



SELECTBOARD MINUTES

MAY 27, 2003

RESURFACING LOWER ELMORE MOUNTAIN ROAD

The Town Administrator, following discussions with Dwight Denton, requested quotes from Steve Simpson for cold mix and from Pike Industries for asphalt. Adhering to specs as utilized previously, bids were received for \$68,059 for cold mix and \$65,612.50 for asphalt. As no word has been received regarding anticipated funding support from the State for additional paving, the Town Administrator recommended finishing this section of road with a two-inch lift of hot mix from Pike at a rate of \$38.68/T after reclamation by Pike at a rate of \$.74/sy.

As the job would not be completed until late summer, if additional funding is received, there is the possibility the project could go back to original specs with the 1 ½" overlay.

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the Selectboard agreed to contract with Pike Industries for a two-inch lift of hot mix to be applied to the three-fourths of a mile of the Lower Elmore Mountain Road to be paved.

OTHER BUSINESS

TIMING OF ROAD WORK

J. Paige inquired as to the necessity of completing road work during times of heavy traffic volume. Congestion and backed up traffic could be avoided by scheduling such activities later in the day. The matter was referred to Mike Day.

GARAGE – WASHINGTON HIGHWAY

Mark Struhsacker inquired as to the disposition of the request for a garage on Washington Highway. The request was denied and it being contested. The matter is in the hands of the town's attorney.

ENDORSEMENT

Chair Greenia has reviewed the request by Kenneth Schramm that the Selectboard endorse the agreement between Adelphia Cable and Green Mountain Tech Center to provide equipment for local television transmissions and to notify the Public Service Board of such endorsement by May 29. Mr. Schramm will present his case to the PSB at that time and request that Adelphia be held to its agreement.

On a motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the Board authorized the Chair to sign the endorsement and send it to the Public Service Board before May 29



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WARRANTS

On a motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by James Paige, the Board approved the warrants as listed.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

There were no questions or comments on the Town Administrator's report.

The Administrator requested two Selectboard members to accompany him to meet with Mark Loati some afternoon later this week. Mark Struhsacker and James Paige volunteered.

The Administrator reported that in observing activity at the Town Garage that things seemed to be going well for Dwight Denton.

Members were reminded to report to the PA library to assist in counting votes for the school budget.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Board meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 29th day of May 2003

Barbara Adams, Recording Secretary

Minutes to be presented for approval at the next Selectboard meeting.

Minutes Approved

Date



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Members Present: Brian Greenia, James Paige, Mark Struhsacker, and Brian Kellogg

Department Heads: Paul D. McGinley, TA

Guests: Michael Paradis, Newport Ambulance; Scott Griswold; Dorothy Cook;
George Cook; Sandy Utton; Graham Govoni

Chair Brian Greenia called the meeting to order at 5:58 PM at the Morrisville Water & Light Facility.

GUESTS

MICHAEL PARADIS – NEWPORT AMBULANCE SERVICES

Michael Paradis of Newport Ambulance presented the Selectboard members with a draft proposal to furnish *paramedic intercept services* to Morristown Rescue. Such services would be provided under Northern Emergency Medical Service, a division of Newport Ambulance Service, based in Johnson, Vermont.

The paramedic intercept service would be billed to Morristown Rescue, which in turn could bill Medicare at the level allowed for that service provided a paramedic was on board. For non-Medicare patients, paramedic intercept billings would be to private insurance or direct billing to the patient. If no funds were collected, NEMS would absorb the loss. In the event of a *mutual aid* call, which entails the use of a NEMS ambulance, NEMS bills the patient directly whether the patient is under Medicare, private pay or uninsured.

Members discussed with M. Paradis, Scott Griswold, Dorothy Cook and Graham Govoni the response time, the need and support for this level of service, the distinctions between paramedic intercept and mutual aid, the cost of the service and other available services such as non-emergency transport.

Dorothy Cook spoke to the support of Copley Hospital ER for the higher level of patient care provided by such paramedic service and noted that Lamoille Ambulance had utilized paramedics in the past. Members discussed whether Morristown Rescue should engage their own paramedic(s) and concluded the limited number of billable events would make it very expensive to maintain.

Chair Greenia requested that a final draft be prepared by NEMS and submitted to the Morristown Rescue for their review and comment. The final proposal should then be presented to the



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Selectboard for final review and authorization. With the conclusion of the discussion, all guests left the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

HEALTH OFFICER APPOINTMENT

On a motion by James Paige and seconded by Brian Kellogg, Mark Leonard was appointed as the Morristown Health Officer replacing David Godfrey.

NEW BUSINESS

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE – BID REVIEW

In the absence of Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk, the presentation of bid review was deferred to the next regular meeting.

F-350 CHASSIS EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Quotes for the dump body and plow for the new F-350 chassis from Fairfield's of Morrisville and Vermont Municipal Truck Equipment of Williamstown were reviewed. Bids of \$11,990 and \$11,485 respectively show there is not a 10% difference between the local, higher bid and the non-local, lower bid, therefore, policy would dictate awarding the bid to the local provider.

On a motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by James Paige, the Selectboard accepted the bid for chassis equipment from Howard P. Fairfield, Inc. in the amount of \$11,990.

TOWN AUDIT

Correspondence from Jean Girard of R. F. Lavigne & Co. indicates that their fees will increase in the current year by \$1,500 to \$2,000 should the Town continue to utilize their services as auditors. Members discussed the history of Lavigne with the town and the alternative action of requesting RFPs from other providers.

On a motion by Mark Struhsacker, seconded by James Paige, the Selectboard approved continuing the audit services of R. F. Lavigne for the present.