

Town of Fletcher – Select Board

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Monday, May 4, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Virtually Present

Members: Jon Bondy (Chair), Rich Bidwell, Matt Gillilan, Christine E. Nilsen, and Jesse Wiens

Guests: Bruce Douglas, Brendan Driscoll, Bretton Gardner (Pike Industries), Eva Gillilan, Pam Jedlicka, Two Premier Paving Representatives, Alex Sargent, Rachael Scarpa (Secretary), Karrie Sweet (Town Clerk), Tara Sweet, Aimee Tinker (Assistant Town Clerk).

1) Call to Order

- a. Jon called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

2) Roads

- a. River Road Culvert Bids:
 - i. Dale Percy Inc: \$150,850
 - ii. Northeast Infrastructure: \$176,162
 - iii. Blow & Cote: \$186,510
 - iv. GW Tatro: \$187,800
 - v. N.A. Manosh: \$209,605
 - vi. Walker: \$216,695
 - vii. S.D. Ireland: \$268,700

Matt explained his recommendation, Dale Percy, and the Select Board unanimously agreed.

- b. Paving bids:
 - i. Pike Industries: 1460 tons, \$69.70/ton, total \$101,762
 - ii. ECI: 1460 tons, \$76.20/ton, \$111,252
 - iii. FW Whitcomb: 1431 tons, \$69.00/ton, total \$98,739
 - iv. ST Paving: 1446 tons \$76.65/ton, total \$110,759.25
 - v. Premier Paving: No tonnage or price/ton provided. Total \$94,540
 1. Two representatives from Premier Paving were in the meeting, and the Select Board asked them to respond or provide additional information. There was no response.
 - vi. SD Ireland: 1452 tons, \$74.60/ton, total \$108,319.20
 - vii. J. Hutchins: 1461tons, \$68/ton, total \$99,348.00

The Select Board discussed the differences in the bids. Matt recommended J Hutchins and the Select Board unanimously agreed.

- c. Guardrail repairs: Repairs are scheduled, but they are delayed due to COVID-19.
- d. Speed Limit Ordinance: Matt recommended updating the speed ordinance written and signed in 2007. Matt wants to modify it to put speed limits in certain places. Jon asked Matt to come up with a revised ordinance and email it to board.

3) Facilities:

- a. Bids for mowing:
 - i. Brenda Trenholm: \$45/hr for mow, trimming and clean up (insured).
 - ii. Derek Sloan: \$40/mow, \$15/hr extra for spring and fall clean up (insurance unknown).
 - iii. Poirier's Cleaning Service: \$65/mow and \$65/hr spring and fall clean up (insured)

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Select Board discussed the mowing bids and that going forward requests for proposals should also request bidders provide their certificate of liability. Karrie recommended Brenda, the Select Board unanimously agreed.

4) Listers Update:

- a. Reappraisal: Alex Sargent discussed the contracts he emailed the Select Board regarding the reappraisal. He pointed out the email also included the reappraisal process changes and COVID-19 guidelines: VT Appraisal Agency would conduct outside appraisals first, and then inside the home. Alex discussed that he would like to move forward with the reappraisal, but there are delays: One lister is sick and one is unresponsive. Alex is concerned that there will not be another Lister available to help with the reappraisal. Jon recommended that Alex speak with Charles and Carlton about the situations and his concerns. Alex would like the Select Board to read, review and sign the contract – the Select Board agreed.

5) Broadband:

- a. Due to COVID-19, the informational meeting would be online, and the vote would be by absentee ballot.
- b. Jon moved that the Select Board ask for voter approval of the most recent documents from Paul.
- i. Jesse discussed an email he received from Northern Borders, informing him that they received an unprecedented number of grant applications and that Fletcher is no longer prioritized because their letter of intent was not received by the end of March. Jesse recommended that the Select Board revise the proposal to include other funding possibilities (besides Northern Borders) and to reflect the entire cost of the build out. The Select Board discussed, invited public comment. Jon proposed that the proposal is changed to reflect 50% of the funding for the build out would come from multiple grants. The Select Board agreed with this change and that the Q&A document would need to be revised, but the documents from Paul would not need revisions.
 1. Jon moved to sign the documents that Paul Giovanni provided to the Select Board. The Select Board unanimously agreed.

6) Board Business:

- a. Tax Revenue: Jon sent the Select Board an email that town may not get the tax revenue expected. Jon is asking Select Board to think about how to reduce the money we spend in the current fiscal year. The Select Board discussed if a reduction in Road Crew hours was possible. Matt expressed that 3 full time employees are needed to complete work. Karrie said that taxes are steadily coming in and that she has not heard from anyone with a hardship.
- b. Signing Order: SB approves orders that were emailed to them.

7) Adjournment:

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm

Upcoming Meetings:

Select Board Meeting: May 18, 2020 at 7pm

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