

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
November 7, 2022
MINUTES**

Call to Order

5:30 – Vice Chairman Pitman called the meeting to order

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Before we listen to Chief Duquette in I'd like to invite Fred in on the Zoom.

John Harrington: He's not there yet.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Will you let us know?

John Harrington: I will let you know.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Chief Duquette, you're on.

Gary Duquette: I'll be real brief here, um, you know, we, uh been down a position since summertime... just ...so we just finished a hiring process. Finally decided on a young man by the name, Kyle Burroughs, um, did a real good job. Ran him through the full gambit, poly, psych, medical, uh, PT tests, uh, everything. Did a really nice job. So, um, I'm looking to bring him on board as a full-time. Not certified. Have to send him to the academy. I'm looking at a start date of December first so, basically, I just came here looking for your blessing to go ahead and, um, hire this young man.

Motion: Selectman Dill makes a motion to hire.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Selectman Huebner: Same salary as the last one?

Gary Duquette: It will be less than the one that left.

Selectman Huebner: Less.

Selectman Dill: I was saying to the rest of the board before we started that with all the openings in the other departments around here, I think it's that good you were able to find somebody.

Gary Duquette: Yeah, we lucked out.

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Gary Duquette: It's slim pickings right now. Everybody is...

Selectman Dill: Northwood's been down for like a year. So, I'm glad to see us at full staff.

Vice Chairman Pitman: All in favor of the chair signing this personnel action request? We better wait a minute for John.

Selectman Dill: Fred's joining us momentarily.

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

Selectman Dill: How soon is the next academy class?

Gary Duquette: Won't be until February. January one was full. Couldn't get him in so it'll be February, which is fine, we can do a lot with him before he goes which it actually an advantage to him. One more quick thing while I'm sitting

here and I have your attention. Um, I know there's been a lot of conversation about the whole South Road thing, uh, and putting a yellow line down the middle of it. Um, I know y'all been talking about this for quite some time. Um, I haven't been party to any of that cause nobody's asked me so, um, I just wanted to kind of throw my two cents in on that. I think it would be a good idea to have it. I would like to see it. Uh, a solid yellow line down the middle of South Road, um, it helps our enforcement capabilities. Um, realistically we get more complaints for people passing out there then we do speed. Um, I think that would go a long way towards alleviating that. Everybody knows a solid yellow line, you can't pass. That would be something that we could enforce and it also helps, um, complaints of erratic drivers, possible drunk drivers, um, to have that yellow line there really helps us out if we're following vehicles because inevitably, they cross it and gives us a reason to stop people so, um, I realize that it's the road... isn't finished yet. I think you got to do another layer next spring or something, is that the game plan?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Yeah.

Gary Duquette: So, I guess it would be after that but I would strongly recommend and would like to see that yellow line down South Road when it gets to that point.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Cindy, you have a question?

Gary Duquette: I just wanted to throw that out there to y'all and weigh in on it a little bit.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Well, we want your opinion. Cindy.

Selectwoman McHugh: We got... no... uh, he's talking spring time so we have time to look into it. I'm just wondering if there was... if we needed... if we could get away with a single or we need a double?

Gary Duquette: I mean, I think a single would do it.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Gary Duquette: I think a single would be fine.

Selectwoman McHugh: Is that... legally that's what you need?

Gary Duquette: Yes.

Selectwoman McHugh: Okay.

Gary Duquette: Yep.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Perfect. Alden.

Selectman Dill: I had the same question was just if we could enforce on a single because, Cindy and I were talking before the meeting of, that road has weird widths and we didn't know if we could fit a double in so...

Gary Duquette: Right.

Selectman Dill: ...a single...

Gary Duquette: A single would do just fine, yes.

Selectman Dill: Excellent.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Anybody else for the chief?

Gary Duquette: Thank you.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Thank you chief.

Selectman Dill: Thank you.

Motion: Selectman Huebner makes a motion to allow Fred McGarry to enter the meeting by Zoom.

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion:

Selectman Dill: We gotta roll call it.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Will?

Selectman Huebner: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Alden?

Selectman Dill: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Cindy?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Myself, yes.

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

Vice Chairman Pitman: Welcome Fred.

Chairman McGarry: Thank you, Dick.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Next, it's on the agenda but he's here to follow up on last week, is Don Wyman from the fair.

Don Wyman: Don Wyman, Deerfield fair president. We've got... we finally got some invoices or, excuse me, some time cards from the different firefighters. The only discrepancy that we have is, we've got, uh, three Northwood gentlemen at here that have time cards but they're not on the schedule, uh, I don't know if that's such a big deal or not but, uh, they're just not on the schedule and, uh, if we can get the invoices, uh, what I'll do is, I'll bring everything I have here to the fair board, by the directors and see what they want to do with this so we can move forward to this and, and get it passed, so...

Vice Chairman Pitman: Cindy.

Selectwoman McHugh: Do we have a contract for them?

Don Wyman: That, I'm sure. We don't have a contract for anybody that I've seen.

John Harrington: I forwarded the contract to Barb.

Selectwoman McHugh: Okay.

Don Wyman: Okay. I spoke with Barb today and I'm not doubting you did. We have a new, uh, an email system at the fair so stuff might be getting lost but, uh...

John Harrington: I can print you a hard copy.

Don Wyman: Okay.

John Harrington: pass it to Cindy or Dick.

Don Wyman: Yeah, because Barb said she hadn't, she hadn't received even this here as I spoke to you about earlier.

John Harrington: (inaudible, doesn't sound like mic is on)

Don Wyman: Okay. So, if we get the invoice and we get the contracts that'll be great. We can move forward with that and get this behind us.

Selectwoman McHugh: We have Candia, we just need...

Don Wyman: Candia we have, uh, we had that... we've had that since we got their, uh, EMT contracts and stuff like that but we had no verification of hours for them. That was why we had to hold off on them, uh, and Northwood we didn't have anything on them. So, once we get his done and that paperwork, we can move forward with this. We meet, uh, next Thursday so...

Selectman Dill: So, the town is printing the invoice?

John Harrington: That is coming from Matt.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

John Harrington: (inaudible, doesn't sound like mic is on) ...keeps waiting for Northwood.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Don Wyman: Yeah, I heard Northwood was kind of lagging behind on their part so that's not really Matt's fault there.

John Harrington: (inaudible, doesn't sound like mic is on).

Selectman Dill: Yeah, but time cards and a contract... we should be able to make an invoice easy enough, right?

Don Wyman: Yeah, that's it. We've got the time cards. Nothing's initialed to be verified but if, you know, if it's on... that's why I wanted it on a schedule. If it was on a schedule, we could match it up with the time. Those three gentlemen are not on the schedule but that's easy enough to verify, I guess. So, I just wanted to let you guys know where we're at and what our next step is unless you guys have something different.

Vice Chairman Pitman: All good here.

Selectman Dill: Yep. Be nice to finally get this done.

Don Wyman: Yes. I agree. Thank you.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Appreciate it. Review of outstanding minutes for ten thirty-one twenty-two.

Motion: Selectwoman McHugh

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion:

Vice Chairman Pitman: Will?

Selectman Huebner: Aye.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Alden?

Selectman Dill: I'm going to abstain, actually, missed half the meeting and I seconded so I don't know if I can do that. I'll just vote yes. I was here for the beginning.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Cindy?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Myself, yes. Fred?

Chairman McGarry: Yes.

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

Vice Chairman Pitman: Thank you. Vouchers and payroll. We have, payable manifest of nine hundred fifty-five thousand seventy-four dollars and twenty-eight cents.

Motion: Selectman Dill

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vice Chairman Pitman: Will?

Selectman Huebner: Aye.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Alden?

Selectman Dill: Aye.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Cindy?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Myself, yes. Fred?

Chairman McGarry: Aye.

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

Vice Chairman Pitman: Did everybody get the letter from Jeff and Mary Karlin?

Selectman Dill: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Should we forward that to the police chief?

Selectwoman McHugh: Can I see it? I didn't get it.

Vice Chairman Pitman: South Road.

Selectman Huebner: Is that the letter of correspondence we should made read or not?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Would you like Cindy to read it?

Selectman Huebner: Perhaps.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Or pass it down to Will, whichever you do.

Selectman Huebner: Okay.

Selectman Dill: But, yeah, we can forward that to the police chief. I think it covers the same as int eh conversation we just had.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Get them down into the minutes, Will?

Selectman Huebner: Okay. So, we have a letter from, uh, Jeff and Mary Karlin regarding the traffic speed on South Road, uh, is untenable, that's the title if the letter. Dear Selectboard, we have been residence of Deerfield since two thousand three when we built our home on eighty-five South Road. We have since witnessed a dramatic increase in the volume and speed of traffic on South Road since the road was resurfaced this past week. Driver's speed and recklessness has further increased within two days of repaving being completed. While traveling solo at normal rate of speed we were each passed on separate occasions in the half mile stretch between the junction of route forty-three and our home. Had the vehicle been traveling from the opposite direction or a pedestrian had been walking on the side of the roadway a serious accident would have been likely. We understand that the woman with the child and stroller was in September and a victim of driver's who routinely take no care around pedestrians on the road. Sadly, as residents we witnessed the driving culture on South Road every day. We stopped walking our dog on the road several months ago and for safety reasons. Roads, along with the school that constitute two weighty, uh, pieces of the real estate taxes and the safety, uh, is an inherent responsibility within both of these expenditures. It is essential, in our view, that the issue be conclusively addressed without delay. A solid yellow center line highly visible, speed limit signs and a visible police vigilance parked off the road are such imperatives in order to begin a change... the... in... that's embedded in the driving culture on South Road. People's safety is more important than the rare inconvenience of getting behind a slow tractor. Please take this issue up at your next meeting and advise me as to the next steps. Sincerely Jeff and Mary Karlin.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Can you forward that to the police chief?

John Harrington: I will.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Thank you, Will. Next, we have two intents to cuts. We don't need a motion we just sign. First one is Michael Sharp Enterprises on South Road. A hundred- and ninety-acre lot. Acreage to cut, forty-five acres. The next one is (inaudible, very soft spoken) ...fund. Wild Turkey Lane. Hundred seventy-one-acre lot. Sixty acres to cut.

Selectman Dill: Didn't realize there was that big a lot on Wild Turkey.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Next we have a follow-up...

Selectwoman McHugh: This is on Wild Turkey? That says Saddleback Mountain. Is that where they're going to go in at, Saddleback Mountain Road?

Selectman Dill: Where they access Wild Turkey Road.

Selectwoman McHugh: Okay. (Inaudible, soft spoken)

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Selectwoman McHugh: Saddleback to Wild Turkey, there's a hundred acres behind me and that's in between that.

John Harrington: (inaudible, doesn't sound like mic is on)

Selectman Dill: Well, that would be my concern, is it, is it on the class six part of Saddleback Mountain? Yeah, it's on Saddleback Mountain Road.

Selectwoman McHugh: The access is but where's... I mean, so, the owner must live on one fifty.

Selectman Dill: Wild Turkey Lane in Porter, Maine is where the person doing the cut is from. Different Wild Turkey Road. That's the confusion. Yeah, that's a ways away. You know, I'm not sure if they're gonna... it looks like it's the Saddleback portion right before it goes to Northwood so I'm guessing it's gonna be accessed out of Northwood but that's a class six portion of Saddleback, isn't it? So that would be the only concern there, is we just have to watch the class six portion.

Selectwoman McHugh: Is it scenic?

Selectman Dill: I don't think it's scenic but I know it's class six for quite a ways.

Selectman Huebner: We have a mechanism of relaying that restriction to the cutter before it happens and we have to object?

Selectman Dill: Um, this is the, I'm looking at you John, this is the intent to cut parts that I don't remember.

Selectwoman McHugh: Fred?

Selectman Dill: Fred?

Chairman McGarry: What?

Selectman Dill: Um, intent to cut on class six roads, don't we have a further mechanism that we have to look into?

Chairman McGarry: Uh, well, if they're going to be doing any repairs or, uh, anything to the class six they have to get approval from us.

Selectman Dill: Oaky. So, that would be the restriction on that.

Chairman McGarry: Yeah.

Selectman Dill: If it's going to be that big of a cut, they're probably going to have to do some improvements on that road, I guess.

Chairman McGarry: I would think so, yeah.

Selectman Huebner: So, has this been approved with some restrictions? Because right now we just approved it.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, I'm kind of at a loss for how we want to...

Vice Chairman Pitman: (inaudible, soft spoke) ...enforce it.

Selectman Dill: It's the road agent. Correct, Fred, that's the road agent, enforcement?

Chairman McGarry: Yes. Right. I think what we'd have to do would be just to send a letter to, uh, the proposed logger telling him that you need to get approval from us before he does any work on the road.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Definitely.

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Selectman Huebner: So, do we hold this application until that time or do we... (inaudible, someone else starts talking)

Selectwoman McHugh: Is this... (inaudible, someone else talking).

Selectman Dill: I think the towers on this parcel. I believe.

Selectwoman McHugh: I'm really confused. There's a lot of names and addresses here that... what's that?

Selectman Dill: That's the o...

Selectwoman McHugh: That's mastro Durham.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Let's forward it to John to look into.

Selectman Dill: Yep.

Selectman Huebner: Did you get that John? It's here in the pile but it's approved.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Now after last week in two thousand eighteen deed waivers. Map 208 lot 84 is due to be deed for non-payment. Want to touch on that John?

John Harrington: I did get in touch with the resident, uh, they're going to work with me on a payment plan so at this point I would recommend the board sign the waiver. If something should happen and the negotiation fails the board can always go back and rescind its waiver.

Vice Chairman Pitman: We want a motion or...?

John Harrington: Yes, a motion.

Motion: Selectwoman McHugh makes a motion to sign the waiver.

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion:

Vice Chairman Pitman: Will?

Selectman Huebner: Aye.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Alden?

Selectman Dill: Aye.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Cindy?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Fred?

Chairman McGarry: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Myself, yes.

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

Vice Chairman Pitman: Deputy town clerk tax collector for a three-year term expiring March twenty-four.

Selectman Dill: I assume Kim is the one who's going to be the deputy town clerk.

Vice Chairman Pitman: (inaudible, soft spoken) ...pronounce that last name.

Selectman Dill: That's why I said Kim.

Motion: Selectman Dill

Second: Chairman McGarry

Discussion:

John Harrington: Kim Kunitake

Vice Chairman Pitman: Fred?

Selectman Huebner: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Will.

Selectman Huebner: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Alden?

Selectman Dill: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Cindy?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Myself, yes.

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

Vice Chairman Pitman: Next we have the Town of Deerfield policy against harassment. John, touch on that.

John Harrington: The town had an existing harassment policy in the workplace but upon renewal of our Primex application, which we do every year, they review all of our policies. This policy hadn't been updated since twenty seventeen. A lot of the laws have hanged since then so in order to complete the application, which gets the town a discount on their insurance rates, they gave me a sample, uh, of language we needed to incorporate. So, we're adjusting our current workplace harassment with current language and laws.

Motion: Selectman Dill makes a motion to update the policy.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vice Chairman Pitman: Fred?

Chairman McGarry: Aye.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Will.

Selectman Huebner: Aye.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Alden?

Selectman Dill: Aye.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Cindy?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Myself, yes.

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

Vice Chairman Pitman: Town administrator's report.

John Harrington: First item is, I do have health insurance information to pass onto the board. Although the board has already approved the final bottom line of our budget the board needs to instruct a representative to go to the MBC to make that amendment at the next upcoming meeting when they get to the insurance budget. After talking to the insurance broker, uh, from Melcher and Prescott, uh, the recommendation is to stick with our current policy which is Anthem Gold Access for twenty twenty-three. The rates will go up eleven point zero four percent but nationally that is right in line with how other insurance policies are going up as you can see from the documentation I included in your packet. To go to a different plan at this point would be much more costly. Part of the increase, which I'm recommending to level fund for twenty twenty-three with the current funding in the budget is partially offset by going to a part building inspector which decreases the need for a health coverage plan for that person. However, we still have three full-time positions that are currently open which is the new police officer, which Gary just brought up this evening, a highway maintainer position should we fill that and also a road agent. We don't know what policies those particular individuals might be caring but even though we're not currently covering the money in the budget line right now will adequately allow us to cover those people.

Selectman Dill: So, we need a motion then to stick with the, um, with the same...?

John Harrington: Two hundred fifty-four thousand eight hundred ninety-four dollars which is what is currently in the budget.

Selectman Huebner: And a motion for me to amend the budget in the MBC to the corrected amount?

John Harrington: At the meeting where insurance is discussed you would go forward and make that amendment to the MBC.

Selectman Dill: But I'm just saying, we do need a motion for us just to go with the, uh...

John Harrington: Yes.

Motion: Selectman Dill makes a motion that we go with the Anthem Gold Access Blue New England HMO three thousand zero six thousand which is our current, our current plan.

Second: Chairman McGarry

Discussion:

Vice Chairman Pitman: Fred?

Chairman McGarry: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Will.

Selectman Huebner: Aye.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Alden?

Selectman Dill: Aye.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Cindy?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Myself, yes.

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

Selectmen Huebner: Then do we need a motion to amend budget or no?

John Harrington: Well, they've approved that so you would go in...

Selectman Huebner: ...a meeting.

John Harrington: Yeah. We don't need one. Uh, building inspectors truck. Um, got some less than fortunate news. The frame is, uh, recommended not to be repaired. It's pretty well gone. So, the board needs to decide whether or not we need to try to repair the truck which is not recommended by...

(Inaudible talking from the audience)

John Harrington: Right.

(Inaudible talking from the audience)

John Harrington: Or find a new vehicle.

(Inaudible talking from the audience)

Selectman Dill: I got a couple questions for you Bob, do you mind hitting the mic?

(Inaudible talking from the audience)

Bob Heon: I mean, not that we haven't rebuilt a lot of the town trucks but those were five fifties and four fifties, but those fronts cost stupid money to buy. This is just a little ranger. My thought for what the building inspector needs is the next cruiser that's had enough miles on it. That's what he gets. That's my two cents.

Selectman Dill: How many miles are on the ranger?

Bob Heon: Not many. That's the sad part. It's got a good running gear.

John Harrington: Fifty-five thousand.

Bob Heon: Yeah, it's really... and it's got a really good running gear. It runs sweet but there's just nothing left to weld to let alone fix.

Selectman Dill: What would it cost, just so we have numbers, I mean, just how many hours do you figure it would cost to do that?

Bob Heon: The frame itself is the... I found a couple, they're, you know, uh, anywhere from a thousand to fifteen hundred bucks ready to put those parts on but all the front end is gone so you're looking, I mean, just in parts you're gonna be close to four grand.

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Bob Heon: Just in parts. Never mind the man hours to put it together.

Vice Chairman Pitman: We're coming in at a slow time of year for the building inspector too, so...

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Vice Chairman Pitman: ...he could be using his own and getting reimbursed. Cindy.

Selectwoman McHugh: Is it possible to go to like Whites and find something.

Bob Heon: That's something. I didn't even consider that.

Selectman Dill: Yeah. I was thinking the same. See what's up in Concord.

Selectwoman McHugh: Yeah. I'd like to keep a truck, something that the, um, maintenance guy could use to get parts and wood and the building inspector.

Selectman Dill: I had the same thought if we could find something up there. I don't know what the inventory is looking like up there at this time of year.

Selectwoman McHugh: When is that, November?

Selectman Dill: No. The auctions in the summer.

Vice Chairman Pitman: They just had one in October.

John Harrington: They have two.

Bob Heon: They just had a month or so ago.

Selectwoman McHugh: Okay.

Selectman Dill: I can... next time I'm in Concord I can swing through.

Bob Heon: Don't you guys get first dibs on anything that pops up?

Selectman Dill: We do but on the other hand we sent the command vehicle up there and all the other towns are doing the same so it's kind of a...

Vice Chairman Pitman: So, let me ask you a question, hold off on any more of the Ranger?

Bob Heon: Yeah. That's why we threw the wheels back on it and pushed it back outside. It looks a little sad right now but... and it's too... the body panels are all good stuff it's just there's no framework.

Selectman Huebner: What's the model year of the truck?

Bob Heon: Oh, you probably... like it's an old one. '04 maybe '05.

Selectman Huebner: So, it's...

Vice Chairman Pitman: It's almost seventeen years old.

Selectman Huebner: Yeah, but it only has fifty-five thousand miles on it.

Selectman Dill: It never leaves town.

Bob Heon: And Rick doesn't work on Fridays.

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Bob Heon: Or, didn't work on Friday so it's really only four days a week the thing went anywhere.

Selectman Dill: It never went...

Selectman Huebner: So, do we need a truck or can we just reimburse personal mileage?

Vice Chairman Pitman: No, we have too.

Selectman Huebner: It's only like fifteen hundred miles a week, actually fifteen hundred miles a year.

Selectwoman McHugh: I would say we look into something at Whites because I know Ray has put in mileage to go to Home Depot and get things for maintenance. So, that's a vehicle we would not have to pay mileage to whoever's running their truck around. They could share it.

Selectman Dill: I'd rather have a town vehicle as well cause god forbid somebody gets in an accident. It makes all sorts of hassle when you're in a personal vehicle for town business and just to keep the insurance easy. I got to agree with Cindy. I'd like to see what's up at White Farm or figure out something because I'd rather have a town vehicle.

Selectwoman McHugh: In the winter we could do...

Selectman Dill: Yeah, for the time being because we can't obviously put in... can't have the guy driving around in a vehicle that has no frame to it.

Selectman Huebner: I'm just shocked that we have a vehicle that's so seldom used that we maintain and pay the insurance and everything on.

Bob Heon: You know, even the trucks in the highway shed don't have a ton of miles. They don't leave town either. Well, I shouldn't say that. The dump trucks occasionally do to get material or something but still, for a truck of their age that kind of style truck, they ain't got no miles on them at all.

Selectwoman McHugh: Even our medical van doesn't have a lot of miles on it.

Bob Heon: Yeah.

Selectman Dill: The problem is they get a lot of road salt in those few months. That's the problem because the cruisers are the same way. We don't get a huge amount of mileage on them but they rot out. That's why we replace them.

Vice Chairman Pitman: you look into that Alden?

Selectman Dill: Yeah. Next time I'm in Concord, probably next week, I'll swing over and drive through the lot and see what's around. Sometimes there's some cool stuff in there.

Bob Heon: And I could be wrong, but I think that's what the town of Raymond does. When the cruisers come, they got... and they have a thing that when cruisers get to so many miles that's what the building inspector gets but like you said, for maintenance and stuff. Raymond has their own maintenance departments.

Selectman Dill: And I know it does. Like park and rec use it for dump runs and stuff.

Bob Heon: that too.

Selectman Dill: Which is...

Bob Heon: Doesn't parks and rec have a van.

Selectman Dill: Yeah. It's nice to have a pickup bed when they go to the dump.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Okay.

Selectman Dill: Thanks for being here for that one. That helped.

Bob Heon: One of them things.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Now a good time to go into non-public?

Selectman Dill: Might as well.

John Harrington: I just had a couple more things.

Vice Chairman Pitman: (inaudible, very softly spoken)

John Harrington: That's right. Thank you, Bob, helping out. Uh, just a reminder to everybody, tomorrow is voting. November eighth, seven a.m. to seven p.m. at the town hall...

Selectman Dill: On Church Street.

John Harrington Pardon?

Selectman Dill: On Church Street just to lay it all out there.

John Harrington: Town Clerk Offices will be closed tomorrow for voting.

Someone from the audience: Oh, so it's not going to be at the fairgrounds? It's gonna be over here? I'm glad I was here.

John Harrington: Ray did put a sign down at the fairgrounds that directs everybody up to the town hall.

(Inaudible talking from the audience)

John Harrington: Last item, uh, Ray informed me that the shoulder gravel machine they thought they were renting is not available and if they do get it there's not enough people to operate it efficiently to get all the work done. So, I had him reach out to Pike to find out if they would do it and how much it would be and the quote came back at twenty-seven thousand three hundred dollars for Birch and South Roads and they could do it by the end of next week.

Selectwoman McHugh: Is this just... they're gonna purchase their own shoulder material?

John Harrington: Pike?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yeah. Or are we going to supply their gravel?

John Harrington: They've got an estimated six hundred and fifty tons of shoulder gravel.

Vice Chairman Pitman: In that price?

John Harrington: In that price.

Selectman Dill: Which leads to the next logical question, do we have that money?

John Harrington: Um, that would come out of, uh, the two budgets we have available. We have two hundred fifty-seven thousand in the budget and a two hundred- and fifty-thousand-dollar warrant article. Of that we've spent a hundred and forty thousand seven hundred fifty-nine dollars to date. We've already been billed for Haynes Road. Some of the flagging and some of the paving. Not the entire amount yet. Which leaves about three hundred ninety-seven seven hundred dollars in those two funding sources.

Selectman Huebner: Don't we also have a bunch of millings, uh, that were piled up b, I want to say, the Rollins when they were here and...

John Harrington: There is some of it and...

Selectman Huebner: Can they use some of that instead of buying gravel?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Not if they do it.

Selectwoman McHugh: I was gonna suggest that too but I don't think there's six hundred and fifty yards or whatever you said. But yeah...

John Harrington: They didn't break it out. It's one price for everything.

Selectman Dill: So, we have out of that three ninety-seven though some of that has to be not billed yet for all the paving we just did, right?

John Harrington: Yeah, we haven't been totally billed. We haven't been billed for South Road yet.

Selectman Dill: I just want to put hat out there that we're not sitting on an extra four hundred thousand dollars.

John Harrington: If everything comes in, we're... it looks like an estimated four hundred and two thousand, uh, and we have three hundred and ninety-seven available.

Selectman Dill: Okay, well that changes the math a little bit.

Chairman McGarry: Significantly.

John Harrington: That's without touching the block grant surplus that was being held aside for the Haynes Road culvert.

Selectman Dill: Which was how much?

John Harrington: twenty-eight thousand two hundred forty-five dollars left in that.

Selectwoman McHugh: So, we have almost five hundred thousand for the road reconstruction and we've used how much again? Three hundred...

John Harrington: No. uh, so far, a hundred and forty thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine dollars has been billed. Uh, that includes sixty thousand three hundred and fifty for the paving. Seventy-three sixty-eight for the flagging cost and Haynes Road shim and overlay, forty-one thousand five hundred and twenty-two.

Selectwoman McHugh: So, we should have plenty of money there...

Selectman Dill: However...

Selectwoman McHugh: ...for shouldering. We haven't been...

Selectman Dill: ...we haven't been billed you said...

Selectwoman McHugh: ...for South.

John Harrington: The contract costs for South Road and Birch Road was four hundred sixty-two thousand seven hundred and forty-five dollars. Of that we've only been billed sixty thousand three hundred and fifty. There's still a big chunk coming.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Yeah, four hundred thousand.

Selectwoman McHugh: And it still leaves us something. Still leaves us twenty-seven thousand to...

Vice Chairman Pitman: Fred, what do you think?

Chairman McGarry: We still, uh, the was John was talking it looks like we're five thousand dollars short.

John Harrington: Yes.

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

John Harrington: Approximately that.

Selectman Dill: You just keep breaking it up into different chunks.

Vice Chairman Pitman: But can we... how can we spend a half a million on paving and not finish it?

Selectman Dill: I know. So, we're gonna have to break into that block grant money and do it or...

John Harrington: We look at the budget and we may be able to absorb that overage in the budget.

Selectman Dill: We also have to get this done. How soon can Pike get in?

John Harrington: By the end of next week, he said, if it's approved.

Selectman Dill: Cause we're definitely really close to not work time on the road.

Chairman McGarry: Right. We definitely should end up having that work done to protect that pavement.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Otherwise...

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Selectwoman McHugh: How did we get so over on this project?

Selectman Dill: We're not. We're right on. We just didn't...

Selectman Huebner: Well, we didn't...

John Harrington: Well, part of it was the flagging. We never counted on the seventy-three hundred dollars flagging. We were supposed to do that within the department. That was counting on four people to the flagging. We had to hire police officers for that.

Selectman Dill: What were you saying?

Selectman Huebner: I'm going to ask the same dumb question; can we use some of the millings that we have to offset some of the gravel cost?

John Harrington: Um, from what I'm told, it wasn't ground fine enough. There's still quite a few big chunks.

Someone from the audience: Exactly, their machine won't take the rocks. It's too big.

Selectman Huebner: But they've used it in other places, right?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yeah. Probably depends on the machine.

Selectman Huebner: The state has used it.

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Someone from the audience: yeah, but they mill it smaller.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, in the machine we rented last year, which isn't available now, was able to run it but if we can't get that machine then we can't run those millings but...

Someone from the audience: But that's not wasted anyways.

Selectman Dill: ...we're not going to get any other bids either, this late. I mean, I'm with Dick and Fred on this. We got to get this done.

Vice Chairman Pitman: So, make the motion.

Selectman Dill: All right. You got another question, Will?

Selectman Huebner: I was gonna say, I understand that the, uh, approach to South Road wasn't done quite properly.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Let's work on this first.

Selectman Huebner: Well, and so, if we're gonna have Pike do work for us next week or at the end of next week, do we get them to come back and make right what's not quite right on the approach.

John Harrington: It was done properly. There was a conference between Pike, Ray, and the police chief and the decision to finish the road intersection was to make it a safer intersection than to put it back the way it was. It was far too wide. People were turning way into the corner so that was done...

Selectman Dill: Deliberately.

John Harrington: ...deliberately.

Selectman Huebner: So, all right, it wasn't done in kind but it was done deliberately.

John Harrington: Yes.

Selectman Huebner: I see. Okay.

Selectman Dill: Okay. That makes sense because I've had people ask me the same thing and I've kind of been at a loss. So that being said...

Motion: Selectman Dill makes a motion to go with Pike for the shoulder gravel for twenty-seven thousand three hundred.

Second: Chairman McGarry

Discussion:

Vice Chairman Pitman: Second by Fred. Fred?

Chairman McGarry: Yeah, I definitely think that, uh, we need to have that work done.

Vice Chairman Pitman: I was looking for the yes.

Chairman McGarry: Oh, yes. Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Will.

Selectman Huebner: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Alden?

Selectman Dill: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Cindy?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Myself, yes.

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

Selectman Dill: Fred, he looks to the right and you're the first person to the right now that's why he's going to you first.

Chairman McGarry: Okay.

John Harrington: Dick, that's all I have for tonight.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Thank you, John. Cindy, RSA.

Motion: Selectwoman McHugh makes a motion to go into a non-public, RSA 91-A3 II (b) and (d).

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion:

Vice Chairman Pitman: Fred?

Chairman McGarry: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Will.

Selectman Huebner: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Alden?

Selectman Dill: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Cindy?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Myself, yes. We'll be back.

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

Vice Chairman Pitman: Need a vote to come out of non-public.

Motion: Selectwoman McHugh makes a motion to come out of non-public.

Second: Selectman Dill

Discussion:

Vice Chairman Pitman: Fred?

Chairman McGarry: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Will.

Selectman Huebner: Aye.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Alden?

Selectman Dill: Aye.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Cindy?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Yes.

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

Motion: Selectman Dill makes a motion to seal the minutes.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vice Chairman Pitman: Fred?

Chairman McGarry: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Will.

Selectman Huebner: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Alden?

Selectman Dill: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Cindy?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Yes.

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

Vice Chairman Pitman: New business? Old business?

Selectman Dill: Um, if... John, is there anyway you could get us just a primer on intent to cuts? Some sort of... if you could talk to the municipal association or something just so we know what we can do and what we can't do because every time I think I know I've been wrong. But I'd just like to know if there's anything we should be looking at on intent to cuts rather than just passing them along and signing them, especially on class sixes etcetera.

John Harrington: I'll see what I can find.

Selectman Dill: Thanks, John.

Vice Chairman Pitman: I bet you Jeff Eames would know too.

Selectman Dill: I bet he would.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Citizens comments.

Motion: Selectman Dill makes a motion to adjourn at seven twenty-three.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vice Chairman Pitman: Fred?

Chairman McGarry: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Will.

Selectman Huebner: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Alden?

Selectman Dill: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Cindy?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Myself, yes.

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

Vice Chairman Pitman: Thank you everybody.

Next Meeting: November 14, 2022 at 5:30 pm

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