

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday October 10, 2023, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common and Zoom

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Justin Campbell; Assistant Town Clerk Alexandra Johnson; Visitors: Suzan Condon, Scott Ciampi Road Crew, Jason Sicard, and Greg Weston

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Richard Baker

**Changes or additions to the agenda:**

Susan Condon road complaint  
 Conservation Commission ideas

**Review and approval of minutes:**

**Susan Condon Complaint:** Susan voiced her concerns about Ennis Hill and around her property about how the water moves during big storms. She had a lot of damage and mud deposited in her basement due to this last storm. Her complaint concerns the road crews’ work each season that she believes doesn’t help to divert any water away from her house and avoid this issue. She said that it hasn’t been addressed. She is requesting a site visit by someone other than the road crew such as an engineer. Rich asked that Scott make a site visit and come to the next meeting with a sketch of the direction the water goes during storms, how the culverts and ditching are done to divert the water. Scott asked that the board also attend the site visit. Justin said he will also get in touch with his VTrans contact to get their expertise on it if they’re available. Justin will contact Susan a week from today to set up a time for a site visit. At the site visit they will get a sketch, a plan and put Susan on the agenda for a future date.

**Steve Fiske:** Conservation Commission is proposing to leave the pollinator garden where it is. \$900 to rebuild a new one above the solar panels in the spring. This can be addressed at a future date. The commission is continuing to plant trees in flood plain and along river. They purchased a weed pulling machine – they would like to pull all the honeysuckle from around the OSC grounds. The board approved.

Justin read the following bids, along with the estimated timetables/ cubic yardages:

| Contractor | Beaver Meadow Brook      | Railroad Bed   | Nasmith Brook Road                      | Cassady Road             |
|------------|--------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|
| AL St Onge | \$28,000<br>10/12/-10/26 | Section 1: \$44,300<br>705 yds<br>Section 2: \$96,900<br>1,565 yds | \$195,000<br>#4 2,000 yds<br>#6 300 yds | \$290,000<br>10/12-11/10 |
| JP Sicard  | \$17,427<br>10/23-10/26  | Section 1: \$27,984<br>704 yds<br>Section 2: \$62,083<br>1,564 yds | \$304,287<br>#4 1,827 yds<br>#6509 yds  | \$169,847<br>10/23-11/10 |

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| Austin Construction |  |  |  | \$197,000<br>11/16-12/15 |
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|------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Mangan Excavation      | \$38,000<br>10/28-11/18    | Section 1: \$45,040<br>640 yds<br>Section 2: \$29,915<br>630 yds               | \$329,000<br>#4 4,500 yds<br>#6 1000 yds                     | \$249,450<br>10/16-11/3     |
| American Mobile LLC    |                            |  |  | \$390,000<br>10/23-12/8     |
| JA MacDonald           | \$57,906.84<br>10/11-10/18 | Section 1:<br>\$50,653.04<br>470 yds<br>Section 2:<br>\$96,703.52<br>1,564 yds | \$270,993.94<br>#4 1200 yds<br>#6 400 yds                    | \$206,851.60<br>10/11-12/15 |
| Isaac's Excavating     |                            |  | \$460,000<br>#4 2200 yds<br>#6 525 yds                       |                             |
| J. Hutchins            |                            | Section 1: \$50,000<br>Section 2: \$94,500<br>no yds indicated                 | \$330,389<br>no yds indicated                                |                             |
| Hogan Excavating       | \$8,000<br>10/16-10/18     | Section 1: \$24,000<br>714 yds<br>Section 2: \$62,600<br>1,877 yds             | \$420,867.50<br>5,500 total yds<br>#4 and #6                 |                             |
| King's Trucking        | \$30,000<br>11/15-12/1     | Section 1: \$47,500<br>900yds<br>Section 2: \$50,740<br>930 yds                | \$298,800<br>#4 1900 yds<br>#6 980 yds                       |                             |
| G + N Excavating       |                            |  | \$195,700<br>#4 467 yds<br>#6 525 yds<br>May 2024 start date |                             |
| Blue Mountain Trucking | \$41,320<br>10/23-10/31    | Section 1: \$36,180<br>700 yds<br>Section 2: \$80,813<br>1,876 yds             | \$532,400<br>#4 2,100<br>#6 4,608 yds                        |                             |
| J. Fenoff Siteworks    |                            | Section 1: \$37,390<br>810 yds<br>Section 2: \$79,069<br>1,877 yds             |  |                             |
| GW Tatro               |                            | Section 1: \$40,000<br>841 yds<br>Section 2: \$88,000<br>1,876 yds             |  |                             |
| Andrew Giroux          |                            | Section 1: \$35,100<br>710 yds<br>Section 2: \$69,800<br>1,510 yds             |  |                             |
| State Estimate         |                            |  |  |                             |

**Bid Opening: Cassady Bridge** – Justin moved to accept the bid from JP Sicard for \$169,847.00. Rich seconded.

**Bid Opening: Nasmith Brook** – Justin explained he has submitted the application for a Corps permit, as it is required for this project due to linear footage, waterway and being after October 1<sup>st</sup> – waiting on these permits could put a halt on this project until all permits are in place. Justin proposed to wait for the corps permit, to be followed by a Special Meeting on Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm before awarding this bid.

**Bid Opening: Beaver Meadow Brook** – Rich made a motion to award the bid to Hogan Excavating contingent on them providing a bond within seven days. If a bond cannot be provided, to award the bid to the next lowest bidder, JP Sicard. Justin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Bid Opening: Railroad Bed** – Rich made a motion to dismiss the lowest bid as it didn't appear the contractor calculated material according to specs. Justin seconded. Rich made a motion to award the bid to Hogan Excavation contingent on them providing a bond within seven days. If a bond is unable to be provided, Rich moved to award to job to JP Sicard. Justin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Pike Industries Paving Quote:** the board signed and approved a paving quote from Pike Industries to repave numerous areas around town damaged from the flood. Scott explained that he called 3 different companies and Pike was the only one that could get the paving done this year and before snowfall.

**Wrecked Town Truck:** Yesterday, October 9, 2023 road crew member Lance Donald was in one of the town's 10 wheeler trucks when it rolled off the side of the road around Ennis Hill. Lance suffered no serious injuries and will be back to work on Wednesday. The damage is over \$1,000.00 and will likely require a new cab at the least. Scott believes if the frame is undamaged, the cab could be replaced but it will be up to the insurance adjustors to determine. Scott explained that East Montpelier has a spare truck that could be borrowed for the winter if it is determined by insurance that the town truck is a total loss or if it takes through the winter to have it repaired. Rich asked that Alex look into if the expense of renting another towns truck would be covered, how it would be insured by Marshfield and what other parameters need met for this kind of transaction between towns if we were to pursue it. Justin moved to have the truck moved from the location it was towed to at LaRoche and take it to Clarks. Rich agreed. Scott will call Clark's in the morning to let them know it will be coming. Scott also explained that Clark's usually has trucks on the lot for a quick purchase but ordering a new one could take a year to get. The new truck that was ordered last year is being built right now and could possibly make it to us by November 1<sup>st</sup>, but it was ordered to replace the 6 wheeler – now we won't be able to trade that in.

**Martin Bridge:** Justin is meeting with Rich Phillips to discuss linear footage of split rail fence Rich would like to purchase in the spring. The board will keep this on old business until Justin meets with Rich.

**Ice rink, Community Gardens and Nature Path:** Justin proposed an idea of using some of the accumulated large rocks and wood debris as a walkway to the island left from the nature trail through the new channel. Justin wants to know if the rink is salvageable or just be claimed to insurance and be rid of. Justin proposed that to the Rec committee – they meet quarterly, Rich wants the Rec committee to weigh in on the rink and gardens before making any decisions.

**Class 4 Road Policy:** Rich made a motion to adopt the class 4 road policy as drafted. Justin seconded.

**Clarence George Rd:** The state has asked for clarification on what the classification on this road is. It is not being maintained up to class 3 standards and needs to either be brought up to class 3 standards for its entirety, thrown up or reclassified. This item will be put on hold for now.

**Abatement Hearing:** Abatement Hearing will be scheduled for October 24, 2023 at 5:30pm.

**Material at Fire Station:** The board approved to allow Dale Brown to use remnant material at the firehouse to fix up Jerusalem Rd. The material at the firehouse is FEMA reimbursed.

**Elevator at OSC:** Water returned to the lowest part of the elevator shaft over the weekend after having steady rains. The board agreed to keep the elevator and the gym space closed until the basement repair company come in early November to help solve the problem permanently.

**Library Managing OSC Gym:** The library expressed they have no interest in managing the gym so this is removed from old business.

**Town Website:** Rich, Bobbi and Alex have several upcoming demos scheduled to explore new hosts for the town website.

**DRB Clerk:** The specs of this position need clarified by the DRB before further discussion can be made.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the October 10, 2023 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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