

1 **SELECTBOARD MEETING**

2 July 21, 2121

3 Attending the meeting; Merrily Lovell, Maggie Gordon, Phil Pouech, Mike Loner, Dennis Place, Todd
4 Odit, Scooter MacMillan, Chris H., Jason Booth.

5 Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

6 There were no changes to the agenda or public comment.

7 Dennis said he attended a Town Forest Committee meeting at the request of some residents of Hayden
8 Hill Rd. They are having issues with riding their horses in the Forest. They would like to bring this
9 problem to the Selectboard and asked how to get on the agenda. It was suggested Dennis reach out to
10 Pat Mainer. Todd said they can contact him to get on the agenda. Dennis added the parking is also a
11 problem.

12 Phil reminded the Board of the request from Annette's Playschool for a crosswalk on Pond Rd to cross
13 over to CVU fields. He will work on that this week.

14 Approve Minutes of 7/21/21

15 Phil moved to approve the minutes of 7/21/21 with the agreed upon changes. Second by Mike and
16 approved with 5 yes votes.

17 Award WWTF Subsurface Improvements Construction Bid

18 Jason Booth of Aldrich and Elliott reviewed the bid process. Six bids were received with the low bidder
19 being Munson Earth Moving. They are recommending the project be awarded to Munson Earth
20 Moving.

21 Phil asked when we can expect activity to begin. Jason said if awarded tonight we can expect State
22 approval by the end of the week. Pre-construction meeting to take place within two weeks, and the
23 construction process will begin mid to end of August.

24 Dennis asked Todd about the possible increase in wastewater rates of 60%. Todd said we needed to
25 provide information to the Bond Bank projecting the budget 5 years out and showing what the rates
26 might look like if there was no subsidy. If the Town does not find other sources of revenue it is possible
27 rates could increase up to 60%. He has looked at the un-assigned fund balance of the sewer fund to see
28 if they could assign some of that to the project. Going forward they could also look at allocation fees
29 from wastewater and water and use for each fund to help offset capital project costs.

30 Phil moved to award the subsurface improvements construction bid to Munson Earth Moving for
31 \$1,144,800.00 as low bidder. Second by Mike and approved with 5 yes votes.

32 Phil moved to authorize Todd to sign for the Selectboard any associated documents associated with this
33 awarded bid. Second by Mike and approved with 5 yes votes.

34 Town Manager Report

- Dog bite – the owner of the dog received the order and has spoken with Todd. She has proven the dog has an updated rabies shot. The owner is going to have the dog evaluated by Blue Line K9 Dog Training.
- Union petition by the Police Department – the Town filed a response objecting to inclusion of a probationary employee and inclusion of the sergeant position which is supervisory and a confidential employee. Todd met with Anthony and Caleb to explain the objections prior to the filing. The representative for the potential union agreed with not including the probationary employee but is contesting the exclusion of the sergeant position. A hearing is scheduled for August 26th.
- Water improvements and the new well required for a portion of the BlackRock construction project is not eligible for funds such as are being used for the wastewater project. Other sources of funding are being pursued.

Consider Approving Warrants of 7/8 and 7/15

Phil moved to approve the warrants of 7/8 signed by Maggie and Merrily and the warrants of 7/15, including payroll, as submitted by the Town Treasurer. Second by Mike and approved with 5 yes votes.

Phil moved to adjourn at 7:43 p.m., second by Mike and approved with 5 yes votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Spadaccini, clerk of the Board