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Selectmen Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Oren Remick.

Selectmen Present: John Blanchard, Justin Bradshaw, Oren Remick

Public Present: PJ Blanchard, Keith Merchand. Bruce Frazer, Randy Bunnell, Kurt Duvall

1. Safety Inspection Review. Justin explained the Department of Labor came in early January and inspected all of the Town buildings. A list of safety issues were sent to the Town with a deadline of March 21, 2021 to repair or explain why not repaired. Kurt Duvall and Randy Bunnell have worked hard to make sure nearly all the items have been repaired. The only items remaining include: 1. Welding Screen for Highway Department – this has been on order but is still not in. Justin suggested ordering from a different source. Diane will take care of the new order. 2. Eye wash station in Highway Department – this is to be installed on Thursday. 3. Plate Cover – North Monroe Fire Station – Kurt will install that this week. The Selectmen thanked Kurt and Randy for their diligence and hard work on this project.
2. Public Input
 - a. Bruce requested approval of a building permit. The permit was approved.
 - b. PJ questioned the newspaper article regarding Green Mountain Power and asked if the Town would be affected. Green Mountain Power has signed a Power Purchase Agreement with Great River Hydro which should not negatively affect the Town.
 - c. Justin asked Randy how the Recycling was going. Randy noted that paper is still a problem.

3. Approval of the minutes from 3/02/21 Selectmen Meeting. John moved and Oren seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 3/02/21 Selectmen Meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Bids for Coppermine Road Project. The bids for the Coppermine Cuvert Road project were opened and read aloud. The bids were as follows:

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| a. Ron Fenoff Excavating | \$147,045 |
| b. Raymond Heath Construction, Inc. | \$191,448 |
| c. Northwoods Excavating | \$ 79,632.96 |
| d. Blue Mountain Trucking | \$236,779 |
| e. Fullerton Ventures, LLC | \$ 83,000 Base with 3 options |
| | A. \$119,000 |
| | B. \$138,000 |
| | C. \$145,000 |

Bids will be verified for completeness prior to the awarding of the project.

5. Discussion items

- a. Bond issue – more information is needed on this.
- b. Oren had a couple of items to discuss regarding trying to reduce hours:
 - i. He questioned if the convenience fee for (in house) credit card use could be paid by the town and then the town would no longer accept cash. Diane will contact our bank to discuss this option.
 - ii. He suggested we go ahead with the option of getting the check scanner. Oren made the motion to have the selectmen sign for the check signer and John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Justin reported that Pump #3 may have a hole so will need to be pulled. He is working on having a company do this soon.

6. Items were submitted for approved.

- a. Payroll Manifest - approved
- b. Accounts Payable Manifest – General Fund/Water Fund - approved
- c. Pistol Permits (2)
- d. Town Hall Usage form (2) - approved
- e. MS232 Appropriations - approved

Oren moved to adjourn the meeting and John seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane L. Gibson Smith, Administrative Assistant