

MINUTES *approved minutes*

Board of Selectmen Meeting: November 6, 2021, 3:20PM following the Special Town Meeting

Present: Frank Emig, Ray Leonard, Jim Jennison, Charlotte Comeau, Erin Darrow, Matt Decker, Melinda Loiselle, Albert St. Pierre, Josh Perry

Special Town Meeting vote was reviewed:

1. Special Article 1 allowing the Town to borrow for flood repairs passed the 3/5 requirement, 80Y/5N;
2. Special Article 2 allowing the Town to purchase a truck failed the 3/5 requirement, 47Y/36N.

Flood Loan:

1. Motion FE/JJ that the resolution entitled “Resolution to Authorize \$2,100,000 Issuance of 2021 General Obligation Note to Mascoma Bank and Related Documents for the Purpose of Restoring, Repairing, and Improving Town Roads (including Crane Brook Road, Derry Hill Road and Charlestown Road) Damaged by Flash Flood of July 29-30, 2021” be approved in the form presented to this meeting and that an attested copy of said Vote be included with the minutes of this meeting, passed.
2. Loan documents were signed and certified as needed.

Contracts:

1. Contract drafts including bonding and not including bonding were reviewed. FE noted preference for not bonding due to contractor history with the Town. The contractors noted their ownership of materials and equipment as an indication that subcontractor reliability is not in question thereby reducing the need for bonding. Erin Darrow noted the distinction between federal procurement and federal reimbursement work and that reimbursement work is historically not subject to bonding. Matt Decker noted federal guidelines have provision for waiving bonding provided the Town has assurance the work will be done and recommended checking with State Emergency Management. There were concerns about further delays of the work. Albert St. Pierre proposed letters of credit as opposed to bonding. There was consensus between the contractors, Selectmen, MD and ED that a non-bonding contract could be signed with the understanding ED will discuss the bonding issue with the State and such a provision could be added to the contracts at a later date. Motion JJ/RL to sign the non-bonding contracts with St. Pierre and JP Trucking for the work afforded by Special Article 1, passed.

Memorandum to the Project File:

1. A Memorandum prepared by Counsel elaborating on the Town’s 2008 Purchasing Policy was reviewed. The purpose of the Memorandum is to clarify the Town’s use of Sole Sources vs. a prolonged bidding process when responding to emergencies. Motion JJ/FE to sign the Memorandum, passed.

Meeting adjourned: 4:00PM; Respectfully submitted, Kathi Bradt