



SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2023

Members: Judy Bickford, Don McDowell, Chris Palermo, Laura Streets*

Absent:

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Chief Jason Luneau, Interim Town Administrator; Judi Alberi, Administrator's Assistant; Kevin Barrows, Highway Superintendent; Tina Sweet, Finance Director; Paula Beattie, Human Resources Director; Sara Haskins*, Town Clerk/Treasurer

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Kristin Marriott, Tom Cloutier, Maria Ward, Ron Stancliff, Bob Bortree, Laura Green Gary Briggs, Yon Perras, Uwanna Perras, Richard Lowe, Kathy Chaffee*, Evelyn Throne, Jerry Throne, Christy Snipp

**participating via Zoom*

CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Judy Bickford called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 5:04PM at the Tegu Building.

AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

Change the name of item #3 to Review Draft Warning

Add under new business #4 Approve bid for Oxbow Park repair

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve vendor for crushed gravel

Kevin Barrows, Highway Superintendent, is in need of gravel as the supply is getting low. Kevin has reached out to a few vendors around and would like to use Wolcott Sand & Gravel.

Motion made by Don McDowell to purchase gravel from Wolcott Sand & Gravel at \$14.75/yard.

Motion seconded by Chris Palermo. Motion carried (4/0).

2. Approve Budget

The Selectboard has had numerous meetings in which the public has attended and voiced their concerns. Chris Palermo is satisfied with the budget being presented to the citizens and feels this is a responsible budget to pour forth. Don McDowell feels this budget reflects the concerns of the community. Laura Streets is not in favor of this budget and feels that more cuts should be made.

Motion by Chris Palermo to approve the budget presented at \$7,779,545. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion carried. (3/1) Laura Streets nay.

Judy Bickford left for a previous engagement concluding the budget vote. 5:40pm

3. Review Draft Warning

The Selectboard reviewed the draft warning that had been prepared for signing on July 26th. There may be a change to the warning Monday July 24th if the town clerk's office receives a valid petition asking for Town Manager form of government. The Selectboard has indicated that they are in support of educating and informing the citizens on a Town Manager form of government and they support the idea of having this article for the voters.

4. Approve bid for Oxbow Park repair

The flood in early July did substantial damage to Oxbow Park. Chief Luneau has expressed concerns to the Selectboard that someone may get hurt in the park, even though it is closed folks are wandering through the damage. The sooner we can get this cleaned up the better for the community. Kevin Barrows, High Superintendent, met with different companies at the park and has presented four bids for the Selectboard to consider. After careful consideration, the Selectboard chose Percy Inc. The project will qualify for FEMA reimbursement.

Percy Inc. \$16,600 ready for seeding

James Irving LLC \$13,500 not ready for seeding

Grimes, Inc. \$28,000 ready for seeding

MSI \$20,000 not ready for seeding

Motion made by Chris Palermo to accept the bid from Percy Inc in the amount of \$16,600 to have the Oxbow Park ready for seeding. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried. (3/0)

ADJOURN

Motion made by Chris Palermo to adjourn. Motion seconded by Laura Streets . Motion carried. (3/0)

Meeting adjourned at 6:12pm

Submitted and filed this July 25, 2023 .

Judi Alberi, Scribe

Please note all minutes are in Draft form and are subject to approval at the next Selectboard meeting.