its variable until September 1<sup>st</sup> and the higher price is variable.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Selectman Huebner: So, we're telling Irving that we want them to rebid it with a validity date to the next meeting.

Selectman Dill: Well, I'd like to just reopen the bids totally and see what we get and then Irving could resubmit a bid which would get us a valid date.

Selectman Huebner: We should tell them when they bid that we need a validity to a certain date so that they don't do this again. The validity not valid.

Chairman McGarry: We need the date; we need the price date to when we open the bids.

Mr. Harrington: That's all included on the bid.

Chairman McGarry: I know that and then they chose to ignore it.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill moves that we re-solicit bids for diesel fuel, 8,000 gallons

**Second:** Selectman Huebner

**Discussion:**

Selectman Dill: Just to have them ready for our next meeting. I mean, it's two weeks. We should be to get some bids by then.

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

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

The next bid situation is the highway road reconstruction materials.

It is supposed to cover sand, these are all in accordance with the Department of Transportation specifications.

For sand, gravel, crushed gravel, crushed gravel for shoulder leveling, crushed aggregate for shoulders, 2-inch crushed stone, 3 ½ crushed stone and 6-inch crushed stone.

First bid is from Deerfield Sand and Gravel:

3/4-inch crushed gravel  
(He has on-site pickup and he has delivery prices)

So, I'll go down through these.

3/4 -inch crushed gravel	\$10.20 per ton pickup	\$12.95 per ton delivered
1-1/2 inch crushed gravel	\$10.10 per ton pickup	\$12.85 per ton delivered
3-inch minus crushed gravel	\$ 9.95 per ton pickup	\$12.70 per ton delivered
¾-inch crushed stone	\$13.25 per ton pickup	\$15.25 per ton delivered
1 ½ inch crushed stone	\$12.85 per ton pickup	\$14.85 per ton delivered
(which again, we don't have an 1 ½ crushed stone on our bid, our invitation to bid		
6-inch minus crushed stone	\$12.35 per ton pickup	\$14.35 per ton delivered
Processed reclaim	\$12.45 per ton pickup	\$14.47 per ton delivered

We're going to have to look at this closer. I noticed that we don't have a ¾ inch crushed stone in the list of items to be bid on.

Selectman Dill: I think this is why I usually make you, usually make a spreadsheet of this stuff for us.

Selectman Huebner: It's going to be hard to compare apples to apples here.

Chairman McGarry: All right. This next bid is from Northeast Earth.

1-1/2 inch processed gravel	\$16.50 per ton
¾-inch processed gravel	\$17.50 per ton

They are also giving a cubic yard price, too. I guess we'll just stick with a ton, tonnage prices at this point.

3-inch minus bank run	\$15.00 per ton
1 ½ minus erosion stone	\$25.00 per ton
¾ minus erosion stone	\$25.00 per ton

Yeah, see this one is not addressing what we're asking for.

6 inch minus erosion stone	\$25.00 per ton
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Selectman Huebner: They are just giving you a menu.

Chairman McGarry: That was it. Two bids.

Selectman Dill: I guess you're willing to look at these?

Chairman McGarry: I think Fred should probably take a look and get recommendations from Fred as to what

Vice Chairman Pitman: And Ray

Chairman McGarry: Yeah, what they would recommend.

Again, they're, neither one of them are addressing specifically what we're asking for.

All right. Roadside mowing.

First bid is from Sewell Enterprises from Newmarket \$10,000.00 for roadside mowing and brush trimming

Selectman Huebner: You said that they're out of Newmarket?

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Selectman Dill: They've done it before.

Chairman McGarry: Next bid is from Talco Enterprises out of Nottingham. \$13,600.00

Selectman Dill: They did it last year.

Chairman McGarry: It is showing a \$200.00 price per mile for \$13,600.00.

That's it. Two bids.

Selectman Dill: Well, Talco did it the last two years and Sewell did it for a couple years before that so even with the bids ...

Was that what it was?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Yeah. I suggest that we go with Sewell.

Selectman Dill: Oh yeah. You got them in. They came in after. Yeah. I'll second your motion.

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves to award the roadside mowing and trimming to Sewell Enterprises for the amount of \$10,000.00

**Second:** Selectman Dill

**Discussion:**

Selectman Huebner: Is there any concerns with Sewell from the past?

Vice Chairman Pitman: No. He did a great job.

Selectman Dill: It was ...

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

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

Do you have anymore, John?

Mr. Harrington: Winter sand.

Selectman Dill: Winter sand.

Chairman McGarry: Winter sand. Are you going to have to buy much sand, Fred?

Selectman Huebner: Isn't this the thing we have the surplus for?

Selectman Dill: We have a mountain.

Mr. Wallace: We're recycling it now.

Chairman McGarry: Okay, we have a price from Northeast Earth Mechanics for a price of \$14.88 per ton or \$18.60 per cubic yard.

Selectman Dill: And that's it.

Selectman Huebner: And that's it.

Selectman Dill: Are you happy with their sand?

Mr. Wallace: What, the sand we got there? Good.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Real good.

Selectwoman McHugh: That's where that came from?

Selectman Dill: That's where we were getting it from last year.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill moves to award the contract to Northeast Earth Mechanics for \$14.88 per ton

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

Vice Chairman Pitman: Have Freddy get a grip on how much we get (couldn't hear rest)

Mr. Wallace: (was speaking from the audience and couldn't understand his reply)

Selectman Dill: Use what we got in the pile, first.

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

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

Selectman Dill: So, that means we left salt out, right?

Mr. Harrington: We don't typically bid for salt. We haven't in any other year. They sent us a quote last year.

Selectman Dill: Okay. So, we've just signed contracts. We haven't done bids.

Mr. Harrington: That is the first contract that you have ever signed since I've been here.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Mr. Harrington: They solicited a contract with the town but that did not come in this year.

Selectman Dill: We might want to contact them for a price to get it locked in then just so we know what we're dealing with. I know there's only like one supplier but at least we know what we're dealing with.

Selectman Huebner: Is that why we don't bid it?

Selectman Dill: There's two suppliers? There's two.

Yeah, let's see what we can get out of two of them.

Selectwoman McHugh: When did it come in last year? Do you know?

Selectman Dill: It was about this time because I remember Steve did us a good turn on that one because when he locked it in, we were actually lower than the surrounding towns.

Chairman McGarry: All right, Mr. Pitman had asked us to take a look at 25 ash trees at the cemetery and we have three bids total.

The first bid is from J. Messina Excavating out of Deerfield for a price of \$15,000.00.

The next bid is from Accurate Tree Service in the amount of \$16,200.00 and the third bidder is from Swede's Tree Service out of Raymond for \$17,000.00.

Selectman Huebner: Is the scope of work all the same? Is there any stump grinding? Is there anything else offered in those bids?

Selectman Dill: No, that's pretty much removal and chipping.

Selectman Huebner: No stump grinding.

Selectman Dill: No stump grinding. That'll be extra.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Does it say that?

Selectman Dill: Well, none of them list stump grinding so they're going to be extra.

Mr. Harrington: All these trees are in Morrison Cemetery.

Chairman McGarry: Right. I'll read the bids.

From Messina, it's a crane removal of approximately 25 ash trees which have succumb to emerald ash borer along the stone wall at the Morrison Cemetery. Dispose of all wood and associated debris. Access must be granted from abutting residence's field to allow equipment set up and be dry prior to start.

Second bidder is Accurate Cut. Remove approximately 25 ash trees at the Morrison Cemetery. All wood, all the way. Chip brush area and rake clean.

Swede's Job site, Town of Deerfield cemetery. Crane will take down and clean up of all ash trees which are dead or compromised due to emerald ash borer along northern wall across from post office. Access must be granted from an abutting farmhouse through lower opening in wall and ground conditions must be dry and suitable for heavy machinery prior to the beginning of work.

Mr. Bilodeau, do you want to address any of this?

**Mr. Bilodeau, Cemetery Commission:**

Good evening. Thank you. Phil Bilodeau from the Cemetery Committee.

Yes, we had those three, we solicited those three quotes and that's what was presented this evening.

Chairman McGarry: Do you have a recommendation?

Mr. Bilodeau: I have a recommendation to give it to Messina. Messina's done, he just recently did the Parade Cemetery and regard to the stump grinding, you can't grind in a cemetery because you might, you would impact some of the burials and some of the stones so that doesn't take place.

Chairman McGarry: Thank you, Mr. Bilodeau.

Selectman Dill: Is the access going to be a problem with that, Phil?

Mr. Bilodeau: No. We had a meeting just last week and apparently Mr. Messina has already approached the abutter and the abutter is okay with it.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill moves to go with Messina for \$15,000.00

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:** Vice Chairman Pitman stated that he had to abstain because he worked with him.

**Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 1 – Motion Carries**

Chairman McGarry: The vote was 4 yes and one abstention.

Okay. All right. That will be good to get those all taken care of.

Okay, Accounts Payable, oh no. Nick Lawrence. Parks and Recreation.



Mr. Harrington: We're going to need a non-public.

Chairman McGarry: Before this?

Mr. Harrington: Yes.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves to go into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (c & d) (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 waive of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant and

(d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are averse to those of the general community.

**Second:** Selectman Dill

**Discussion:**

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

Chairman McGarry: All right. No votes were taken in the non-public session and could I have a motion to seal the minutes?

**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**

Chairman McGarry: All members voted yes in roll call vote.

Okay, next on the agenda is Nick Lawrence.

**Nick Lawrence – Parks and Recreation:**

Mr. Lawrence: Okay. Good evening.

Okay, so last week I did a bittersweet thing. I handed in my letter of resignation to our town administrator, John Harrington and John invited me to read that to the town tonight and take that opportunity so I'd like to do so.

So, this is addressed to John.

"Dear John:

Please accept this letter of formal notification of my resignation as the Director of Parks and Recreation for the Town of Deerfield, NH.

I plan for my last day to be Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

I would like to thank you and the Deerfield Board of Selectmen for giving me the opportunity to lead this department over the last past five years.

It's been a joy to work with you and serve this wonderful community.

I have learned numerous lessons, built strong relationships and gained invaluable experience in this role that I will take with me for the rest of my career.

As my direct supervisor, your guidance has been consistently beneficial to me on a regular and I greatly appreciate that strong level of support you have given me during my tenure.

In my final two weeks, I will devote my time to working with staff to ensure that the department continues operating at a high level in my absence before a replacement is found.

Please let me know if there's anything else I can offer to aid in the transition.

I wish the very best to the Town of Deerfield and hope to stay in touch in the future.

And that's

Sincerely, Me."

So, moving on to the City of Portsmouth and I just want to let you guys know.

(Multiple members of the Board wished Mr. Lawrence good luck and thanked him for all his work)

Mr. Lawrence: Appreciate it.

Chairman McGarry: All right. Fred Wallace.

**Fred Wallace – Road Agent:**

Mr. Wallace: Good evening.

(Multiple members of the Board stated good evening, Fred)

Mr. Wallace: I would like to see if we could move forward on the position. We had one applicant. The applicant's got some road experience. I think he'd be a good asset for us at this point.

Chairman McGarry: This is for the laborer position, right?

Mr. Wallace. Laborer/truckdriver position.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Where does he live, Fred?

Mr. Wallace: He lives in Dover, NH.

Selectman Dill: You and John did an interview?

Mr. Wallace: Yeah.

Mr. Harrington: This is just proposing the position. This gentleman was the only applicant. I did call references and they were all in the affirmative.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Mr. Wallace: He's got a highway background so I think he'd be good asset to us.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Sounds like you know him, Fred?

Mr. Wallace: I do.

Vice Chairman Pitman: That's a plus.

Mr. Wallace: I have worked with him but I have not worked directly with each other. He's been in other sheds. He's been on a freeway shed. He's been in secondary sheds from DOT.

Chairman McGarry: You haven't overseen his work directly but you do know him.

Mr. Wallace: Yeah.

Selectman Dill: All right.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Wonderful. That's great and in this economy, you found somebody.

Mr. Wallace: Yeah.

Mr. Harrington: One of his recommendations was his immediate supervisor who did work with him.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Mr. Harrington: And highly recommended him.

Chairman McGarry: Good.

Selectman Dill: We haven't been in this situation in a while. How do we move ahead on hiring?

Mr. Harrington: You have a personnel action request which I have filled out which Fred can read. If you choose to make that effective, it would be effective 4/28.

Chairman McGarry: It's in here?

Mr. Harrington: Right here.

Chairman McGarry: Oh, okay.

Selectman Dill: You got to tell us which Fred too. We're talking to two Fred's right now.

Chairman McGarry: All right. Todd Van Akin. The personnel request, action request is full-time, 40 hours at \$19.00 an hour as a new hire. An effective pay period beginning of 4/28.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill moves to hire Todd Van Akin at \$19.00 per hour effective 4/28/2022 and have the chair sign on behalf of the Board pending his background check and driving record check.

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

Selectman Dill: So that's Thursday he's going to start then.

Mr. Wallace: Yes.

Selectman Dill: He's ready to start.

Mr. Wallace: He's ready to go, yeah.

Selectwoman McHugh: Does he have to go through the background check and all that?

Mr. Harrington: This motion can be made pending a successful background check and drivers.

Selectman Dill: Good point, Cindy.

Selectwoman McHugh: We did that already.

Selectman Dill: I don't think we voted, did we?

Chairman McGarry: No. Not yet.

Selectman Dill: I'll modify my motion to say pending background check and driving record check.

Chairman McGarry: Okay with the second?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes.

Selectman Huebner: What about the cost, you know, the pay. How does it compare to ...?

Chairman McGarry: Well, the previous position was for a foreman so we're well below that.

Selectman Dill: We are or we aren't?

Chairman McGarry: We are.

Mr. Harrington: Below the budgeted amount for that position.

Selectman Huebner: But we're also hiring somebody that doesn't have the same kind of quality.

Selectman Dill: And we're also, we're under our current laborers hourly rate still, too.

Selectman Huebner: I guess that's my question is how does it compared to our current laborers.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, we're consistent, yes but we're under where our current employees are long term.

Mr. Harrington: It's an entry level and I did specify at the bottom of the personnel action request to be reviewed in six months.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Sounds good.

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

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

Mr. Wallace: Thank you.

And I guess the second portion I'd like to propose about the paving. I've had a chance to look at a lot of the roads and per the New Hampshire, Southern New Hampshire Planning, I would like to try to do a shim and overlay on South Road from 43 to Birch Road. Birch Road from South Road to Middle Road and then the section that we skipped in Middle Road with shim and overlay.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Sounds like a plan.

Selectman Dill: Is that you shimming or is that ...

Mr. Wallace: It's going to be the company shimming in the bid.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Mr. Wallace: We figured out stuff as far as best we could but we need to get the bids to get a more accurate on what, you know, the emulsion is going to cost and stuff like that but we're hoping to have some left over for me to actually shim some stuff to hold it together because some of it I don't think is going to go through another two-year cycle.

Selectman Dill: No.

Mr. Wallace: You know. We'll call them wallows. We need to address some of those.

Selectman Dill: We're getting holes.

Mr. Wallace: Yeah.

Selectman Huebner: Will this just come out of the budget that we just ...

Vice Chairman Pitman: Are you going to stop by the next meeting, Fred or in two weeks?

Mr. Wallace: Say that again, Dick?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Can you get a quote for us in two weeks?

Chairman McGarry: Well, no, it'll be a bit

Mr. Wallace: Yeah, let's go out to bid, yeah, this stuff.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Is two weeks long to get the bid?

Selectman Huebner: No.

Mr. Wallace: Yeah, I would presume.

Chairman McGarry: It will probably be at least three.

Mr. Wallace: Okay

Selectman Huebner: So, we have extra money in the budget from the warrant article for \$250,000.00.

Mr. Wallace: The unfortunate part with the cost of everything, we're not going to get. That's why to go rebuild sections of road, we're not going to get nothing done. We need to start getting this stuff overlaid or we're going to lose what we got.

Mr. Harrington: On the screen is a section of South Road we were talking about. From the intersection of 43 up to Birch and then the Birch Road...

Selectman Dill: Which is pretty bad right now.

Mr. Harrington: Would be the entire length from Middle Road to South Road and the final proposed would be that section from just beyond the Leavitt's up towards the hill that the worst section of Middle Road that's left there.

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Mr. Harrington: Those are the three sections we're proposing.

Selectman Dill: And then you're saying if we have any money left over to go fix spot holes?

Mr. Wallace: Yeah. We'll do that in-house with the grader skims and it's just a matter of buying the hot top and renting the roller.

Selectman Dill: So, it really just, that's factored in on what we get this bid at if we can do any more.

Mr. Wallace: Yeah, cause I can't, I don't, I can't really tell how much emulsion is going to cost. How much the cold planing is going to cost so we got to get those numbers, you know.

Selectman Huebner: What's the plans for Haynes Road?

Mr. Wallace: Say that again.

Selectman Huebner: What's the plans for Haynes Road.

Selectman Dill: That would be one of those spot fixes.

Mr. Wallace: Yeah.

Chairman McGarry: That would be a big spot.

Mr. Wallace: Yeah, there's, it's in really bad shape.

Selectman Huebner: That road seems like it's going to be lost if we don't do something.

Mr. Wallace: I don't believe sitting here today that that road would last another two winter cycles without something being done.

Mr. Harrington: Estimated cost using \$75.00 a ton for bituminous which is the last estimate we got.

Chairman McGarry: Well, last year we were \$65.00 or \$66.00.

Mr. Harrington: \$75.00 was the number that was being talked about. Just the bituminous alone is estimated at \$438,000.00.

Mr. Wallace: That's just for the hot top.

Mr. Harrington: That's not counting the other portions that would be part of the bid which is the tack coat, cold planing and hand work and flaggers.

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Mr. Harrington: So that leaves approximately \$119,000.00 left in the budget between the budgeted money for road reconstruction and the warrant article that passed.

So, I would not recommend we go any larger in this project until we figure out how much the rest of those items are going to be and the total bid comes in.

And if there is leftover funding, the Board could decide to do other patches.

Chairman McGarry: Now the previous bid, last year's bid, the town was doing the flagging. Are we including flagging on this one too?

Mr. Harrington: Flagging is part of the bid. I talked to Fred and he would like to keep his personnel available to be working elsewhere rather than flagging during this time.

Chairman McGarry: DO we have an estimated, the number of hours for flagging?

Mr. Harrington: No, we haven't had flagging in the bids before.

Mr. Wallace: That way there I can keep, I can keep on cutting shoulders on these roads that we can't get the water off which is just going to be, you know, our labor cost and fuel for the grader and hauling.

Specifically, because if the problem is the water can't get off the road so it's just destroying the roads.

Chairman McGarry: Cindy.

Selectwoman McHugh: You're going, your roads here, you've chosen through the Southern NH Planning recommendations?

Mr. Wallace: Yeah.

Selectwoman McHugh: Where is Haynes Road on that list of recommendations?

Mr. Wallace: To tell you the truth, Cindy, I would have to go upstairs and look at that because it was a lot to take in, that whole map.

Selectwoman McHugh: I was just wondering if it was going to be closer. Once we get this done, would Haynes Road be ...

Mr. Harrington: It's further down the list but because...

Mr. Wallace: Because of volume, I believe.

Mr. Harrington: Because of the volume, it's the next level down of importance. These are level five roads which are the heaviest travel.

Even though Haynes Road is in worse condition, it's not as heavily traveled so it's not, there's still quite a few roads in that level five that need to be addressed.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Well, if Andy's not complaining, well ...

Selectman Dill: It's past Andy's house where that big culvert is.

Mr. Wallace: I don't know. Haynes Road is definitely in tough shape.

Vice Chairman Pitman: What I was getting at Fred was when he asked about it, I was, a pretty good friend that's involved with paving and he said prices are getting locked and if you're lucky, you get in so we can't be hanging around.

Mr. Wallace: Right.

Vice Chairman Pitman: So, you know.

Mr. Wallace: Right, so we just need to get the, some bids for this work.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Correct.

Selectman Huebner: And if we're going to use hired flaggers rather than the town like we used to use, right? What's the price of the flaggers in those bids? We probably don't know yet, right?

Mr. Wallace: No but it compares to, we just had \$19.00 an hour for a laborer for ourselves, right? If they are going to charge us \$40.00 an hour obviously for flaggers, then we probably shouldn't be doing that.

Chairman McGarry: Flaggers will be higher than \$19.00 an hour.

Selectman Huebner: So, I'm wondering why we would, I mean you said that ...

Mr. Wallace: Only to get to other sections of the road because if we waste a month and a half, two months while they're in here paving when I could be cutting these shoulders and getting this water off these roads, I think it's going to extend the roads life expectancy.

Vice Chairman Pitman: You're probably only talking two weeks.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, we're not, we're in and out quicker on paving than that.

Mr. Wallace: Yeah, I'm not sure how fast they are.

Selectman Huebner: Because you're doing that cutting for the drainage at maybe, I'm just guessing, \$40.00 an hour or something, whatever they're going to charge for the flaggers.

Mr. Wallace: Yeah.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, okay.

Selectman Huebner: So that's not good for the town.

Selectman Dill: But like this, it will be, if everything's set up and ready to go with paving, that'll be in and the weather cooperates, that should be in and out in a couple, you know a week, maybe two.

Mr. Wallace: With that other guy, we can get rolling. I could, I can be cutting shoulders Thursday of this week, you know.

Chairman McGarry: We'll have to include a bid item for flagging.

Mr. Harrington: It is currently in the bid but it sounds like the Board is talking about taking it out of the bid.

(Multiple members of the Board were talking over each other so it was not transcribable).

Selectman Huebner: Make it a line item so that we see the cost.

Chairman McGarry: Exactly.

Mr. Harrington: Okay.

Selectman Dill: So, Fred, do you think we could have those bids ready for ...

Chairman McGarry: I think John has got, pretty much put together, I guess, we'll have to add the bid item for flaggers and we'll have to have ...

Mr. Harrington: It's in there.

Chairman McGarry: Number of hours?

Mr. Harrington: I don't have a number of because ...

Chairman McGarry: We need hours.

Mr. Harrington: Okay.

Chairman McGarry: Because if you don't want to put hours in there, they could put a \$1,000.00 an hour and because there's no extension...

Mr. Harrington: So, I'll work with you on estimating hours?

Chairman McGarry: Right.

Mr. Wallace: And if they're in and out of here in two, two and a half-weeks, then let's take that right out of it, you know what I mean? Depends on what the bid is. If it's a line item, we'll know if it's good for us or not, you know?

Selectman Dill: It should be that fast.

Chairman McGarry: We figure that we'll need two flaggers, one on each end of wherever they're paving and go from there and if we figure on two weeks just to extend that out to two weeks, 80 to 160 hours of flagging or whatever, someplace in that vicinity.

Mr. Harrington: Okay. I can talk to your tomorrow on that.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Thanks, Fred.

Selectman Dill: Anything else going on in town? Have you gone through your equipment inventory yet? I know you're working on that.

Mr. Wallace: Yeah, I'm, I've got a lot more information probably next time I meet with you guys.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Mr. Wallace: I got a better chance to look at some stuff. We've been fixing some stuff. Going through some stuff. We've got a pile of steel down there we're ready to get rid of. We've got the trailer rolling.

Selectman Dill: So, the trailer we haven't used in years?

Mr. Wallace: Yeah. Yeah, we've got that rolling. We might be using it tomorrow in fact to move the sweeper because we are going to be sweeping bridges.

Selectman Dill: Good.

Chairman McGarry: One of the things too, I guess, is that we're going to be able to use or the contractor will be directed to use our crushed pavement that we have down in the pit too, for this?

Mr. Wallace: Yeah, that's correct. I'd like, we're going to do the shoulder graveling ourself.

Chairman McGarry: Oh okay, we will do it.

Mr. Harrington: So, we're not including the shoulder gravel right now in the bid.



Mr. Wallace: Right.

Chairman McGarry: So, we'll just hire a piece of equipment to be, to do the spreading?

Mr. Wallace: Yeah. Correct. In two weeks, we'll shoulder gravel everything. Probably not even that long.

Selectman Dill: Okay and that'll save us quite a bit on this.

Mr. Wallace: Yeah. Exactly. I could do it with the grader but I don't really want to put a grader blade on brand new asphalt. I've done it in the past but I prefer not to.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Selectman Dill: Sounds good. Thanks Fred. Sounds like we're making progress.

Mr. Wallace: Yeah, we're making headway.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Thank you for the good work, Freddy.

Mr. Harrington: So, once I work with you on the flagger hours, I can get this posted this week.

Chairman McGarry: Yep.

Mr. Harrington: Okay.

Selectman Dill: For, well that's what I meant by how fast? You're looking at not the next meeting probably, right?

Chairman McGarry: No

Selectman Dill: Probably next you're thinking, Fred?

Mr. Harrington: At least three weeks.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah, probably bid time of three weeks, bid period of three weeks and hopefully we'll, and with the fact that we're not going to be allowing an escalator on that, that'll force whoever the bidder is to come in here and...

Selectman Dill: And get it done.

Chairman McGarry: And, get it done.

Mr. Harrington: So likely the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

(Talk from the audience wasn't able to be transcribed)

Chairman McGarry: We certainly don't want to be holding them up.

Mr. Wallace: Right.

### **Longevity Award – Officer Mitchell Newell**

Chairman McGarry: We have a longevity award for Mitchell Newell, Officer Mitchel Newell for five years of service and he's not here but we ...

Mr. Harrington: I will make sure the award gets to him.

Chairman McGarry: Pass this onto the chief and have it awarded to Mitchell.

Selectman Dill: He may show up at the end of the meeting maybe.

**Regular Business:**

**Review of Outstanding Minutes of April 11, 2022**

**Motion:** Selectman Dill moves to accept the minutes as written from April 11, 2022

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

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

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

**Vouchers/Payroll Manifest/Accounts Payable Manifest:**

**Accounts Payable Manifest - \$28,516.99**

**Motion:** Selectman Dill moves to approve the Accounts Payable manifest of \$28,516.99

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

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

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous

We have payroll?

Mr. Harrington: You had two that you signed last week. They're in your correspondence.

Chairman McGarry: We had an accounts payable manifest for last week for \$912,152.48 of which \$850,000.00 was for the school.

And payroll manifest was gross payroll for week ending, period ending April 13<sup>th</sup>, gross payroll of \$79,553.45 with a net payroll of \$50,247.46.

Okay.

**Signatures/Correspondence:**

**Notice of Intent to Cut Wood/Timber – Roscoe and Kathleen Blaisdell on Mountain Road of 90 acres.**

**Motion:** Selectman Huebner moves to table the intent to cut wood/timber as presented until the next meeting

**Second:** Selectman Dill

**Discussion:**

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

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

All right.

**Notice of Intent to Excavate – Paul Smith, Blakes Hill Road – Estimate of 300 cubic yards.**

Mr. Smith is, has a grandfathered pit on Blakes Hill Road.

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve the notice of intent to excavate for Paul Smith

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

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

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

**Wood/Timber Cut – Mr. A's Firewood & Logging, Inc.**

This is on Roscoe Blaisdell's property. Total of \$550.84 timber tax

**Motion:** Selectman Dill moves to collect the timber tax as stated in the amount of \$550.84  
**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh  
**Discussion:**  
**Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

**Application for Veteran's Tax Credit – James Chainer – Range Road - \$750.00**

**Motion:** Selectman Dill moves to approve the Veteran's Tax Credit for James Chainer  
**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh  
**Discussion:**  
**Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

Vice Chairman Pitman: So, I'm confused. This is Roscoe. This is stuff that he's already cut.

Selectman Dill: That's last year's cut. That's the ...

Vice Chairman Pitman: To get the payment?

Selectman Dill: Yeah, that's the tax, the cut/stumpage report so we can charge timber tax.

Selectman Huebner: So, he was assessed \$590.00 in timber tax for last years.

Selectman Dill: There's not much timber tax on firewood cuts. Really timber tax isn't a huge, I mean, it does bring in some money but it's not a huge moneymaker.

Chairman McGarry: Okay, we have a Veteran's Tax Credit for Scott A. Henderson – 10 Prospect Road - \$750.00.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill moves to approve the Veteran's Tax Credit for Scott A. Henderson at 10 Prospect Road for \$750.00  
**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh  
**Discussion:**  
**Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

Selectman Huebner: Do we cover groups of things that are similar like the veteran's taxes and solar taxes, I mean credits?

Vice Chairman Pitman: You mean read them all off and then vote once?

Selectman Huebner: Yeah. Just to kind of be efficient.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Selectman Dill: Here's a pile of them.

Chairman McGarry: Like last time?

Selectman Huebner: Yeah.

Chairman McGarry: All right. Elderly Exemption.

Selectman Huebner: What's the age for the elderly exemption?

Selectman Dill: It's three-tiered levels.

Melissa J. Graykin	12 Coffeetown Road	\$70,000.00
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**Motion:** Selectman Huebner moves to approve the elderly exemption for Melissa J. Graykin  
**Second:** Selectman Dill  
**Discussion:**  
**Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

**Land Use Change Tax - \$13,500.00 – Jeffrey Caira for property at 224 Middle Road**

**Motion:** Selectman Dill moves to collect the LUCT from Jeffrey Caira at 224 Middle Road  
**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh  
**Discussion:**  
**Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

**Land Use Change Tax - \$9,000.00 - Sandra Cross – 1 Range Road**

**Motion:** Selectman Dill moves to collect the LUCT from Sandra Cross for 1 Range Road  
**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh  
**Discussion:**  
**Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

All right. These are all (couldn't transcribe) read them all individually with the amount of what the exemption would end up being.

Onksen	74 South Road	\$1,600.00
Lonergan	19 Meetinghouse Hill Road	\$10,200.00
Serita Frey	26 Saddleback Mountain Road	\$25,200.00
(couldn't transcribe person as paperwork was being moved		\$14,000.00
Nicole Dunbar	77 Hartford Brook Road	\$15,400.00
<del>George Thompson</del>		
<del>Family Revocable Trust</del>		
George Family		
Revocable Trust		\$88,200.00
John Howard	46 Nottingham Road	\$14,400.00
Bruce Adam and Trustee		
And Robert Cote, Trustee	32 Mountain Road	\$5,280.00
Christopher and Jill Carr	9 Mountain Road Extension	\$9,600.00
Joseph and Susan Beaulieu	10 Companion Road	\$14,400.00
Christa Gazzola	39 Perry Road	\$13,200.00

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve the solar exemptions as presented  
**Second:** Selectman Dill  
**Discussion:**

Selectman Huebner: A little discussion. We had a citizen's comment last meeting about the magnitude of the credits for solar and other items and how it affected the tax rate, mill rate for the whole town. Are we going to get to that in this meeting separately?

Chairman McGarry: Yeah, I guess we could mention that.

Vice Chairman Pitman: I don't know what we have to discuss. It was a warrant article.

Selectman Dill: It's a petition warrant article that passed. I mean the only way to revoke it would be to make another petition warrant article against it and have it pass.

Selectman Huebner: Right and of course we have so much invested in this already, it would be an equity issue.

Selectman Dill: But I'm just saying, I agree with Dick that we can, it's a petition warrant article.

Selectman Huebner: Right.

Selectman Dill: And it's now a town ordinance.

Vice Chairman Pitman: This is going to push us up over a million and a half.

Chairman McGarry: What are we at right now, Dick? What's that number?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Basically \$1,400,000.00. with 81 households

(couldn't understand what was being stated)

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

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous in favor.

All right.

(Multiple conversations going on – couldn't transcribe)

Selectman Dill: Thank you for doing those in a block, Fred. I know it was a lot of reading at one time but I think it saves us time in the long run.

Chairman McGarry: Beats doing them individually.

Selectman Dill: It does make is easy that way, Cindy.

This is the type of riveting tv that we needed the live stream for.

Selectman Huebner: Anybody know why the one application was so much higher than the normal amount?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Number of panels on the roof. It's huge.

Selectman Huebner: And is there any limit to the amount of exemption that you can get?

Selectman Dill: Currently, no. It just says, if I remember it correctly, it's just exempting the solar power equipment. There isn't a dollar amount.

Selectman Huebner: If there was a warrant article just to cease the exemption, that, we could still leave the people who have it grandfathered as approved, right?

Selectman Dill: It would depend on how it was written, yeah.

I mean, this was a state law that the state house decided was a, to put in and then it was applied to each town as they, if they voted for it.

Selectman Huebner: Yeah, if they voted for it.

Selectman Dill: It wasn't just a town move.

Chairman McGarry: We have a cemetery plot application Anthony Fusco for \$1,100.00 in the Old Center Cemetery.

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve the cemetery plot sale as presented

**Second:** Selectman Dill

**Discussion:**

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

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

The Town of Deerfield and the Deerfield School District Memorandum of Understanding. This memorandum to the 2009 memorandum of understanding. This, I should say, to the 2009 Memorandum of Understanding is to clarify how the costs for the maintenance and repairs to the emergency generator occurring outside of the yearly generator maintenance agreement are paid for and this is the Town of Deerfield and the school district will equally split the cost of any repairs or maintenance of the emergency generator that occurs outside of the yearly generator maintenance agreement.

And this would call for a signature by the chair on behalf of the Board.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill moves to allow the chair to sign the updated MOU

**Second:** Vice Chairman Pitman

**Discussion:**

Chairman McGarry: Cindy?

Selectwoman McHugh: What is, is this a maintenance agreement that the town pays half of the school's generator maintenance?

Mr. Harrington: Currently, what's in the MOU is that the town has taken on the cost of the annual maintenance

Selectwoman McHugh: Of the school generator.

Mr. Harrington: Inspection of the generator and we take care of any costs that come up at that point.

During the time that the actual generator is being used in an emergency situation, the school will take care of all the fuel costs during that time while the generator is running in an emergency capacity. What we found out was there was a loophole that there was no language what happens if the generator sends out a warning when there's no emergency. The annual maintenance review has already been done and we have to make a repair. This fixes that loophole in the agreement and the school has agreed we'll just split the cost. If there's a radiator hose that breaks or an oil leak and the vendor needs to be called to repair, we'll just split the cost.

Selectwoman McHugh: Why? Why isn't the school paying for their own generator?

Selectman Dill: Because it's an ...

Mr. Harrington: Because it's an emergency shelter.'

Selectwoman McHugh: Okay.

Mr. Harrington: And that's the reason that we ...

Selectwoman McHugh: We were rejected to use it at one point. Yeah, okay, all right, just asking,

Chairman McGarry: You know to that.

Selectwoman McHugh: Just asking.

Selectman Huebner: So, it's a shared function.

Selectman Dill: Yes.

**Vote: Yea 4, Nay 1, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Chairman McGarry: That's 4 yes and 1 no.

I have appointment to the Heritage Commission people. I'll go with Will's suggestion and just read them all and then we can then actually take a vote on all of them.

Erroll Rhodes  
Richard Boisvert

Expires April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Expires April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Motion:** Selectman Dill moves to approve the appointments to the Heritage Commission as read

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

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

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous in favor.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Thank you for serving.

Selectman Huebner: So, there's a building across from the Lazy Lion, a big brown building that's been renovated recently by a bunch of folks. Isn't that for the Heritage Committee or is that the Historical Society?

Selectman Dill: That's Historical.

Selectman Huebner: Historical Society. And is that now open to the public or open? How is that going to be used? What's the funding that was done for that. I'm just curious.

Vice Chairman Pitman: You're going to have to get ahold of the commission. They'll give you a tour and ask for a donation.

Chairman McGarry: The Historical Society, it's a private, it's not a town organization.

Selectman Huebner: So, it's not funded by the town?

Chairman McGarry: No.

Application for a driveway permit. For us?

Mr. Harrington: The reason that is in your packet to be signed, that is intended to take care of the intersection of 43 and South Road where the curve has created an imbalance of the road surface. Anytime a municipal road meets up with a town, I mean a state road, they refer to it as a driveway.

Selectman Dill: Couldn't we take care of this by giving them South Road?

Mr. Harrington: The intent is that we're going to have that paved to match the grade so that there's no longer an imbalance when you go over that curve.

Selectwoman McHugh: And will slow down when you get to that intersection.

Mr. Harrington: Correct.

Because of that, it's meeting a state road, we have to fill this out.

Chairman McGarry: Who needs the town to sign as the landowner.

Mr. Harrington: Yes.

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves that the chairman sign for the town on the driveway permit as explained

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

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

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

Selectman Dill: So that's because we're paving, okay, right up to that corner.

Chairman McGarry: All right, this is apparently DOT requires additional right-of-way for the bridge to be reconstructed over Freese's Pond.

Selectman Huebner: On 107?

Chairman McGarry: On 107.

Selectman Dill: I thought we were putting that off a year?

Mr. Harrington: If you look up at the monitor, this is the additional, temporary easement that they are looking for. It's colored in orange. We had signed two easements last year but after reviewing the project, they needed some additional space so this is what they are coming back with us to have signed. They did use the same reimbursement rate that the town and the state negotiated last year.

Selectman Dill: Are they doing it this year? I thought they just ...

Mr. Harrington: 2023.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Mr. Harrington: They postponed it but they're just getting everything set.

Selectman Dill: Because they've been out there a lot lately. Okay.

Selectman Huebner: They're paying us \$500.00; I think.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Mr. Harrington: That's the minimum amount.

Chairman McGarry: The calculated compensation is \$220.00 but as John said, the minimum they give is \$500.00.

Selectman Huebner: So, it's \$500.00 for a three-year easement.

Chairman McGarry: It's a temporary construction easement so it'd come back to the town following the completion of construction.

So, we'll need a motion to authorize the chair to sign on behalf of the town on both acceptance of the compensation and also signing of the temporary construction easement.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill moves to approve the chair sign the acceptance of compensation and temporary construction easement for the Freese's Pond bridge project

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

Selectman Huebner: This have been approved by the people that the easement is being asked for, right?

Selectman Dill: Well, this is just us approving the town owned that comes back to each individual landowner for theirs.

Selectman Huebner: Right and that's already been done last year, I think?

Mr. Harrington: There were two easements that were signed last year. Different parts of that same project.

Selectman Huebner: From private people?

Mr. Harrington: By the town.

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

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

So, we go ahead and we'll get two signature locations or signature here?

Mr. Harrington: Yes.



Selectman Dill: There was nothing in those for the rest of us to sign?

Chairman McGarry: All right. Department of Revenue Administration and of Deerfield's assessments. In your primary assessments are within acceptable ranges and so we're all set with that.

There's a letter from the Trustee of the Trust Funds discussing the cemetery fund.

"Two of their Barney expenditures from this one must be approved by the voters at town meeting."

We have a report from Executive Councilor Gatsas on activities in Concord.

We have a letter of resignation from Nick Lawrence. We have a copy of a letter which went to the Zoning Board of Adjustment from Erroll Rhodes with regards to requests for rehearing on Case 2202.

We have a Department of Natural Resources and Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Forest and Lands speaking of a proposed timber harvest. 141 acres in the Lamontagne Wildlife Management area.

Selectman Huebner: Where's that?

Selectman Dill: That one doesn't ring a bell at all. Is that in town?

Chairman McGarry: It butts up against the Northwood town line.

Selectman Dill: Oh, it must be the, is it the one on 43 there?

Chairman McGarry: It's next to Woodman State Forest. Yeah, it must be on 43.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, I thought they just cut that a couple of years ago.

Chairman McGarry: Department of Revenue Administration 2021 Total Equalized Valuations. Valuation for debt limits of \$919,000,000.00 for \$25,679.00.

(couldn't transcribe, could not hear)

School Board minutes.

Notice from the City of Concord Planning Board probably for a cell tower but I don't see it in here. Well, whatever it is, it's from the Concord Planning Board and for a public hearing they were having on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Selectman Dill: So, you missed it either way.

Chairman McGarry: Agenda from the Board of Adjustment for tomorrow night.

We have an oath request form. What's this, John?

Mr. Harrington: Those are for the appointed folks in town which would be the Welfare Director, the Health Officer.

Chairman McGarry: Is there any vote we have to take on that?

Mr. Harrington: You have to sign them.

Chairman McGarry: Oh. Okay.

Mr. Harrington: Oh, actually, you know, excuse me, those are just the request forms to let you know that those are filled out and the oaths will be coming.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

Mr. Harrington: I've talked to those individuals and they're willing to resume their duties.

Chairman McGarry: So, Denny Greig as co-emergency management director, as Welfare Administrator, deputy health officer and then the oath request form for Richard Pelletier as building inspector and health officer and Kevin Barry as co-emergency management director. No action required?

Mr. Harrington: I would just ask that the, some board make a motion and vote on appointing those folks so that the town clerk can fill out the oath forms which you will sign at your next meeting.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill moves to approve the appointments as read by the chairman

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

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

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

All right.

### **Town Administrator's Report:**

Mr. Harrington: I have just short items.

If I can remind the Board of our auction of town-owned properties back in 2020, we had several properties that were tied up in the courts because the heirs couldn't be identified at the time.

One of them has been, the last one has been resolved. The Glesner properties, there were two of them and because there was not a clear will, we had to go to Rockingham Superior Court.

That was finally decided.

Because the heir, the wife of the landowner was elderly and didn't quite understand the court process, she was unable to sign any of the notices that were delivered to her house so the court decided that the town would get all proceeds back.

These are proceeds left over after the town has collected taxes and interest from those tax deeded properties.

The amount that came back to the town was \$57,087.67. Legal fees in order to go through the courts for the past year totaled \$7,277.60.

My recommendation is that the surplus of those dollars go back to Mrs. Maureen Glesner. We can process a check here and mail it directly to her. I'll contact her by phone to let her know it's coming and it'll be attached to a letter but that would be my recommendation to send back to her.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill moves to return the excess amount after taxes and fees to Mrs. Maureen Glesner

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

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

Chairman McGarry: Vote's unanimous.

Selectman Dill: Thanks for your work on that one, John.

Mr. Harrington: I just think the lady should get her ...

Selectman Dill: It's been going on a while.

Mr. Harrington: Yes, it has.

Highway Department is going on four-ten hours days starting Thursday for their summer hours and just pointed out, you did mention the acquisition letter from the Trustees. The current amount in that fund is \$30,000.00 and that is available for work on new or existing cemeteries but it can not be used for purchasing land for any new or existing cemeteries so some of those funds could go towards beginning the work on Cate Road, the Cate Road cemetery but that would be a vote of the town's people at a town meeting because there was no notice to expend those funds.

That's all I have for tonight.

Chairman McGarry: Is that something that you know, in a warrant article that we could change the wording on that?

Mr. Harrington: Yes, you could put in a warrant article to assign a person or a group with the authority to expend the funds.

Chairman McGarry: But that would have to be at the next town meeting.

Mr. Harrington: That would have to be on a warrant article, correct.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Chairman McGarry: All right. Unfinished business. Anything?

#### **New Business:**

We got the 2022 appointment forms. We already took care of that and bids for Morrison Cemetery, we've already taken care of that.

#### **Other Business:**

Nothing else on other business.

#### **Citizen's Comments:**

##### **Mrs. Cady – Old Centre Road**

There's a state law that municipalities must advertise positions they're hiring for and I'd like to know if the position we just hired for tonight was advertised in a newspaper of general circulation?

That is a person to work for the road department.

Mr. Harrington: That was posted for two weeks. It was on the NH Municipal Association site.

Chairman McGarry: We shouldn't be answering.

Ms. Cady: I believe a newspaper of general circulation is specified in the law but I'll look it up to be sure.

Chairman McGarry:

Mr. Rhodes.

##### **Erroll Rhodes – Church Street:**

I guess there have been several comments related to solar panels and the exemptions that have been granted and without addressing the environmental or the economic benefits of solar panels, I think context is important. Solar panels essentially, we work on a net metering basis basically in this town.

So, solar panels really collect solar energy for Eversource or whoever the energy company is and then the people who have them get a net number which is at a lower rate than what, a higher rate, excuse me, than what Eversource purchases that energy at.

So, we're essentially collection points for Eversource that they then make a little bit of money on and the fact that they were taxed was I guess, it just happened but I think contextually, the State of New Hampshire realized that people who had solar panels are being taxed on an asset that really is benefiting a corporation and them indirectly.

I have been made aware of a comment from the town's assessor relating to the solar exemptions and I'm just going to read it to you. This is from the town's own assessor.

It says, "if the solar exemptions total about 1.4 million then that would have been, that would be about \$26,320.00 of tax revenue."

So, in the grand scheme of things, that a very, very nominal effect. Our own assessor doesn't think that's a particularly substantial amount to be concerned about in terms of the tax effect.

That's it.

Vice Chairman Pitman and Selectwoman McHugh thanked Mr. Erroll.

**Denny Greig – Emergency Management Co-director:**

I just want to clarify something about the shelter in the school. We work very closely with them when we open. The one time, I'm not sure what you're referring to by your statement.

Selectwoman McHugh: There was one time we couldn't use the school.

Ms. Greig: We, I don't remember when that is. That doesn't strike me as accurate however, at least in my timeline which is 12 years.

I will say there was a time when we changed locations because we realized that given the volume of usage, we would switch over to the church shelter, the church great room as a shelter because we were down to one person and we were at the point when we would transition to, the school had come back in session so that's when we kind of sat down, pow wowed about it and said, let's switch over and that's when we did it.

And there may be an occasion if it's a short-term disaster where we opt not to open the larger school because that is a larger space and we went with DCS, that's possible on one other occasion.

But, that's kind of where we've been. I don't remember an occasion that we've been denied. It's that we reached a mutual agreement that at this juncture in the disaster, that the school wasn't what we needed to shelter persons so, but that's my recollection. Thank you.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Thank you.

Chairman McGarry: Okay. Anybody else?

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves to adjourn at 8:00 pm

**Second:** Selectman Dill

**Discussion:**

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

**Next Meeting: Monday, May 9, 2022 at 5:30 pm**

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