

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 8, 2023, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common and Zoom

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Justin Campbell, and Michele Gonzales; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors: Jason Sicard, Gideon Mangan, Phil and Susan Leclerc, Kelsey Hunt and Colin Jacobs, Sven Scribner (State Bridge Engineer)

At 5:40 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Richard Baker

Changes or additions to the agenda: none

Bridge Bids: Bobbi explained that the Board is required to do a cost estimate before opening the bids. The Board asked Sven Scribner for his expert opinion. He gave the following estimates: Cassady \$400,000 Holt Rd \$200,000 SASS Ave \$475,000 Onion River Rd \$275,000

Justin read the following bids, along with the estimated timetable:

Contractor	Onion River Road	Sass Ave	Holt Road	Cassady Road
Mangan Excavation		\$140,430 8/14 - 8/28	\$48,880 8/28 - 9/4	
Winterset			\$221,000 8/21 - 10/13	
Austin Construction	\$312,642 8/14 6 wks	\$425,280 8/14 8 wks	\$89,880 8/14 3 wks	\$400,760 8/14 11 wks
Kubricky-Jointa Lime	\$235,000 contract + 5 days	\$550,000 contract + 5 days	\$170,000 contract + 5 days	
J.P. Sicard	\$211,347 8/9 -8/28	\$238,960 8/9 - 8/31	\$62,449 8/9 - 8/18	
State Estimate by Sven Scribner	275,000	475,000	200,000	400,000

Onion River Rd: Rich noted that the bid from J.P. Sicard is the lowest and their bid is in line with the State’s estimate. He moved to approve the bid of 211,347 from J.P. Sicard. Justin seconded – all in favor.

SASS Ave: Rich moved to award the job to Mangan Excavation for \$140,430. Michele asked about the price difference. Gideon thinks the difference is that he will use the old structure to bring material across the bridge. Bobbi noted that since his business is located in Marshfield, he does not have the same mobilization and travel expense. Justin seconded – all in favor.

Holt Rd: Rich moved to award the job to Mangan Excavation for \$48,880. Justin seconded – all in favor.

Cassady Rd: Rich moved to hold off on awarding this job because there is only one bid, it is over the state's estimate, and they need to discuss a legal opinion.

The Board authorized Bobbi to sign the contracts for the three bridge jobs that were awarded.

Onion River Road: Phil Leclerc reported that people are crossing his property and endangering the bank from eroding further.

Executive Session: At 6:15 p.m. Rich moved to enter executive session to discuss a legal opinion. Justin seconded – all in favor. The Board returned to open session at 6:45 p.m.

Bean Road: Kelsey Hunt stated that they attended this meeting to see what is being considered for Class 4 roads. Rich explained that we have a Class 4 policy that is on our website. They are grateful for the occasional maintenance that has been done to Bean Road but they are wondering if a change is being contemplated. They appreciate the work of the Road Crew. Rich explained that changes to the policy may be discussed at a future meeting but the Board is reviewing the roads in light of the floods and damage. Colin Jacobs stated that the condition of the road is fine. Colin asked whether they could spread town material. Rich explained that homeowners can get together and buy material and do the work themselves as long as they get permission. Kelsey explained that they are wondering if they can take Town material and spread it themselves. Rich suggested that they wait and the Board will discuss their road with the Road Crew. Kelsey stated that they do not feel that they should be a priority but they want to make sure it doesn't go into the winter without material.

Cassady Rd: Since there was only one bid, the Board is not sure how to proceed. Justin will talk to the bidder to see if there are any alternatives. The Board discussed whether the alternative access could become permanent. Bobbi will find out from FEMA whether Class 4 roads are eligible for reimbursement.

Picnic Shelter: The Board decided to postpone the project until next year. The cost of storage will be \$200 - \$300.

Pollinator Garden: Kelsey explained that they seeded native grasses at their house and they would help seed if the Town is interested. The Board will discuss it further next week.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and approved reports for General Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the August 8, 2023 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
