

**Town of Becket
Board of Selectmen's Working Meeting
November 3, 2016
10:00 AM
Town Hall, Becket Room
557 Main Street, Becket**

Attendees:

Board of Selectmen: William Elovirta, Chairperson; Jeanne Pryor, Vice Chairperson

Staff: Ed Gibson, Town Administrator; Beverly Gilbert, Town Secretary

Call to Order

Bill called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM. He stated that the meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Meeting Law and Guidelines for the Becket Board of Selectmen Meetings.

Bill asked if anyone was recording the meeting. The Board of Selectmen was recording the meeting.

Possible Vote to Award the Becket Municipal Electricity Supply Contract

Ed summarized and discussed the bids submitted for the Becket Municipal Electricity Supply Contract.

	Pricing per kilowatt hour		
	12 months	18 months	24 months
Constellation	\$0.0758	\$0.0813	\$0.0812
Aspen Energy	\$0.0749	\$0.08065	\$0.08131
Proton Energy	\$0.0845	\$0.0919	\$0.0935

Bill moved to award the Becket Municipal Electricity Supply Contract to Constellation for a 24 month term at \$0.8120 per kilowatt hour. Jeanne seconded the motion. The motion was approved 2 votes in favor and 0 votes opposed.

Any other business to come before the Board

This morning Ed and Bill had talked to Highway Superintendent Chris Bouchard who advised that the contractor, Warner Bros., is aware that Wade Inn Road needs to be fixed (a vibration is felt when driving south on a section of this road). Chris believes this may be remedied through milling and based on the town's past experience with this vendor (who had returned to repair Yokum Pond Road), he is confident that Warner Bros. will repair Wade Inn Road in the springtime (warmer weather is needed). The town has a one-year guarantee on Warner Bros.' work performed on the Wade Inn Road. Ed advised that because the town does not owe

additional payments for this project, his recommendation is that the town submit the Final Report to MassDOT. Bill moved that the BOS sign the MassDOT Chapter 90 Final Report for Wade Inn Road project (Contract number 50726) with the total project expenditures in the amount of \$314,409.26. Jeanne seconded the motion. The motion was approved 2 votes in favor and 0 votes opposed.

Bill brought up that the bid for the 2017 Fire Rescue Mini-Pumper was approximately \$32,000 over the budgeted amount. A discussion ensued. Bill stated that he is uncomfortable asking the town for additional money to make up the shortfall and that the Fire Department may try to reconfigure the truck to reduce the cost. Ed stated that he doubts reconfiguring would reduce the cost by \$32,000 and that for now, he suggests that the Fire Department not preclude its options on the bid (perhaps a federal grant may be found).

For discussion at the next BOS regular session meeting, Jeanne provided the Bylaw Review Committee's draft copy of the Animal Control Officer section of the Animal Control Bylaw.

Selectmen to Adjourn Meeting

Jeanne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved 2 votes in favor and 0 votes opposed. The Board of Selectmen's Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Gilbert, Recording Secretary



William Elovirta, Chairperson