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MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2020

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Eric Dodge, Brian Kellogg, Gary Nolan & Judy Bickford

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Kevin Barrows, Highway Foreman; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Tina Sweet, Finance Director

Guests: Tyler Mumley

Bob Beeman called the Select Board Meeting to order at 4:25PM.

I. AGENDA CHANGES

1. Add Mud City Loop Culvert Update
2. Add Unemployment Process

II. PARTICIPATE IN DUHAMEL PIT ACT 250 PREHEARING

1. Participated in conference call discussion with the Act 250 Commission and interested parties.

III. APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of March 24, 2020

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the minutes of March 24, 2020. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion passed (5/0)

IV. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. None

V. LIQUOR CONTROL

1. None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and approve mowing bids – Dan put out bid specifications for the seven Cemeteries and the Oxbow. The specs stated that the Cemeteries will be mowed every two weeks and the Oxbow would be mowed once a week. We had three bids. One of the bids did not include the Oxbow.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve Isaac Spaulding's bid of $12,000 for the Cemeteries for the season and $100 per mow for the Oxbow. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan.

Discussion – Judy would like to ask Isaac Spaulding to itemize the work he will do at the Cemeteries. Dan said he would ask Isaac to do this. Dan also stated that we couldn't do any work until the restrictions are lifted by the State. **Motion passed (5/0)**

2. Tyler Mumley gave an update regarding the Mud City Loop culvert. Tyler has done the survey and hydraulic analysis per VTRANS standards. He is drafting the site plan to submit to ANR Streams Alterations at the State for the permit. After the permit is received, we can put the job out for bid. Usually the permit takes about two weeks. Tyler mentioned that it could be hard to find a company to make the concrete box culvert as all concrete companies are shut down. Gary thought that the Town could possibly get put on the list to get the box culvert which could be faster than a contractor ordering it.

3. Tina explained how the Town's unemployment insurance with VLCT works. VLCT contracts with a third party for unemployment claims. Usually we receive a fax from Equifax (third party) asking us to confirm employee's earnings. We approve the form and fax it back. Equifax gives the information to the Vermont Department of Labor for payment. VLCT said claims may be processed without sending anything to the Town due to the current circumstances. So far, we have not received any faxes for verification. Our current unemployment rate is 1.19% for our estimated wages. We pay $9,800 for the annual premium for 2020.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Kevin received a quote from Fairfield for the body for the 2021 dump truck for $66,576. This quote is for a MG body. Kevin feels that the MG body is a better quality than the Everest body that had been previously approved for $63,250. The price difference would be $3,326 more. Kevin feels that it is well worth the extra cost. The board discussed the difference in body quality.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to by the MG body for $66,576 instead of the Everest body. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion Carried. (5/0)

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Judy would like something on Front Porch Forum regarding COVID 19 enforcement. Richard said the Department of Public Safety has a phone number that people have been calling to make the authorities aware of incidents that may be against the governor's direction. The Attorney General has cautioned against arresting anyone for COVID 19 issues.

IX. ADJOURN

Motion made by Eric Dodge to adjourn. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0) Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 17th day of April, 2020
Tina Sweet, Scribe

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