

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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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

Alright, we have a bid opening for a paving project.

We got some, John?

Yes.

We have 5.

At noon we had zero.

The First bid is from CMI Asphalt LLC. Total bid, \$478,697.15. That's \$478,697.15.

As soon as we go through opening all the bids we will go back and look at the unit prices for the low bidder.

Next bid is from Continental Paving. Total bid, \$590,463.00. \$590,463.00 even.

Next bid is from R&D Paving out of Franklin. Total bid, \$488,927.60. That's \$488,927.60.

Could you repeat who that was, please, frank?

That was R&D Paving.

R&D?

Correct.

Inaudible.

I'm writing them down and I'm also pulling the flagger money out because that's how the road agent wanted it. Well, once you can find this stuff.

Next bid is from Brox Industries. Total bid, \$498,750.00. \$498,750.00 even.

Final bid is from Pike Industries. Total bid, \$582,010.00. \$582,010.00 even.

Current low bidder is?

Well, wait until we subtract the flagging out cause that's going to change it a little bit.

So, your current low is CMI but they were a lot lower on flagging than some other people were.

So minus flagging that's going to be....

Why are we taking the flagger out?

Yeah, why is the flagging coming out.

I thought we wanted as a separate line item.

Yeah, cause in about 2 weeks we are going to do it.

Cause we add it in later, so it's up to you. We have a straight low and then we have a flagging out, so it depends on how everybody wants to look at it.

Did we send anything saying that the flagging would be not included in the bid?

We said that the final determination would be made at the award of the bid.

It actually didn't change the low bid, so the low is still CMI.

But the low and the next are fairly close together.

They're quite close together.

Fred, Dick may be on the line. Dick, are you there?

I am.

The Board would have to take a vote to allow Dick to participate remotely before you continue.

I can just listen because I missed the beginning, John.

Need a motion.

I'll make a motion.

And I will second.

Move to second the motion to allow Mr. Pitman to participate in the Board's meeting remotely. All those in favor of the motion...

One at a time, right?

It'd have to be by roll call.

Will?

Aye.
Alden?

Aye.

Cindy?

Yes.

And McGarry, yes.

We're just doing a quick there, Fred, it's still CMI is still the lowest both ways we look at it.

Ok. Want to pass that bid to me?

By how much, Alden?

Uh, by about \$2,000.

(Multiple people speaking, which makes it inaudible)

Well, after you take the, well when you take the flagging out. I was looking at it that way and then it's \$478,697.15 for CMI and then \$488,927.

Is that R&D?

For R&D. Those are the two lowest.

Why don't you give me both of those I will read the unit prices off.

Did the advertisement require a flagger?

The bid itself called for flaggers, yes.

The bid, CMI Asphalt.

Um, Item one, Furnish and Install Asphalt Emulsion for Tack Coat (0.02 gal/s.y.), \$4.55 per gallon. Item two, Furnish and Install Hot Bituminous Pavement, Machine Method, 1.5" Wearing Course, ½" mix, \$77.40 per ton. Furnish and Install Crushed Aggregate for shoulders, 3' wide, 1-1/2" deep, and that's a zero item. Number four, Cold Planing or milling Existing Bituminous Surfaces to 1.5" depth, price of \$12.25 a square yard.

Let me see one of the other bids. This is.... We only have 6 items in this one.

They didn't pull the addended one. The new one.

There's no reclamation. I don't think we can accept this bid. I'll continue reading it but for whatever reason they uh, have, the bid does not call for reclamation and that was one of the bid items and it's supposed to be included. So, I have no idea why this is not included. But anyways,

Furnish and Install Hot Bituminous Pavement, Hand Method, Where Directed at \$165.00 a ton and flaggers at \$50.00 an hour.

Alright. Again, this one only had 6 bid items. It does not include the reclamation all of which was required in the bid so....

Is that the only thing that's not included, or are there other items?

Does R&D have it in theirs?

R&D does in fact have it in theirs. I'll read R&D's.

Furnish and Install Asphalt Emulsion for Tack Coat (0.02 gal/s.y.), Bid item number one, \$6.45 a gallon. Reclaimed Stabilized Base Processed in Place, 10" deep, price of \$1.63 per square yard. Asphalt for Reclaimed Stabilized Base to Obtain 1.5% bituminous content, and they did not bid on that item. They said see attached and there is no bid on that. So, are we looking at, who's number 3?

Brox.

Number four, Item four, Furnish and Install Hot Bituminous Pavement Machine Method, 2.5" winter binder course, 5/8" mix, \$78.28 per ton. Item five, Furnish and Install Hot Bituminous Pavement, Machine Method, %" shim and 2" Wearing Course, 1/2" mix, \$78.28 a ton. Item six, Cold Planing or milling Existing Bituminous Surfaces to 1.5" depth, \$3.95 a square yard. Number 7, Furnish and Install Hot Bituminous Pavement, Hand Method, Where Directed, \$155.00 a ton and flaggers for traffic control \$50.00. This is again item number 3, they did not submit a bid for that and it appears to be a qualified bid, qualification on that item.

Third bidder.

This is R&D?

No, second was R&D, the third one's Brox.

Brox qualified bid.

Inaudible talking.

What was that, Dick?

Sounds like somebody should do a spread sheet and get back to us with all that is missing.

Alright, we've got another one doing the same thing.

Everybody is leaving something out, I don't have it in front of me, but it sure sounds it from the outside listening.

Alright, this is Brox.

Brox, Item number one, \$12.00 a gallon. Item number two, reclamation, \$2.15 per square yard. Asphalt for Reclaimed Stabilized Base to Obtain 1.5% bituminous content, no bid. That's item number three. Item number four, Furnish and Install Hot Bituminous Pavement Machine Method, 2.5" winter binder course, 5/8" mix, \$75.00 a ton. Item number five, Furnish and Install Hot Bituminous Pavement, Machine Method, 3/4" shim and 2" Wearing Course, 1/2" mix, \$81.00 a ton. Cold Planing or milling Existing Bituminous Surfaces to 1.5" depth, \$10.00 a square yard. Furnish and Install Hot Bituminous Pavement, Hand Method, Where Directed, \$165.00 a ton. And finally, flaggers \$48.00 an hour.

So, we are going to have to take a look...

We are going to have to, yeah. It's not something we're awarding tonight.

Fred, why are so many people leaving out that reclamation?

That I don't know.

I mean do they think they don't need to? Just going to go over what we have there?

He's from Continental Paving. He may want to speak to the Board. You need to go to the table.

So, the asphalt injection is not commonly done in the state of NH. The town of Merrimack does it. For the most part we typically subcontract Gorham Group to do it. They are out of New York. So, some of our competitors may not have access to subcontractors capable of doing this kind of work.

Well good. Thank you.

So why don't we go to each and get the clarifications on the missing items and tab them together so we can compare apples to apples and then award the contract.

Yep.

Well, obviously, we wouldn't be awarding it tonight anyway.

So, Fred, are you going to work on that?

Yeah, have John put together the spread sheet.

Okay. Thank you.

So, Fred, are you going to work on that?

Yeah, have John put together the spread sheet.

I'll put it all together.

We don't need a motion do to that, right?

No.

I'm sure the road agent is going to be involved in that as well.

Yep.

Alright, Anne Meyers with the library.

Evening.

Good evening.

Anne has a proposal she would like to present to the Board. The library has an opportunity for a leased space at a building across the street from the library. It would be a flexible space for library programming as well as small community meetings and social events. This is a library led community partnership in a privately owned, leased, fully accessible (very important) non-library space nearby and it would be called The P.J.L. Community HUB. It will allow the library to prioritize library programming and meet a community need for meeting room space without impacts on the current library space. The scope of the project is that it is primarily to be used first for prioritized library events and programming. In the current library there is limited space for meeting in groups and the library would like to be able to provide a better space for when a non-profit or cultural or educational groups come and ask to use their meeting room space, they have full accessibility, which the library itself cannot currently provide. Offered to library programming first and then to the community on a first come first serve basis under a separate and specific meeting room policy that will be pending approval by the library board of trustees. The library's goal is to maintain a calendar of events that library staff would act as community liaisons to allow access to the space, schedule events, offer staff support and ensure guidelines and policies are met and communicate about any facilities that arise. The lease is for \$0.00. It will not cost the library any money for the foreseeable future. All programs and meetings must be staffed by a library staff member at the beginning and at the end of the allotted time. It could be supervised for the duration by a screened volunteer, a town employee, or an elected member of a town board. There are a variety of more details to be discussed. The first issue the library needs the BOS's assistance with is the lease. A copy of the lease has been provided to the board. The library has gone back and forth with the town council to amend the lease to Mr. Harrington's liking and hopefully the Board's approval. Anne offers to answer any questions the Board may have.

So, the town council has reviewed the lease?

Both town council and Primex, because we would want to ensure coverage for any damages or liability should there exist. That's why both names would be on the lease. Town of Deerfield and the Philbrick-James Library.

Okay.

Alden.

I had to call John on this cause the cost, I read through the lease three times and didn't see it, but, and then I found that there wasn't one, but I assume it's a one-year lease. Do we have that there won't be a cost per year?

It is a month-to-month lease that has been offered to the library for free for at least 4 months. After the 4 months if there is a tenant interested in the space the library will have 60 days to vacate the property or select to pay some low rent rate for continued use of the space based on usage and community demand.

Okay, which, obviously, would come out of the library budget.

Yes.

Okay, the other question would be, when you said, the board hasn't approved it, the, the library trustees haven't formally approved it or at what point are we at with them?

It will be formally discussed at their next meeting as they wanted to first have the BOS's response before putting it on our formal agenda.

Did they have a recommendation as such or what?

The library board is very interested in pursuing this for a community space.

Where exactly is it?

Will, Cindy?

Well, sounds like they're just looking for us to tell them they are not wasting their time and they should go ahead and have their meeting next week and discuss further and then formalize the proposal. I think that's what you are asking, right?

Yes, we are asking whether the lease as it stands is something the BOS would feel comfortable with proceeding.

I think the fact that the town counsel and Primex have both reviewed it and have no problems with it or we've made adjustments to it, I can't see any reasons why we would object to it. Particularly the fact that it's zero cost and (inaudible) thank Mr. Kelley for offering this. Very generous on his behalf.

My understanding is that this lease in no way obligates us to any future expense.

Right.

Other than insurance, which will be some premium increase maybe?

No.

No, it will just be covered under the total general thing.

So, if they were going transition this to a lease, a paid lease, then the library budget, we would have an opportunity to review the conditions of that lease and the financial impact?

Right.

Right, that'd be my understanding.

I would imagine because that would be a change in the language of the lease.

Right.

Alden, I think you want make a motion?

Yeah, well, I don't know if we even really need a motion at this point. I think it's more of a Board feeling.

It's advisory.

Yeah, I mean, I'm good with it, I think.

Yeah, I am as well.

Cindy's nodding.

I am.

I'm not opposed. I think we should look at it.

Dick?

Dick, any comments?

The only comment, which she started out saying it was free and then with before not too many sentences she was down to maybe the first four months for free. But as long as the, (inaudible), I'm in favor.

Okay.

And just one more question. How would this dovetail into the parks and recreation function of the town to provide community events, and you know they want, it's almost like the library is making a different hub, which is okay, I mean the library has different kinds of events, but?

And it is a small space.

But I think this is just library and they're a separate entity.

But presumably, like a club could use the space of the library wasn't using it for another event, right?

Yes.

Cindy?

I was just gonna ask, like, if I know the 4-H group was looking for a place to meet or the girl scouts, that kind of thing?

Yes. Absolutely. That is in our mind.

Now, if the, you said that if the four months were free and then if somebody was interested, we could have you or you could have the opportunity to get into a lease with them, then would that have to go to a warrant article to?

No.

It's a month-to-month lease. If you were obligating year to year then it would be...

No, what I'm saying is she said that the first four months are free and I just hate to see them get all established and then they find a renter for the place and they have to leave when they have the opportunity to rent, would that have to come back to a warrant article to get permission to pay if they needed to stay?

That would be a new lease with monthly rent in it and the board would have to approve that new lease.

Okay.

(Multiple people speaking at once so Inaudible) would come via the library budget?

Correct.

Library is already understanding that if there were to be any costs month-to-month it would have to be found within the library's budget itself.

Okay.

That's correct.

Let's give it a shot and see how it works.

Okay.

Thank you for your time.

Thank you.

All right, uh, Matt Fischer on uh...

Matt Fischer is on the line.

Okay.

Matt?

Hello.

So, one thing I just wanted to come before the Board, John's been helping me do a little research, I think in your folders there should be some information from kind of a death sentence, if you will, from Bank Chev. They kind of threw some numbers at it with the motor issues and transmission issues the Tahoe has been having. I brought it up to D-Town Garage and Bobby kinda agreed with the information that banks came up with except he thought if went after a used or junkyard, motor junkyard, our transmission would be looking at starting around the \$7,000 mark to replace those two components. John brought to my attention there's some money available through the state. Every

community's been allotted a fifty-thousand-dollar grant with another 5% match from the town for offsetting expenses and there's several communities that have used for vehicle replacement, cruisers, utility vehicles, that sort of thing. A couple things I just wanted to bring before the Board and get some direction if we want to be considering spending more money in the Tahoe or looking at its replacement.

So, the mention about a grant. Is that through Department of Safety or what?

No, those are part of the cares fund umbrella of federal grants. It's a local equipment purchase program that is managed by the State of New Hampshire up to fifty thousand dollars per community with a 5% match. The difference with this federal grant is, most federal grants require a match but it's out of local tax dollars, this particular grant they've loosened the requirements, our match can come from ARAP funds so it would not cost tax dollars to come up with the matching funds for the fifty thousand.

So, the main grant is not arpa funds?

It is part of that whole cares act. The first funding that came out in 2020.

So, both the main funding and our five thousand match would all be out of our arpa funds.

Correct, or government funds, yes.

Well, I think the first thing Matt gave us on how much we've put into the Tahoe and how much we have to put into the Tahoe to keep it on the road, i.e., a motor and transmission and emissions parts that we can't even get through the dealer, would be, in my mind, a good reason to replace it.

Well, but it's not really not working at the moment. T's just in the future we anticipate that...

Oh, no, no, no, it's not working.

Oh, is it down?

Matt, can you speak to that?

I can't get out of overdrive in the vehicle.

Transmission is shot.

And it's been burning off antifreeze for quite some time.

Fred?

Yes.

What. Fifty thousand two hundred fifty-two five we get an adequate F-150. We certainly don't wanna put any more money into that Tahoe.

No, I would agree.

Did we have a warrant article this year for a Tahoe.

Nope.

So, we're not limited or not restricted?

There was no warrant article this year.

It's been a couple years on that actually.

But we have had warrant articles for this vehicle in the past on the ballot.

Which have been voted down.

Correct.

If we had one this year that was voted down, we wouldn't be able to replace it.

Well and I think we should recognize that the ones that were voted down were coming from tax funds of the town and this is a different situation.

Right.

So, Matt, you gave us a couple quotes here. One for a F-150 four-door and one for a Tahoe and you said you asked for a Chevy pick-up but haven't got it yet?

Yeah, so I reached out to those who hold the current state bids who have expired but they're holding contract pricing. The Dodge dealer, the Chevy dealer and the Ford dealer. The only thing Dodge had available, not sure if that was included there, was a Durango. I think they were in the low to mid 40s. A new Tahoe was in the same low to mid 40s. Ford doesn't have anything new available. The McFarland Ford out of Exeter is the Ford dealer. The caveat, they are by far the lowest, but you can't order, let's say an Expedition, until June and you order an F-150 until July which is going to be about 32 to 36 weeks manufacturing time from Ford is what they've been seeing.

I didn't even notice that was a used one for that F-150.

Yeah, that's so, I was looking online quickly this afternoon, I found a couple used ones between Ford in Londonderry and Ford of Portsmouth if you will.

Yeah, the Tahoe was forty-eight nine so I wouldn't call that mid to low 40s.

Looking at the last state contract pricing, which was for Chevy, was White Side Chevy out of Ohio. State bid on a half-ton pick-up similar to a F-150 was about forty-one \$44,760, for a four-wheel drive version. So, Chevy was in the 40s and...

And this isn't including whatever it's going to cost to update it for you.

Correct.

Will that be part of the grant money too or we're going to have to pay that out of pocket, John?

It depends on what the cost of the vehicle is.

Okay.

How much is left over. We have fifty thousand.

Oh, okay, yeah.

Inaudible.

A state bid, if we were to buy a new Expedition, that'd be about \$38,000 and if we were to buy a new F-150, that'd be thirty-two but we're not going to get it for about 40 weeks.

We're talking almost a year before we could get it.

Yeah, and the Tahoe is saying late third quarter, early fourth quarter.

Of this year?

This year.

So, that's almost the same time.

Yeah.

And they're not even really committed to that because when that time comes, they'll just say, oh it's been delayed.

Microchips.

Do we have any estimate of what the outfitting with lights and sirens and what not is going to cost? Any idea Matt?

A lot of the big-ticket items like the light bar and control system we upgraded a couple years ago, one of the radios is, two of the radios are within a couple years old, so the kind of the big most expensive items already been paid for. If we go with a pick-up like a cap and we could probably buy a slide out and maybe reuse the command board that's already in the Tahoe for now and kind of at least, you know, stay around that fifty-five thousand mark. I don't think we'll hit that but if we do, we'll certainly not spend anything above grant money right now, I guess would be my plan if there's something later in the year, we can look at the budget to put the package together if there's something we're not able to do and if that makes sense.

You don't think there's any impact then to the town of staying within the budget of the grant?

Not currently to at least get the vehicle replaced and functional.

Dick, did you have any thoughts on this?

You know, it's hard not having any of the paperwork in front of me, but I know it true about how far the super duties are out but Matt personally has a nice four-door F-150 that seems to cut it. Real, real nice as far as, I don't know what the Dodge Durango, how that fits into the picture here...

One of the concerns right now Cindy and I share is, we also need an ambulance or medical type vehicle for the town and we want to make sure that the impact of this decision doesn't somehow preclude the impact of having funds available for that need as a priority. John has advised me that he feels there is no impact, a negative impact, on that.

We still have arpa funds.

I believe previous conversations by the board; the plan was to utilize the remaining arpa funds. This would have nothing, no impact on the arpa funds. This is a completely different grant from those monies.

But by taking this money we don't somehow...

Nope, we've already been awarded the previous amount.

Okay.

It's already been awarded. It doesn't take away from that.

So, there is a plan for the medical vehicle coming from that fund.

That was part of the previous discussions. Nothing's been decided yet.

So, I guess the question, Matt, what are you recommending? Are you recommending, I think we're all on board with replacement but are you recommending used to get it going sooner or are you recommending new and wait?

Alden, you still there?

Yep.

Sorry, it just went black on my side. So, the one that I think, it was Portsmouth ford had, it's an '08 so it has four or five years on it but it only has about 22,000 miles on it. I think it'd certainly be worth exploring as an option looking at. Anything else is just going to start you know, honestly the list of prices online is more money than buying a new one but we're not going to see the new one in a year so if you start to look at the expenses to keep the Tahoe on the road and serviceable, where, to last another year, I don't think it's worth putting the money in the Tahoe at this point so I...

No, I totally agree. I don't want to put ten grand into that vehicle because we're gonna scrap it for nothing. I mean it's pretty much used up. Well, I think. I don't know how I'd phrase this but I think I'd like to go with you, Matt, to go explore a couple used options and get back to us and, you know, see what he, if he thinks they work and we can get them now, I'm fine with rather than, I sure as heck don't want to put more money into that Tahoe.

And I share Will's concern that by the end of the year we tried to order one and not be available. Plus, as you were saying that what are we going to do to have the vehicle what we have now stay road worthy and to put any more money in it is just crazy.

It's an '18 not an '08 by the way Matt.

Oh, is that what I said, '08?

Yeah, you said '08, so we were concerned...

That was my old F-150 that I got rid of a couple years ago. It was an '08. It's gonna bring back memories.

Now the plan for funding would be, if we're going to explore used vehicles, you would need obviously need the cash quicker than going through the grant process. I have no idea how long that application process is. If he were to find a vehicle the board agrees with the purchase of the vehicle, plan would be to utilize the fire department apparatus trust fund initially. Wait for the grant to be awarded come in and then replenish the trust fund with those grant funds.

Have you checked on to make sure used is okay with the grant?

It doesn't matter. It's whatever you're applying for?

what if that grant somehow just doesn't happen?

I think the board has come to a conclusion that the new vehicle is needed way or the other. So, the board would have to agree that if the grant shouldn't come through, they approve using the trust funds to purchase the vehicle. Those would be the only available funds at this time.

Which is what we were discussing before we found out about the grant so really the grant is just a win-win on this situation.

Correct. If we do get it approved and we get it awarded we would hold public hearing to accept the grant funds and then direct it to be deposited into the trust fund to replenish the amount that was taken out.

I guess what we'd want to make sure of is if there's any limitation or with regard to the grant if we've purchased it before the grant was approved and awarded.

I can try to find that information out.

Matt, are you looking at any 2500s or one, you know, slightly heavier trucks too just to open up the used possibility?

I can. I was looking at more of apples to apples between like a Tahoe and a F-150 style. Not to mention their fast.

Yeah, that's true.

Yeah, don't buy a diesel right now.

That's great cause I have one.

I have a concern that if the grant would not be given and we then have to take it out of the town funds. It seems like we're going somewhat against the town direction in the previous decisions about not doing this, not that I don't agree that there's a need, but the town didn't seem to want to approve that and that was several years ago when this vehicle probably working still.

Yeah, that's when they were

Inaudible

A repair bill of what?

Oh, it's like fourteen.

Fourteen thousand for repairs.

Unless we go to a junkyard, which is about where that truck ends up and then we're looking at like twelve.

Why are we even discussing it?

Well, if all this was on the ballot do you think the town would approve of this?
That's a hypothetical.

That's a hard question but I...

We're in a town meeting, I think they probably would approve.

Inaudible.

I mean that spreadsheet that, yeah, town meeting, if you told me that we had spent fourteen thousand dollars in the last four years on this vehicle I think it would probably pass.

How much more to expend?

And the current vehicle doesn't run.

Right.

Whereas the decision before was we have an old vehicle that still works but that's why we didn't want to approve it, I believe the town would say that, right? So, I think it's gotten to the point now where something has to be done.

Yes.

I mean the Tahoe has just been sitting in Matt's yard for...

He's driving it.

Oh, before it was sitting in his yard.

Apparently, it only drives in overdrive and so he's driving... inaudible interruption.

I'm just a little concerned that if it doesn't pass, we're taking money away. We've got forestry trucks that are down. We've got the rescue one that is down.

Should we make it contingent on getting the approval first from the grant money. How long would that people?

I have no idea.

Well, we also don't have a vehicle picked out so it's not like we're buying something...

So, we start the grant process and continue looking for the best deal, right?

Yeah, I think with that concurrent that would work.

Yeah.

That was part of the ask this evening, to at least start the application.

Right.

I mean, and I appreciate it John, because I really thought we were going to have to take the whole money out to begin with, so to find a literal no dollar workaround is a pretty big deal.

Yeah, I agree with that.

So, we're looking for a motion to start the application.

And have Matt investigate further the vehicles that might be available.

I'll make such a motion.

Is there a second?

Second.

Seconded, any further discussion?

Although in favor of the motion signal...

Roll call we got...

Oh, that's right, yes, we got Dick.

Will?

Aye.

Alden?

Aye.

Cindy?

Yes.

Dick?

Yeah.

And McGarry says yes too.

All right. Cindy brought up a question too in regard to the forestry truck. Matt, can you provide any information as to why that might be, still down?

So, the F1, our forestry truck up, we took about a few months to get information or an appraisal back from Primex. Assistant Chief Dubianski's been working on getting everything together and I believe we are waiting on one last price for the total upfit cost to put humpty dumpty back together.

So, as soon as we get that we'll be making the repairs to that one?

Yep.

It's really my concern now, is with prices we've gotten from Candia Trailer for the flatbed body and I believe it's UPF John's looking for the poly tank and then JD Power to disassemble the truck and reassemble the truck to make sure we're in, we actually have a quote to move forward with.

What happened to that truck, Matt?

It was in a motor vehicle accident during that really icy day when the highway department had to plow backwards, sand backwards.

Oh, okay, yep.

How's everything else, we got any other issues going on with vehicles or anything like that?

Inaudible... it at D-town Garage for some brake maintenance.

And if we're planning to use arpa funds for the medical vehicle, can we start that process now? What's hindering us from going ahead to try to apply for those funds?

We don't, are you talking about the ambulance?

Yes.

Art would be the decision for the board to go down that way. The Board hasn't decided. Well, there's a committee working on it.

Right.

So, you have an ambulance committee, right?

Mmhmm.

So, we are just waiting on that recommendation to move ahead?

Yes.

We have a rescue van that's sitting in the back of the firehouse that's dead. So, I think the problem is, is we're to fix the rescue van or are we going to get an ambulance?

That is, chairman of that committee, what's the status?

Can't hear you, lost you again.

Matt?

Yeah?

Question from Will Huebner.

Okay.

What's the status on rescue one?

On rescue one? We've hadn't had any, I would say, significant success tracking down the phantom not starting ghost issues.

Well, and the rest of that question from Will, I guess I would ask the same question is, how are we progressing on the ambulance issue?

With the ambulance committee?

Yes.

Oh, okay. The time I heard from Deputy Chief Gallant, who's heading the committee, they've met several times and have information in from the different manufacturers and they're finishing, he's finishing a presentation to the next offices meeting on where all the information has been gathered and they're looking at. Basically, similar to the fire truck apparatus committee is, you reach know, reach out to see what's out there, different manufacturers, what we're gonna want that's going best suit Deerfield for the foreseeable future and the pick the package, I guess if you will.

And, can I ask that the ambulance committee expedite the analysis and get something to us sooner rather than later.

I'll pass it along.

Do you know if the committee is also looking at what revenue might be able to be achieved through the ambulance?

My understanding is yes, all that's being worked through different types of billing formulas, different companies to handle our billing, projected revenues and so forth, so on. You know where we're going to want to put the money if that goes into the general fund or special capital reserve fund. It's like where similar towns, where you know it rolls over into apparatus and ambulance replacement and equipment, that sort of thing.

My two cents on that, Matt, because we did this in Northwood, would be to make a dedicated fund to put it in to replace it because we are getting a good chunk to get the ambulance. I'd like to see buying the next ambulance already planning ahead on. I think we're all nodding in agreement on that.

The only I can't see is Dick.

Well, I think we are under the impression that this ambulance is going to pay for itself in some return on investment, so...

Right.

So.

Yeah.

Which if we just jump into the general fund, that's great, until we need another ambulance.

Right.

So, we are looking for the ambulance committee, I think, to put together a little business plan shows that this ambulance can be purchased with certain funds and then will pay for itself in the future on some roi for two- or three-years' time.

Yeah, well like five or eight.

Five or eight years?

Yeah.

We're not buying an ambulance every two.

Yeah, no, no, I meant he roi to pay for itself.

Right.

Might take two or three years of operation to for the...

Okay.

Farther out.

That's what I want to see in the business plan.

Any further questions for Matt?

Can we actually ask for timing on getting a response on this ambulance because it seems it's something that's stretched out a long time?

That's how committees work.

Any idea when the committee would be getting back... thanks Cindy... getting back to you and then with a report to the Board of Selectmen?

Deputy Chief Gallant and I talked about it today so I will circle back with him.

Okay. Very good.

I think, basically, you have our support and let's move ahead.

Yeah, I think you should move ahead with urgency.

Dick, did you have any questions for Matt?

No, I just want to see you get an ambulance or whatever it takes.

Okay.

Sounds like the Board is in... Cindy?

Matt, is it possible to get somebody to come into the fire station to look at rescue one?

I'm sure it's possible. I guess we would to figure who that would be.

What do you have in mind Cindy?

I don't know. We need. We've had this problem for over a year with rescue one. It won't start. You take it somewhere, it starts. So, they can't fix it. It's been to a lot of places. But idea was, is to get an electrical guy into the firehouse without moving it because right now it hasn't started for, Matt, I don't know six months, four months?

There's been a few.

But we've gotta get somebody here to look at it.

What is rescue one? The actual vehicle?

It's a medical first.

No, no, no, no, no, no, no...

It's a van. A Chevy van.

It's a gas Chevy van?

Mmhmm.

Okay. Because if it was diesel, there's plenty of mobile diesel guys.

No, it's not diesel.

But there aren't as many mobile gas cams.

Inaudible. Been to banks, we've been to Kenny Electric, D-town. Kenny electric just washed their hands of it and they're supposed to be really good.

But it's not an ambulance, right?

No, it's not. It's a first response medical van.

Right.

So, it's almost like two different things you're talking about here.

Well, I'm just thinking getting the rescue one would be quicker. Our ambulance still is going to need staffing, it's going to need purchasing and you see how far out Matt's (inaudible) would be. I'm sure an ambulance would be right...

Right, yeah, so I think there's two issues. One is to fix that rescue one and the second is to...(inaudible, someone else starts talking)

What about if it's an electrical issue at the station, could we just have JD Power come over and do a road test, you know, to the station if that's...

Yeah.

I believe assistant chief Dubianski's had a few conversations with JD Power.

Okay.

The last I knew they were the last ones that wanted to look at it.

Well, if you can find somebody, I think we're in support of paying to them to fix it.

Yeah, I definitely think we should somebody out here to take a look at it based on what Cindy was saying, every time we bring it to some place it starts. It's just a matter of where it's sitting right now, it won't start and that's what we need to be, need to be taken care of here.

That just it. I think that's going to be quicker for us than the ambulance thing.

Right, but it doesn't preclude the need to look into the ambulance?

No.

No, and that just kind of hit on Cindy's point, even if the ambulance shows up day one, we are several years away from being the primary transporting service for this town, this, the several towns in the southeast Rockingham County that use a similar model where they, let's say they have trinity as their ambulance service and they have an ambulance in town that's back up if, if that service isn't available and they have something during the day. I would not expect the Deerfield Fire Rescue to be the primary transporting service for the town for at least a few years after getting it.

I know from the election cycle that the priority of the town was quite high for emergency response so I think we should pay attention to that.

So, matt can we uh, through uh, John, get somebody out here to uh take a look at it? Rescue one?

Did you say John or Matt?

John Dubianski.

There's got to be somebody Fred.

Yeah. Matt, can you get assistant Dubianski to get somebody out, have somebody come out here to at the vehicle in place rather than transporting it someplace and having start where ever it gets transported?

I will put it on his radar.

Okay. Thank you. Any other questions for Matt?

All right. Thank you, Matt.

Yeah, you're very welcome.

All right, John Harrington mentioned we have to try to squeeze Fred Wallace and Ray Ellis in.

Fred.

Good evening.

I would like to see if the Board is, has, any interest in the fuel management system over there with the diesel. For security, more accurate accountability. It will enable a thumb drive that can be put into this brain and download to who's used, when, what, they've used for diesel and it's at a cost of \$1,962.60, to come from the community partnership grant, because the way we're doing it now is we're just writing it on sheets. I found sheets in the clipboard back from November that I just turned into Pete. Just want to see if there's any interest. The only way you could turn the fuel pump on is with a fork. It comes with like ten of them. You know, highway could have one, two. Fire department. I think, basically, that's who uses the diesel. Just seeing if there was any interests with the board. You know, with the price of diesel yeah know.

Cindy?

What is this community partnership grant?

The community partnership grant we have been receiving for three years now. It's out Wheelabrator. It's a two thousand a year grant for community projects. We've used it on several different items.

I'm just thinking with the prices of diesel...
Yeah, it's a good idea.

They're not going down any time...

It' three hundred gallons of diesel.

Accountability.

Yeah.

I like it.

Well, that way you'd know whos' getting, when they're getting it, be able to pull a report how much highway uses verse other departments.

Do you think there's some problem with stealing of fuel or something?

No, I don't think there's that but I think as far as keeping up the date how much is in the budget and stuff like that. No, I found sheets from last November that was on the clipboard. I mean Pete's got them and stuff like that now but, I mean, you know, six, seven, eight bucks, whatever it's gonna be there could be some theft problems.

Right now, Will, the process is a very manual, on the honor system. You simply go in the highway garage; you turn on the power button and you pump the oil. It's up the individual person pumping it to write on a clipboard, handwritten, when you get it, how many gallons you use and when you take it.

It wouldn't take much effort to have diesel be gone. You know what I mean?

This way we'd be able to account how much was ordered, delivered and how much is going out per month to see if it matches up.

Just a though.

Yeah, I'm fine with it.

Yeah, it just seems a shame that we have to do something like this but...

Well, no it's not, it's, I think too it's just it'll show us how much diesel we're using...

Is in there, yeah.

The budgets and that kind of thing. Not just honor and I'm not sure it's inventory.

Yeah.

At this point I feel it's long overdue. We need to get off a clipboard and paper system for something like this.

Yeah, once a month put a thumb drive, pull a report.

Dick, did you have any questions for Fred on this?

Well, if we can get a grant, I'm in favor of it.

Okay.

We need a motion on this?

Please.

So moved.

Second.

Moving seconded.

Any further discussion?

Hearing none, all those in favor of...

Roll call.

Okay, I vote, Aye.

Aye.

Cindy?

Yes.

And McGarry says yes. How about Dick?

Yeah.

Okay, unanimous.

Thank you.

Fred, on another fuel related note, I had asked John about this the other day, I went down and saw Andy down in Lee and they're close to the UNH state pumps and they've got a deal going with the state at a really good rate.

Yeah, I just reached out today to fuel distribution. Waiting on a call.

Okay.

Because we can actually fuel in Epping.

Okay, Epping's aware. I didn't know if there was any closer pumps.

Well, I think Lee and yeah maybe Lee's a little closer.

Yeah.

Where's Lee fueling.

They fuel down at UNH by fish and game.

Yeah, yeah, whichever one is closer. There's two facilities close by and they're getting it at state rate.

It was a crazy rate. It was like two fifty a gallon so...

Yeah, I'm trying to investigate. I've got a call out now about it.

Do we have a contract?

We do but it's not exclusive.

The diesel contract has a summer price and it doesn't lower until October. I believe the summer price is four dollars and something.

No, it was over rack.

Okay.

So, it's probably close to six right now.

Yeah, five or six.

But I'm just, if you could look into that and if we can get a transfer tank in the back of a truck and pull a hundred and fifty gallons a whack it's worth it.

I think we have a sixty- or eighty-gallon tank in the back of a truck now. A quick run down there, you could fuel both trucks up.

And save us some money.

I mean, so, I do have a call in.

Okay, cool. I think that's a great idea if we can get into it.

I guess the next thing I have, the Thurston Pond beaver dam and, it's been a photo shoot sent to the town. There's been some debris in front of the dam now. Would the board like me to get a trapper to get of the problem and then go in by hand and get out what we can get out?

Well, I think it's a both, situation.

Oh, it's both. I don't even know how remote this, but...

It's class six but it's accessible. I can go up there if you want because I met with a bunch of landowners last year up there, but I think that the, what we're looking for there is, clear it before it really piles up into a machine.

The photo I saw, Alden, looked like, at this point...

You could clear it by hand. But also, I think we need to add that to the trapping.

Yeah, cause you kind of need to get rid of them.

Yeah, and the landowner said in that email he sent to us, that, go ahead and remove.

Right. So, I'd just like to see if the Board, how'd they'd like me to handle that?

Yeah, I think the general sentiment is to have a trapper go in there. Cindy?

Do we have a trapper contracted?

I'm not sure.

Steve was working with one I believe. If you reach out to Steve, he can tell you who we were working with.

I did reach out with, I forget eh gentlemen's name, I contacted one of the guys that's trapped for the town and he said he's like three or four weeks out. We have another issue down on Reservation Road. Ongoing, I'm sure. So, as soon as he comes around, I'll see if he he's willing to go up there and take a look. I mean, we can't, I can't let it go so long I can't go in there, Alden, and get rid of it by hand.

Well, if, I was just thinking, that the quicker we can get in it I think, right now with some rakes and you guys can probably clear it pretty fast. We're trying to eliminate getting a machine up there and clearing it.

Yeah. I don't know how remote it is but.

I'll go up with you next time at some point.

That's be great. And I have some item changes at the disposal, at the transfer station. The disposal of mattresses is going from ten dollars to thirty-five dollars. I guess what they're doing is when the stuff is getting hauled to Raymond, they're putting the mattresses in a pile and the thirty-five dollars is what they're charging us, each instead of the ten we thought we were getting charged and that's the... Box springs are going from ten to twenty dollars so it's fifty-five dollars for a box spring and mattress. It's getting picked out of up there in Raymond when Cassella brings it up there. So, we're way under charging what it's costing us to get of those at this point. And the tires are going from three to three fifty each. So, I'm just looking for the Board's approval to update some of these transfer station fees. So, moved.

It's kind of unbelievable that it costs fifty-five dollars for a box spring and mattress but that's what we're getting charged.

We should charge whatever we can charge because we're not a subsidiary...

Yeah, we're just going to create a big hole if we don't do something, you know?

You know, nothing else has changed, couches, tv's, anything like that?

Nothing that we're aware of at this point.

Yeah, it's that mattresses go up but not sofas.

I mean I have a motion from Alden that. We have a second?

Second.

Okay, we can continue our discussion.

I know we're getting hit with fees for fuel and everything.

Pete reviewed the entire disposal fee schedule and those are the only three that needed changing.

Okay.

Okay.

I just do hate to raise then because I don't want to see them on the side of the road. On the same point we can't be subsidizing mattresses.

So, the mattress, box spring, mattress would go to thirty-five, box spring would go twenty?

Yeah.

And tires would go to three fifty?

Yeah, from three to three fifty. And one of the vendors we were using was charging an extra five dollars a tire if they were dirty or clean but we're not using them.

Okay. Good.

Any further discussion?

Dick, did you have any questions on this one?

No. I agree that we should have something for twin beds versus a king because you'll find then side of the road. Inaudible, twin bed.

Yeah, I was thinking the same thing but...

That's what they're charging us. They're not segregating.

Oh, it doesn't matter what size it is?

No. they didn't segregate on what they're charging if it was a twin or if it was double or a king.

So, sew your twins together.

It was just a charge.

All right, any further discussion?

All right, hearing none we'll take a vote.

Will?

Aye.

Alden?

Aye.

Cindy?

Aye.

Dick?

Yes.

And McGary, yes.

Thank you, Fred.

Thank you, guys.

Ray.

Good evening.

Good evening, Ray.

I got a couple things. First of all, last time I was here you asked me the gazebo painting. I did reach out to Dave Hansen, Prominent Painting, and he came down and gave me an estimate of twenty-five hundred dollars to paint the gazebo. That includes spraying it to get all the black mold and stuff off of it and then he was going to wash it and then two coats of acrylic paint, for twenty-five hundred dollars.

And that's the only quote you got; I'm guessing.

I had one from Charlie Wheeler, as soon as he found out it was going out to bid, he said, well I really didn't want to do it so I guess I won't turn my bid in.

Okay, we'll have to vote on that.

Yeah, we will.

What was the amount on that again, Ray?

Twenty-five hundred.

Okay. I'll make a motion that we award to Prominent Painting, painting of the gazebo for Twenty-five hundred.

A second?

Second, Cindy.

Movement Seconded.

Any further discussion?

Yeah, Fred, is that the depth or just the walls?

No, that all the white, the railings going up the handicap ramp, all the columns, and all the white around the bottom and the top but not the seal.

Nothing, the deck need anything, Ray?

The deck looks pretty good. The only thing that may be a problem in a year or two would be the ceiling in there because it was starting to peel in places but it's still holding up pretty good.

Well, the roof used to leak.

We have a new roof on it so.

Right.

All right, I'll call for the vote.

Roll call, Will?

Aye.

Alden?

Aye.

Cindy?

Yes.

Dick?

Yes.

And McGary says Yes too.

Thank you.

The next one is a safety issue that came up and was brought to my attention on joint loss management, which I am the chair of, about the stairway across the street going down to the Bicentennial ball field. Right now, as a matter of fact, there's a game over and everybody's parking there and going down those back steps. On the left-hand side of the back steps which, would be the southern end, there's no railing at all and water's been running down next to the steps. In some places it's three or four feet deep and if somebody falls off in there, they can really get hurt pretty bad. So, I reached out to Fox Construction and had him come down and take a look at it and on the right hand side we have fifteen four-by-four pressure treated posts all the way down with rope and to do the same thing on the other side, so they couldn't fall off the stairs and he was going to take an excavator and go right down the middle of the hill and dig a ditch, fill it in next to the stairs and put rip-rap all the way down so it would actually have a place for the water to travel away from the steps and then he was going to put rope railing to match the other side. I believe I turned the quote in. John, did you give it to them?

Yeah.

And that was this quote. So, I'm just looking to see what you guys want to do moving forward.

Where are we paying for that out of, John?

That would be charged to the eighty fund, parks and rec since, prime, that's their primary access to the park.

And this doesn't need to go out to bid?

There're not people that are interested this small job or have the equipment. Ray made calls to people and nobody was interested.

I mean I've done a few of the locals, Charlie wheeler and he wasn't interested but he's fallen off a roof a couple times he can't walk well so he doesn't want to do the hill. His son, same way, he's too busy, Brad. I can try to put it out to bid, I just found somebody who could do it, I figured I'd get a price and we'd start this point and see what you wanted to do.

The amount of scope that's here I wouldn't bet that you're going to get much anything cheaper than this.

Yeah, or many people interested in this.

The policy is to things out for an RFP.

That has to be over ten thousand. Anything under ten thousand you can get three quotes and that includes denials as well.

Inaudible.

Well, if we're going out to bid, I don't want to mention the amount.

According to our purchasing policy you wouldn't go out to bid.

I'm just saying, I don't wanna if we get...

For that matter, get quotes from, we wouldn't be mentioning this either is that's the case.

But I am fine with going ahead and doing this for the quote that Ray has here and I don't think we're going to get a whole lot of interest. It's kind of an odd little job.

The only thing I would add to this or I would like to see added to this, they put geotextile fabric in that swale.

No, under the stone.

Which, I don't know how much that would add to the cost.

Cindy, if you have some folks in mind that Ray can call, we'd like to know.

Cindy's brought up the, what she felt was an obligation to, god forbid should we address that now and...

That's over.

Formally out to bid is for anything over ten thousand.

Right.

But this would be three quotes and you're saying we have three quotes because we had some denials?

Well, he's had one denial. This is the first person that actually scheduled some time to come out. I'm not aware of any other vendors, Ray is not aware. If anybody knows of a vendor that might be interested, we'd be glad to call them.

The problem that we had was, if you've looked at that area over there, it's pretty tight all the way down through there and they can't really get a machine in there. This guy has a mini excavator that he can actually go down there with. So, he's willing to do that. I can reach out and see if we can get somebody else. Whatever the Board's pleasure is. I mean, I'm just doing my due diligence, just trying to figure out what we can do to correct this situation because it is a safety hazard at this time and every day the kids are using that stairway.

I'm okay with going ahead. I agree with Fred's idea of putting fabric under the stone is probably a good idea to make it last longer and keep stuff from growing up through there. So, if we can modify it.

I'm in favor of it all as well but, I'm just concerned that if we're not following town policy because we're missing one more bid, can we justify that too, so that we're not violating any policy.

I don't think we're violating policies myself.

I guess the question Ray was, could you get, reach out to somebody else, Kevin Fischer or...

Yup, I'll try to get somebody else.

And if they decline then that's, would satisfy our concern.

We don't need a bid. We just need another attempt and on the dial.

Yep.

If this is a time sensitive matter that needs to be fixed, I guess we need to fix it, but it just seems to me this happens all the time. We don't get our three bids. Well, I call these two guys but this guy's the only one that can do it. To me, that's not a bid. I don't know what guys have been called or who's been contacted. There should be some kind of paper saying these two contractors couldn't do it. And, that's all I'm trying to say. I. Maybe we can't get anybody that can to id for this amount of money but we, I don't see three bids in front of me or three names saying, no couldn't do it, denied. All we get is just, well this guy can do it. Great.

I think Ray did mention two by name.

And there's a limit of available people.

Let's finish the process and get a third attempt fort the bid so that we can follow town policy and then proceed. Right?

Yep.

So, the town policy is, over one thousand dollars, three bids, under...

Ten thousand...

No, ten thousand it out to bid.

Which we may have to adjust based on inflation.

Should we make, since today is a time-sensitive safety issue, should we make the vote, if indeed the third bid doesn't come in under this bid that we should approve this bid to move forward expeditiously?

Well, I guess the only question would end up being is with the addition of fabric underneath the stone, how much would that increase the? Radio textiles.

I'm just trying not to; I'm trying to avoid delaying to another meeting in the future to have to decide.

Which I think it will be.

That's what it sounds like to me.

Can you add the fabric to the bid, Ray?

Yeah, I'll call him back.

Thanks, Ray.

Dick, did you have any questions for Ray on this?

No. I think you're doing the right thing getting another quote.

Quote or denial. One of the two.

Very good. Thank you.

Thank you, Ray.

Was Mr. Eames on?

He was, I don't see him here.

No, neither do I.

No, I think Fred was saying, is he on the line?

No.

The Planning Board ended up meeting with Mr. Eames. Dow Road. Proposing an earth excavation operation there and the question came up, was, with the regard to the status of Dow Road, apparently there was a vote for discontinuance of Dow Road in the thirties I guess, I don't recall.

Another one?

Yeah.

And the question ends up being is if it was, if Dow Road was a range road as such, is certainly in my mind the town still owns it, but, if it was not then there is some question as to if what the discontinuance did whether that formally or informally ends up resulting in the abutters owning to the center of the road and we have any, apparently Fran Menard had worked up something with regard to Dow Road. In fact, Mr. Eames had briefly showed me some write-up Fran had and Fran, at the time, being one of the Board of Selectmen. And, but I didn't look at it real closely to read what she had, what she was able to uncover and I guess maybe that might be the first step would be to get Mr. Eames to provide that information to us and we go from there.

I think we're looking at, also, at a major, these keep coming up, I think we may have to look at a better solution rather than just wait until each individual comes up and fighting each individual road fight. There's a lot of these kicking around town and as this town gets developed, I think we're just gonna keep hitting this. I don't know how we would solve it long term if, but I think putting, maybe we put a warrant article together to have these researched and nailed down so that each time we come up with, we're not fighting each individual class six whether or not in nineteen thirty-three they were or were not. Because it's not like we can go ask Mr. Sanborn who remembered it or was at that meeting because he's no longer with us, but I think we need a more long-term solution to this.

Maybe first off, we get whatever Mr. Eames has from Fran Menard with regard to this and I don't if town council, we want to refer to town council on this. There's a lot of research that may not be necessary. That's the only concern.

Well, let's see what we've got but I think we'll probably have to go the same route that we've been going with the other ones.

Mrs. Cady as long as it's short.

Did you look at the map that Joanne Lawson wrote for every road that has been discontinued and (inaudible)?

Her map didn't show whether it was a range road or not, unfortunately.

All right, so, Mr. Eames isn't here. I guess we go to our regular business?

Correct.

All right, review of outstanding minutes for May ninth.

Motion is written.

For a second.

Second.

I have a correction. First page, line fifty-five, the transcriptionist couldn't hear the name written, it should be, E.R. Ames out of Wolfeboro.

Which is Germain to our last conversation?

Correct.

I will modify my motion as amended.

Okay.

Should these be more... there aren't like the other minutes. These aren't...

Right, this is summary.

Aren't these supposed to be word for word.

What we were getting before were actual word for word transcriptions. They do not have to be. These are just minutes of the, the substance of the meeting.

All right.

And at one point this Board complained that the minutes were too long and too detailed. I'm saying this is exactly what you want but this is an alternative.

I just want to state that I'm not comfortable with them like this but...

Okay, we have a motion and a second.

Roll call.

Will?

Aye.

Alden?

Aye.

Cindy?

No.

And, Dick?

Abstain.

And, McGary says, yes.

I would like them fleshed out a little bit more. That's me.

What's the reason for changing from what we had to this, of course we changed transcriptionists? Well, that would be the reason.

I mean, couldn't the current person do the same thing.

Absolutely. I was looking for feedback from, these are the first minutes she did. So, I have that.

So, it sounds like we have several members of The Board would like further...

That's fine.

A little more detail.

Yeah, I'm with Dick, I don't need everything but a bit more. I don't need Selectman Dill coughed, you know, but a little more.

All right, vouchers and payroll. Accounts payable manifest in the amount of inaudible 750 thousand dollars and fifty-one cents.
So moved.

Second.

Movement and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing none. Roll call.

Will?

Aye.

Alden?

Aye.

Cindy?

Yes.

Dick,

Yes.

And, McGary, yes.

Do we have Payroll in this one?

No.

All right, signatures. We have intent to cut for (inaudible) at one ninety-one North Road and don't need a vote on these, right?

No.

We have intent to cut for Nancy Mathis, for property at one ten Raymond Road.

Intent to cut for Al Jaeger, for property at twelve Perry Road.

All right, we have a report of woods or timber cut. This is, Kyle Eldridge, property on thirty-five North Road, in the amount of one hundred eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents. Motion to collect that tax.

So moved.

Is there a second?

Second.

Movement seconded. Roll Call.

Will?

Aye.

Alden?

Aye.

Cindy?

Yes.

Dick? Dick?

We might have lost Dick.

Yes.

There he is.

And, McGary says yes.

Who uses those taxes? Who, you know, computes it out to the right number?

Kelly was sitting back there but I don't think it's Kelly.

Christine?

No.

There's a report of timber, that's assessing.

That is assessing? Okay.

The assessing department receives the report and then computes the tax due?

Correct.

We have an application for an exemption, solar exemption for John and Lorena Sinnamon at one thirty-one Mountain Road in the amount of three thousand three hundred dollars.

So moved.

Movement Seconded and roll call.

Will?

Aye.

Alden?

Aye.

Cindy?

Yes.

Dick,

Yes.

And, McGary, yes.

Land use change tax at (inaudible) mount delight road. (inaudible) tax computed by Avatar is twelve thousand five hundred dollars.

So moved.

Second.

(inaudible) thousand five hundred?

Yeah.

Movement seconded.

We collect the land use change tax in the amount of twelve thousand five hundred dollars and any discussion? All right, roll call.

Will?

Aye.

Alden?

Aye.

Cindy?

Yes.

Dick,

Yes.

And, McGary, yes.

We have several appointments, I guess only two.

Yes.

Craig Stevens to the Veasey Park Commission with the term expiring April thirtieth of twenty twenty-five.

So moved.

Second.

Movement Seconded.

Movement seconded to appoint Mr. Stevens to the Veasey Park Commission. Let's see, roll call.

Will?

Aye.

Alden?

Aye.

Cindy?

Yes.

Dick,

Yes.

And, McGary, yes.

Fred, I'm starting to lose my battery so I'm probably going to sign off.

Okay, thank you Dick.

I'll plug it in...

(Inaudible, a few people talking at once)

All right, next is Gary O'Connell to the Veasey Park Commission with a term expiring April thirtieth of twenty twenty-five.

So moved.

Second.

Movement Seconded.

Since Dick isn't on anymore all those in favor of the motion signify by saying Aye. Votes unanimous. All right, and, I got this lease (inaudible).

You can either sign it now or wait for the trustees to sign it.

What does the Board want to do?

I want to wait for the trustees to sign it.

Fair enough.

Okay.

Personal action requests.

Those are all for parks and rec. for all the part-time seasonal staff. My recommendation would be to read them off and take one motion.

Okay. Sounds like a good idea to me. Caitlyn Pegnam to, going from twelve dollars an hour to fourteen dollars an hour. Brianne Hellings from ten dollars an hour to twelve dollars an hour. Nick D'Agostino from ten dollars an hour to twelve dollars an hour. Melissa Papalardo from ten eighty-eight per hour to thirteen dollars per hour. Savannah Anderson from ten fifty-six an hour to twelve an hour. Aaron Hoison (sp?) from ten fifty-six an hour to twelve fifty an hour. Matthew Lane from ten fifty-six an hour to twelve dollars an hour. Mia Gardnecki (sp?) ten thirty-five an hour to twelve dollars an hour. Eric Minard from twenty dollars and nineteen cents an hour to twenty-one dollars sixty-nine cents an hour and Eric is the interim parks and rec director.

That is a temporary increase until the decision's made to the hire the full-time. He's standing in for the director.

And then, Deb Treantafel.

Deb Treantafel is the director of the summer camp and the after-school program.

Yep, and is going from nineteen thirty-nine an hour to twenty dollars an hour.

So moved.

And authorize the chair to sign on behalf of the Board?

Of course.

Okay. Any further... Is there a second?

Second. Are these new hires?

These are returning staff in order to keep good qualified staff we have to compete with the rates that are out in the public right now and they're still well below what people are asking for, for starting positions.

And how does this affect the budget I terms of...

This is paid out of the eighty fund which is a revolving parks and rec, basically the program pays the staff.

Right, but is the increase in wages in the budget?

The eighty fund is no in the budget. It's a separate fund, funded by the programs themselves so the fees pay for the staff.

And this is basically the parks and rec summer staff which, is the largest feeder into that fund. Followed by after-school which, is a bunch of these people also do.

So, this doesn't affect the taxes?

No.

All right, move motion and seconded. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying Aye. Three Ayes and one No. three to one in favor.

What else we got? Inaudible and laughter.

I'll be looking for two votes from the Board tonight to approve using trust, the municipal government building trust fund for the recent expenditures that were unanticipated. One was the cost for the septic work on the George B. White Building, you all got an email as to the details surrounding that. The total cost on that was four thousand one hundred and fifty dollars and the second project that will be paid for out of the municipal government trust fund would be the replacement of the water treatment system over at the highway department which, was a total of six thousand dollars. The work on the water treatment system has already been completed. You have an agreement to sign in your packet, or Fred does, and the septic work has not begun yet. We're in the scheduling pipeline. They haven't started yet.

I'll make a motion to pay both of those out of the expendable trust fund.

Second.

And seconded. Any discussion?

Just looking at the analytical work on the water over at the garage...

It's bad.

(inaudible) iron concentration of two milligrams per liter in this and the standard drinking water standard is point three so it's basically seven times what the drinking water standard is so ...

Would it be, on that vein, would it make sense to, are they using this for drinking water, would it be cheaper just to bring in water....

They're not using it for drinking water, I think they're using it to take care of the equipment and wash things down.

Do they have a water thing over there, don't they?

Pardon.

Dot' they have a water...

I believe they may. Yes. If they don't, we can get them one.

It just might make sense with how bad the water is.

I don't think they're using it to drink.

I think they have one.

I don't know.

(inaudible) after the fact because it's already been done.

Right.

All right, so we have a motion and seconded. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying Aye. Vote unanimous. You have a quote in your packet for paving for Hartford Brook. I did reach out to three vendors. Manchester Paving, R&D Paving and All Phase Paving. I did not hear back from All Phase. R&D asked me questions about it, they got the plans the paving and never responded with a quote. Manchester Paving was the only one that sent one in and I met with them at the park.

Can you explain where we're putting this?

Over at the Hartford Brook Field. Because this was a newer facility it come under ADA Federal guidelines. We have to allow accessible parking. There are two parking spots that were planned to be put in right on the right side of the existing playground as you face the park.

There's only two spots?

Two spots. Correct.

It's on the whole parking lot?

No. it's just two parking spots on the park side to allow for disabled.

So, those are going to be handicapped placard...

Handicap only. And then we have to do some gravel work, pathways leading up to the concession stand and over to the bathrooms. There's a more elaborate pathway system that we have to do as part of federal guidelines but we're not going to get to that this year but I'm looking to...

You couldn't do that with the parking spot?

Pardon?

Couldn't add that with the parking spot?

No, this has got to be, we have to rip up three to four feet width of sod and then we have to replace it with packed gravel all they out to the softball and baseball fields in the back as well as the dugouts in the front. It's a much bigger project that we won't be able to get to.

Where are we paying for this out of?

This is coming out of parks and rec. This is all part of the Hartford Brook Plan and I just need approval to forward with this quote.

We have to make a motion?

Yes.

Okay. I make a motion to move forward on this plan.

Second.

Movement seconded. Any further discussion?

I just want to verify that this cost is paying for both these pathways and the...

No. Just the parking pad. Just the asphalt.

But just two spots.

Yep.

Things are not planned yet.

So, it says her to install the gravel, oh that's all about...

That's all the underlayment getting ready for the paving.

I was excited I thought we were getting the whole parking lot for that.

Does it seem like a reasonable cost for two the spaces?

Judging on what we just got for asphalt bids, yes, I think...

Asphalt is running anywhere from eighty dollars eighty-five dollars plus a ton.

And this is prepping it too, right?

This is digging out the existing material, putting in two layers of gravel and higher size gravel and then packing it down and paving. We'll still have to get painted at some point, but this is just to get the asphalt in.

I guess I'm living in nineteen eighty.

Yeah, it's not cheap.

Does that have a motion by Cindy? Who seconded that?

I did.

Thank you.

All right, all those in favor of the motion signify by saying Aye. Vote is unanimous.

Fred Wallace, unfortunately, did not mention on other item he wanted to bring to the Board. We've all been to the transfer station and from time to time you realize that when people are pulling their cars up to the bins some pull in rather close almost to the point of not leaving enough room for people to get by going from bin to bin and it's been a safety issue for a number of years. Last year, Steve Murphy, one of our staff was actually pinned by a car. So, the proposal is to buy rubber triangular bumpers that go down on the pavement set out six feet from the edge of the bins so that it leaves a safe travel way for folks to get back and forth without worrying about being backed into or hit by a car because as cars pull in very close to the bins it's forcing pedestrians to go out in front of them where the road way is and there's a concern it's not safe up there.

I'm just trying to picture six feet and if that would leave me and my ridiculously oversized dump run enough room to back in. that would be my only concern.

Well, you back up six feet from the bin, right?

Inaudible.

Yeah. Some of us take cattle trailers worth of crap. That would be my only concern. I can't picture how far out that would leave the travel and movement area.

The plan would be to use impact fees because the amount of traffic going there is definitely due to the increased population in the town and that balance right now is twenty-eight thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven. And remember the well installation is coming out of that as well.

What' he looking, what are these going to cost us, like a thousand?

No, not more than four hundred. They are about forty dollars apiece. We're figuring six to eight depending on the length. We're going to leave space in between them. It's not going to be one solid barrier but I think at this point we do need them.

Not so much down at the bulk dumpster. I think getting close to those helps us.

No, it's from the solid waste (the big hopper) to the glass.

Have we considered bollards?

The problem is that we have to plow up there and these can be moved and then replaced after the plow goes through. It's just enough so that you'll feel it on your car. It'll stop your tires.

So, these won't be permanent?

We can pin them in and the pin can be removed in the winter time but something more permanent would...

Well, yeah, right, be an issue with regard to plowing. So, you're getting solutions for only summertime or...

No, they'll be put in the winter as well. I mean, there'll be poles in the material and if we have to snowball around them, we will or if we have a backhoe with a small bucket, we can get behind them. We'll figure it out, but the important part is getting the safety measures in first.

Do you need a motion on that motion?

I do, yeah.

So moved.

Second.

Move seconded. Any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion signify by saying Aye.

(inaudible) that was Alden and Cindy.

Yeah, yeah.

Okay.

So, you said there's twenty-nine thousand in impact fees for, just, that's just the transfer station?

Twenty-eight nine fifty-three right now, that was as of March.

Okay.

But that is, we do still have the well to come out of that?

Correct.

But that leaves some significant money to upgrade something up there.

We'll see how much the well costs and how deep they have to go.

Oh yeah, the bathroom.

All right so, in fact we do have the (inaudible) Contoocook Well and their price is, I have a hole for casing at twenty bucks a foot. Price of drilling twelve bucks a foot up to a thousand feet, which I hope that's not going to be the case, and the price of well casing at thirty bucks a foot. Both of the hydro well will be hydrostat to be determined if it does not produce a sufficient flow of water, cost of two thousand eight hundred dollars. Let's hope we don't have to (inaudible).

And the price of the pump is in there but it will not be billed to the town until we have it installed.

Because we don't know how deep it is.

This at least locks in the quote of the price of the pump. I asked the vendor about that. He said that'll lock in your price if you just signed it but we will not pay for it until we put it in.

How soon are they looking they looking to do this?

Rick is working with them. The next opening in their schedule they'll be out there. I don't have a date.

We need a motion on this?

And just a side note, the pump price is forty-six hundred bucks which, is up to a two-horsepower submersible pump.

Depending on how deep...

To answer your question Alden, yes, to give the chair the permission to sign the agreement.

So moved with the chair to sign.

Second.

Movement seconded. Any further discussion?

What was the price estimate for that pump?

For the pump itself, four thousand six hundred dollars up to a two-horsepower submersible.

Depending on how deep it is.

I wonder how deep it can go before we have to upgrade the pump.

Our homes have three-quarter horse generally, sometimes...

That actually is a good question, why are putting such a huge pump in there for, we're not doing a huge, a lot of stuff up there?

Yeah, just bathroom, that's true.

That's a good point Will.

It should be like a home, right?

Or less.

Right.

I'm sure we can work that out when we go to order it. We're not paying for it yet.

Yeah, because that seems like...

The pump should just be a few hundred dollars.

Alden is the motion. Who seconded? Cindy. Thank you.

Yeah, because I run a horse and a half at the house to water all the animals but I'm sucking a ton more water than one bathroom.

This would include more than just the pump. It'd be also the piping and the electrical...

Yeah, and the wiring and stuff, but still, it still seems like more pump than we need.

They're proposing the pump to be set at two hundred feet deep, it would cost more if it goes deeper than that. Okay, so, we got a motion and a second. Any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion signify by saying Aye. Votes unanimous.

I had one more item. The primary is coming up September thirteenth of this year, Tuesday, the Board needs to make a decision as to the location.

Let's move back to town hall so we don't have to move the stuff again, would be my recommendation.

Kelly has to post the meeting.

Plus, this is going to be a pretty, I'm guessing, a pretty low turnout election.
So, town hall?

Town hall.

Town hall.

Fred, Town hall?

Yeah.

John, Freddie just texted me back. The state fuel rate is two nineteen a gallon. So, if we could figure out how to do that, that would be awesome.

That's it for me this evening. I just need a non-public, Fred.

John, did you hear what I said about the fuel rates.

I did. Yep, I know Fred is working on it.

Well, no, Fred just texted me, it's two nineteen a gallon.

Right, he's got to find out the closest location.

Okay, well, could you just check with the state and find out what paper et certera we have to...

He's doing that.

Perfect. Thank you.

You know what they say about things that are too goof=d to be true...

The state's paying for it.

All right, we have the accounts payable manifest for may sixteenth which the Board had already signed off on and in the amount of one million twenty-nine thousand four hundred sixty-eight dollars and nine cents of which one million is for the school. Also, the payroll manifest, gross payroll of for the weekending in five eleven of the check date five seventeen, gross payroll seventy-six thousand eight hundred thirty-five dollars and thirty-seven cents and the net pay payroll forty-seven thousand nine twenty-nine o five. We have a garden club request. What was this, John?

Garden club request to see if folks who are running campaigns cannot put their signs in the median because it disturbs the plantings and the vegetation, however, I explained to Lynn Garland that the town doesn't have authority over the medians because it runs along one o seven. Those are state owned pieces of property.

Yeah, but I they're just asking for the ones that they maintain.

They maintain all the way up to Mr. mike's down along one o seven.

(Inaudible, Multiple people talking) those are the ones are... Griffin Road would...

Would be ours, yes, that's on local, but everything along one o seven...

Yeah, I know. Absolutely, the one o seven, forty-three split...

that's a state road too. Those are the ones she's primarily talking about.

Well, I was jut thinking of placing I know they do a lot of planting.

So, John, you're saying it's state jurisdiction?

Right. I mean, we can certainly ask that people not put their political signs in the median because it does hurt some of the plantings in there.

It's always been an unspoken rule so, are they looking for us to make a motion to make a big spoken rule.

You can but, I don't know if you can enforce it.

Okay.

They can do it on Griffin Road.

Yes.

That's the only, it's the only straight town one that I can think of.

A lot of times too, with the signs on those medians, you can't see around them.

So those are the ones that I ask folks to put on the grass area, especially church and one o seven Coming up the hill, if some of those very tall sandwich board signs get in the way and it obstructs your vision.

I guess we can agree in principle with the idea from the garden club and thank them for the volunteerism in keeping our town looking beautiful. Which, I do. I usually stop and thank them on Griffin Road.

All right, we have a letter from Mr. Thompson with regard to Thurston Pond and ridge road. He's looking for a response to his letter of twelve seventeen twenty-two.

I think that's what we just discussed this afternoon with Freddie. But, if remember that letter, that was about the beaver situation on Thurston Pond, right?

Yeah. Which is what Fred's talking about today.

Yeah.

I think we've already addressed that.

I think so.

I'd have to go back and look at what the letter...

But I think that was his main concern...

He wanted us to take the debris out before it got too bad where we have every machine...

That's the current but he's referring to a letter back in December of twenty-one.

Oh.

That's he's never got a response too.

That was on plowing, I think, because that one, as well, I'm not sure what we're supposed to...

The ditch, suppose the ditch that was running across the road...

I don't think we have an immediate response.

(inaudible) probably look at (inaudible)

All right, and that's it. And then we have information from executive councilor Gatsas with regard to what's happening in the executive council. Notice from the Board of Adjustment and public hearing notice for the DOT, from the, their supposed to be here this week, correct? At six o'clock here?

Yes, the public hearing on the Freeses Pond bridge over one o seven will be here at six o'clock in this room.

A letter from Paul Aslan. Last month I visited your town office to obtain a hard copy of the Deerfield Town Report for twenty twenty-one. I was told the hard copies you had printed were all dispersed or distributed. My response was to have more hard copies printed. His response was no, it's online. I'm not interested in going online to obtain a report that the town should provide to tax paying residents if they request a hard copy, therefore I'm requesting you provide me with a hard copy of the twenty twenty-one Deerfield town report.

That's been resolved. He has a hard copy.

Okay.

It's really a tight one to know how many to print.

Right, exactly.

Fran was really pushing them at the election so went through them fast. It was great, we got, she got a lot of them out to people but, I don't think we need to print as many as we have before.

Twenty Board minutes. One Board agenda and information for the Rockingham County proposed budgets. So, that's in the correspondence.

All right, unfinished business. Building Inspector.

Oh, just a question, so, we had two meetings, I believe, that were postponed, right? One is the fair meeting and the other was the one o seven meeting for the bridge.

Well, that's one coming Thursday night at six o'clock, here.

Right.

Oh, and the one for Mr. Cross.

Oh, yes, right. That's delayed until the end of June.

Okay. Okay.

Building Inspector.

I really think we got to move ahead on this.

(inaudible) on how you want to pursue that.

I wish Dick was still on. But, we've gotta get moving on this because if, no matter what we do we're going to end up having to hire somebody and we have a date from Rick when Rick is leaving. Previously we had three suggestions. I, myself, think we ought to move ahead with the part-time building inspector and full-time clerk, would be my suggestion of those that we had on offer. I wish we still had Dick because I know Dick has been very involved in this, but, I just, we keep kicking this down the road, we've been doing that since like December. We gotta make a decision.

Any other discussion?

Why do we need both? I mean a full-time clerk and a part time building inspector.

Well, I believe the options were pretty much a, that, or a full-time inspector and a part-time clerk.

We don't got one now. Why do we need one?

Well, right now we have a full-time building inspector and...

If you go to a part-time option, building inspector, that's three days a week the rest of the time the office would only be staffed four days, thirty hours, twenty to twenty-five hours a week. The rest of the time the office would be closed. So, people looking for building permits, electrical permits...

I don't understand why we're not just hiring a full-time building inspector, be done with it.

Is it a cheaper option to have a part-time building inspector with a clerk?

Because there was questions to whether or not we needed a full-time building inspector.

So, we have a part time building inspector why do we need a full-time clerk?

Because there's a lot of work that happens off this site with a building inspector which is why I'm leaning towards a part-time building inspector. However, I want the public to be able to come in here and get the office work done when it needs to get done rather than wait on part-time hours for a building inspector.

It seems like when we lose somebody or when we have to replace somebody, we hire two and three people to take over a position that one person was doing.

Well, we're not hiring two or three people. We already have two people doing these, this job. It's not like we're adding extra employees.

(inaudible)

Well, there's a secretary down there who works for that.

Assessing?

Yeah, and that would be...

That's assessing...

But that would also be where we had talked about having a clerk cover.

Oh, so you're talking about hiring one person to do full-time to do assessing and...

I believe that the full-time clerk position is proposed to be both an assessing clerk and a building inspector clerk. The building inspector, as proposed, is only going to be there three days a week, in the office limited time, because they'll be out in the field so there will be nobody there to answer building inspector questions. The clerk would hand out electrical permits, plumbing permits and mechanical permits and schedule time with the building inspector for either meetings in the office with the public or out in the field.

But also, be the assessing clerk.

Correct, yes.

That's why the full-time position would be needed. They would be splitting their duties between the two.

So, this is an upgrade to the citizens for service. Ell, they'll get better service when they are seeking building permits.

They would have forty hours of access for a person in an office to go and ask a question or get a piece of documentation.

What do we have now by comparison?

The office is opened four days a week until noon. For assessing and building inspections.

So, we'd be doubling the office hour availability for building permits by citizens to go in and seek that.

Right.

Is that necessary, we deem that to be necessary over what we've been doing? It hasn't been a problem?

There's always quite a few questions from people coming in here afternoons or on Friday's looking to get business done and that office is not open.

So, what would be the estimated cost to the town to have this enhanced service.

I'd have to pull, I had all that documentation several times for the Board, I don't have it with me this evening.

What were Rick's hours?

Rick is open eight to noon, four days a week.

Well, then he goes out and does...

But his scheduled hours are four, ten-hour days, which is eight to six Monday through Thursday.

He's in the office eight to noon?

He's in the office typically eight to four or four thirty depending on whether or not he has scheduled inspections but the office door is closed. And the assessing clerk works eight to one, four day a week.

So, Rick was only working four hours a day?

Public open office hours.

But he works ten hours a day because he's out from eight to six all day, in the afternoon the door is closed.

So, what about the assessing clerk that's there now? Would she be given the opportunity to go full-time?

Absolutely. Yes, she has the opportunity to apply for that job if she'd like.

So, are actually adding another head count to the employee role or is it the same person taking on additional...

Whether it's the current assessing clerk that is interested in the full-time position and she gets it or a different person, that's still replacing one person the only thing increasing is that positions hours going from thirty hours a week to forty.

So, if we hire a new person, we would then not have the other accessing clerk?

Correct.

No, just one clerk splitting the two duties. They'd be a clerk for both offices.

Okay, so there is some increased cost but not an increased head count.

Slight increase in possibly wage but the benefits that are current being paid to the building inspector would just slide over to the clerk position because once they become forty hours, they get benefits.

It was slightly cheaper in this method when John had drawn everything up than having a full-time building inspector and the current clerk set up. But it was pretty close.

So, it's actually a money wash?

That was basically, when he drew it up, it was about a wash in the scheme of things.

I can send you all that documentation. It was heavily talked about last year back and forth. I just didn't bring it all in the packets.

My concern is just, we're going to be in June pretty quick here.

Yeah, I think Alden's trying to expedite because of the impending network...

We have a, we have a date.

Cindy and I are kind of looking at all the numbers and trying to figure it out.

Well now it makes sense if we're gonna have, I'm just, going to have one clerk.

Yes.

That makes a little bit more sense.

I mean really that...

That's why they'd need to be here full-time, eight to four thirty.

The decision really comes down to, do we need a full-time building inspector and leave the clerk where we are at or do we do a part-time building inspector and... I think part-time building inspector actually out doing the inspections would work better for us...

A lot of towns have gone to a part-time building inspector model where you plan appointments, you schedule time to come into the office to talk with them and when they come out to your site to do inspections. Right now, it's more of a, at will, whenever they want to get a hold of Rick.

And we have some interest in, from people...

I've had two individuals step forward interested in a position should it go part-time.

Which is why I was kind of leaning in that direction.

I know Nottingham has a part-time building inspector.

So does Allenstown, I think Northwood does. I see this, if we have somebody in there full-time who can answer questions, I think it would make the whole process a lot simpler and take that weight off the building inspector also.

So, how do we want to proceed? Do we want to, we want to take a vote on this or do you...?

Cindy, are you ready to proceed?

Yeah, I'm ready.

One clerk and one part-time building inspector.

I will make a motion that we proceed with a full-time assessing/building clerk and a part-time building inspector upon our current inspector's retirement but we start advertising now.

Is there a second?

Second.

Who's got the second.

Will's got it.

Any further discussion?

I know Dick had spoken to me today about this and he was, he wanted...

He was good with eh part-time?

Yes.

I couldn't remember which side he wanted but I remember there was a way he wanted it so that works out well.

All right, all those in favor of the motion signify by saying Aye. Vote is unanimous.

I guess we try to get an advertisement out.

All right, salary adjustments. Town Administrator, will?

So, this is an item that we delayed to look into further, into the process of the salary administration in general and also, performance reviews and we have made progress on that and I believe we are going to discuss that in the non-public session. Under letter two I think or b.

Okay. All right, new business.

Ain't no business.

And other business.

I know we only had old business, I guess. Are we gonna, the transfer station going to get a computer?

I not been shown why they need a computer. Any computing or emails that should be going to the transfer station supervisor, not the staff up there.

Well, if they need to look something up.

The supervisor should be informed if they need to look something up. I haven't been shown why they need a computer up there yet.

Okay.

Old, other old business, and going to just keep beating this dead horse but we got to get in touch with Assplin and Eversource, and I know Freddie went out with the state forester and there's no money for that, but we're getting a lot of wind and we have some really crappy looking dead ash along the side of these roads and it's just a matter of time before we start having a lot of power outages.

Given the quotes of the paving bids I don't know how much is going to be left out of the budgeted money or the warrant article...

Oh, I don't think from town budget. I think we're strapped, but next time, every time, you talk to Eversource please tell them that we have an emerald ash issue and we need some...

They haven't, they've been made aware several times. They know it's out there.

I know, I just, every time I see a few people in town they're like, when is, when are they coming back to do this. So, I figured I'd bring it up again. I'm surprised we haven't had more big trees down.

I need to go under two b and d.

I think we've got a and, there's a and d?

Inaudible.

We do it all together?

We're going to a non-public. RSA 91-A:3; II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted. And d. (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 adverse to those of the general community.

So, second.

Seconded.

Okay, and roll call. Will?

Aye.

Alden?

Aye.

Cindy?

Yes.

And McGarry says yes.

Just to let everyone know the meeting for zoom and online is going to end in two minutes. There's no way to extend it.

All right, (inaudible) decision were made at the non-public sessions. Motion to seal the minutes.

Motion to seal the minutes.

Seconded.

Alden?

Aye.

Cindy?

Yes.

Dick?

Yeah.

And McGarry says yes too.

All right.

So, we have an item of unfinished business.

Yes, town administrators' salary.

I'd like to make a motion that we make a salary adjustment to the town administrator at the town of Deerfield to eighty-seven thousand dollars annual salary.

Is there a second?

Second.

Movement seconded. Any discussion?

We'll be sitting down with the town administrator to go through an annual review and discuss comments that were made.

All right, all those in favor of, any further discussion? All those in favor or the motion signify by saying Aye. Votes unanimous.

All right, citizens comments.

Okay.

Erroll Rhodes, Church Street. Is this on.

Yup.

Just one thing that came up this evening, the librarian's proposal to use a, what is a commercial building and space in that for sort of an extension, I'm just wondering, the town hall is not far from where she is and it's a public building. I think the commercial space probably would be heated during the winter time, which the town hall wouldn't be, but my guess is the lease will go up too, so I'm wondering why we're not promoting the town hall for that kind of, I mean it's, you know was a community hub in the past and could probably could still be one in the future but it would be an interesting thing to...

I think could be an accessibility issue too.

Same accessibility. It's got the ramp, that beautiful ramp up the front.

That was my only guess.

What?

I said, that was my only guess.

I don't what the driving force on that is, but I think we've got the same, not as modern maybe, but maybe a reason to upgrade the town hall a little bit for those things but it's a 4-H and other things, which have there, I believe, in the past. We could certainly promote that as a town asset and Primex would have less issue I think with it because they're they already cover it, I think.

I think what we were told, I think the 4-H group did come to us and we said no.

Well right now town hall isn't open.

Right.

Could be part of that.

And I didn't realize the library was looking for space.

I didn't either.

We have space.

Thank you.

Harriet Cady.

Kathy and I are getting old. We can't hear you. Especially you Fred and you Will. Alden, you're good. Cindy sometimes, sometimes not. You drop your voices when you're talking sometimes to each other so, remember, we're out here to listen to. The other thing, we've been discussing it here at the break, but I am concerned, as a senior citizen especially, that we don't seem to plan ahead on our vehicles with some priority. I do not want to see a chief with a Tahoe going around town as I did when Mark would go shopping in Raymond or to the hardware store or to the building store with it. I think the chief's command vehicle would be used, maybe, to go to meetings in Concord with some of the fire fighters in it or. That's my personal feeling and I know there are citizens in town that feel the same way, that there's no reason to have a fire chief in a vehicle running around from the town. The biggest thing I'd like to see is the ambulance, which, I hear may come with one of the federal monies that are coming because I know there's more call almost every week for somebody. I know when my husband was bad, I had to haul him and I really appreciate it. I'd really appreciate having that, the biggest problem I do see is we're not seeing a plan on how equipment for the fire department needs to be replaced or bought. There's not a report in the town report yearly saying this needs to be something we're thinking of buying of planning to buy such as an ambulance and I'd like to see that kind of a plan, at least in the town report so once a year the people can read what is going to be appropriated for in the town. So, I guess what I'm saying, I'd like to see more information out here to the public that would tell us. I hear it when I come here but I don't see it anywhere else and I don't think there's that many people watching selectmen's meetings or other meetings in town and maybe with your newspaper we will find out more of this but I still think it's important for there to be a document in the town report that shows what's happening, what's

needed. I know that we do appropriate every year for the fire truck that we're planning on buying in the future but I don't see anything about appropriations for an ambulance or planning for the time when we're not going to be able to get Raymond to come to us by paying them some money. So that's just my thought. I'd like to see more information of what's being planned.

Thank you.

Thanks for coming.

Good evening, Jason Coombs from Range Road in Deerfield. I happen to work for a large paving company. I looked over the bid that went out for paving and I'm concerned over the asphalt injection as part of reclamation. It's probably a little light on the volume so, what you got for bids that happen to include it could be off by, as much as, thirty-three percent cost. Continental's bid, I may be aware includes the asphalt injection and the different between us and some others were a hundred thousand dollars so, imagine that going up, potentially, thirty-three percent. That would be pretty significant to any budgets. This comes from a subcontractor that wants to do such work that they are thinking that at the current volume you might get the four inches of treatment they would normally recommend six. That's where those numbers come from.

We don't usually ask questions but, if you don't mind Fred? You said only Merrimack is doing that?

I'm not going to say they are the only ones but they're the only ones that hire us to facilitate it.

So, it's not a common practice is what I was getting at?

I think it used to be but it's fallen out and in the state of New Hampshire it's not typically done. Reclaiming the loam is usually enough to stabilize the base but as far as what the state does, which is kind of like they, they're the experts of the experts as far as what you need for soil conditions in the state of New Hampshire. They typically don't but their roadway designs are usually for one hundred years at a time and they're usually ripping out everything in order to get a manufactured product as the gravel underneath the road and, so they have moved away from reclaiming pretty much all together. However, what we would call re-boxing, the complete removal of all material and then replacing it with it known good manufactured gravel is extremely cost prohibited, especially for towns. So, as I had explained to Fred Wallace that this is kind of an in-between. You're going to get a better base underneath your asphalt however it's not going to be perfect. It's a much better solution than simply adding another layer of asphalt. The asphalt injection, and I'll admit that my knowledge of it is relatively thin because it's just not done in great volume, it's one of those things that my understating of it is it's not going to hurt anything, its benefits are kind of, I couldn't really say exactly how much of a benefit it would be, I'm not familiar with any research on it, but yes, as far as I know Merrimack does it in great detail. They happen to love it. I've spoken to one of the guys who did it for them, something around eight to twelve years ago, and the road is in nearly pristine condition. However, it was a targeted effort that their engineers were consulted, there were borings done and they determined how much volume they were going to need in order to get an asphalt content that they wanted in the sub-base. So, this seems, going for six inches at one and half percent is the current rate of asphalt and it's escalating even higher. I would not expect it to be below seven hundred dollars per liquid ton next month and that's days away. The cost of this is going to go even higher that it is today as the bids were opened.

Okay.

I think, just as a follow-on to that the fact that the first three bidders didn't include it. So, I think from our standpoint what we'd have to do would be to strike that bid item from all of the bids and then re-evaluate the bids at that point.

As one of their competitors, I'd be comfortable with that.

Thank you for that. If I can play Dick, I'll make a motion to adjourn at eight forty-one.

Second.

Movement seconded. All those in favor or the motion signify by saying Aye. Votes unanimous.

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