

MINUTES FROM THE MAY 17, 2010 SELECT BOARD MEETING

Board members present were Gene Armstrong, Dan Champney, Ron Lafreniere. Also Fire Chief Mike Gervia, five residents and Town Clerk Deb La Rivière. The meeting came to order at 5:45 pm.

The Board opened bids for hourly costs for repairs to the Honey Hollow culvert. Bids were as follows:

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| Atwood Excavating | \$85/hour |
| Armstrong Excavating | \$95/hour |
| Scott Excavating | \$120/hour |

Even though Gene Armstrong was a bidder, considering the low bid was from Atwood Excavating, Dan motioned: "To accept the bid from Atwood Excavating for \$85 per hour for the Honey Hollow job." Gene seconded. There was no discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Warrants were signed.

The Board read a letter from the Act 250 office regarding the 4X4 school at the resort.

Time logs for the highway department were read.

The Board will consider signs to warn for steepness on the Notch Road when this project is finished.

Paving bids were opened. Reps from ST Paving and Pike were present. The bids were as follows:

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| ST Paving | \$83.50/ton |
| Pike Industries | \$68.93/ton |

Dan motioned: "To accept the bid from Pike Industries for paving for 2010 at \$68.93 per ton." Gene seconded. There was no other discussion, the contract was signed, all were in favor, motion passed.

The Board then opened the floor to comments from those present regarding the proposed sale of the fire chief's personal vehicle to the fire department. First, Chief Gervia explained the proposal and indicated that the van being used to transport the Argo struggles more with each use. Gervia stated he had written grants over the past few years that total in the \$400 thousand dollar range. There isn't a grant available right now for a pick-up but certainly a mini pumper could be used for this type of transportation. Residents felt that since the vote at town meeting had been defeated, the answer by the Board should be 'no' again. Suggestions offered to help solve this transportation problem included, putting heavy duty springs on the van, refusing to take the Argo on search and rescue calls, to consider asking voters in the future for approval to use reserve funds for a stripped down truck and then coming back at another vote to ask for the add-ons. Gene motioned: "To not approve the purchase of the chief's personal pick-up truck by the town." Ron seconded. There was no other discussion on the question. All in favor of not purchasing the truck, motion passed. Chief Gervia also indicated that the station is in desperate need of major repairs. All equipment is up-to-date, but the building needs significant repairs. It was suggested that an advisory committee be formed to help determine what needs to be done and how it might be funded.

Several additional trees need to be cut on Notch Road leading to more being spent than was originally thought. Dirt Tech has picked up the tab on the additional tree cutting expenses. Mike Weisel has asked that perhaps the Board would be willing to split the additional costs with Dirt Tech. Gene motioned: "To not approve any additional tree cutting by Dirt Tech." Dan seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Gene motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 6:45, Dan seconded. The Board returned to the regular meeting at 7:00

No other business needed to be brought before this Board at this time. Gene motioned to end the meeting, seconded by Dan. The meeting closed at 7:02pm.

Attest: Deborah La Rivière, Town Clerk

Minutes are unofficial until approved. These minutes were read and approved by the Bolton Select Board on June 07, 2010.

For the Board.

