

**TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN
SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2011**

Selectboard Present: Steven Neill (Chair); Doug Ring, Brenda Ferland

Staff Present: David Edkins – Administrative Assistant
Keith Weed – Highway Superintendent (Partial)
David Duquette – Water & Wastewater Superintendent (Partial)

Call to Order: Chairman Steve Neill called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM in the lower level meeting room at the Bakery Building.

Old Claremont Road Paving Project: Ron Herzig and Marcus Curran of the Lane Construction Corp. were present to discuss the award and subsequent rescinding of the paving contract for Old Claremont Road. Mr. Herzig apologized for the breakdown in communication that had occurred between Lane and the Town. He attributed the much of the problem to the delay in getting material sampling and testing results back from a third party laboratory. He acknowledged that Lane did not originally plan to grind the road before injecting the Portland cement base course but stated that he would be willing to do so at no additional cost to the Town. He assured the Board that Lane was ready, willing and able to start the project tomorrow (Wednesday August 24) and have it complete by Friday September 2, weather permitting.

Board members expressed concern over the quality of a previous paving job Lane had done for the Town several years ago. Mr. Herzig again apologized and assured the Board that this job would be done to the Town's satisfaction. Further discussion ensued during which Board members expressed reservations about awarding the contract to Lane and Mr. Herzig again apologizing for the miscommunication and assuring the Board that Lane was capable of completing the job in a timely and quality manner.

After further discussion, Mrs. Ferland moved that the Board reverse its previous decision to rescind the contract award to Lane Construction and to re-award the contract to Lane. Mr. Ring seconded the motion and with Mrs. Ferland and Mr. Ring in favor the motion passed. Mr. Neill abstained from the vote.

Roadside Mowing: Keith Weed noted that he would be starting roadside mowing soon. He expressed concern that one machine would not be enough to do a thorough job and asked the Board's permission to rent a second machine with a side mower. He stated that there were sufficient funds in his equipment rental line to cover this cost. He added that Andy St. Pierre was back at work as of today with no restrictions. The Board agreed to authorize the rental of a second machine with a side mower.

Fling Road Bridge: Mr. Edkins noted that the 30 day deadline for payment to Hansen Construction would arrive at the end of this week. He indicated that Mike Hansen has indicated that he has referred this matter to his attorneys. Mr. Edkins recommended that Hansen's

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payment application be approved and paid by the end of the week as recommended by the project engineer. This would keep the Town in full compliance with contract and put it in a better position in the event it has to pursue legal channels to remedy the paving and other outstanding deficiencies in Hansen's work.

Mrs. Ferland moved that the Board approve Hansen Construction's Payment Application #5 in the amount of \$60,575.50 as recommended by the resident engineer. Mr. Ring seconded the motion and with all in favor the motion passed.

Keith Weed left the meeting at 11:00 AM

Meadow Road/Almar Street Waterline Project: Water & Wastewater Superintendent Dave Duquette joined the meeting along with Douglas Bartlett of D&V Landscaping/Excavating of Belmont, NH. D&V was the low bidder for the Meadow Road/Almar Street Waterline Project. The Board had asked to meet with D&V to be assured that they had the capability undertake this project given that they were unfamiliar with the firm and their bid was quite low compared to others. Mr. Bartlett provided some background on his company and himself, noting that he would be the project manager. He has been with the company for about a year but has a long history in the heavy construction industry. He acknowledged that D&V's bid was very aggressive but expressed confidence that his company could do the work in a timely and high quality manner for the bid price. Mr. Bartlett described the crew and equipment that would be assigned to the project and stated that it would be scheduled for completion in 3-4 weeks. The Board asked if Mr. Bartlett could provide some references and he agreed to do so, noting that they had recently completed a bridge rehab project in Gilford, NH with Dubois & King serving as the project engineers. Mr. Bartlett will provide additional references to Mr. Edkins via e-mail. The Board agreed to check the references and get back to Mr. Bartlett regarding award of the contract in a short time.

Mr. Duquette noted that he still doesn't have the necessary DOT approvals to bore under Route 12 but he will contact the DOT engineer again to inquire about the status.

Adjournment:

There being no other business, Mr. Ring moved to adjourn. Mrs. Ferland seconded the motion and with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
David Edkins,
Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard

Approved,

Steven A. Neill, Chair

Brenda L. Ferland

Doug Ring

(Note: These are unapproved minutes. Correction, if necessary, will be found in the minutes of the September 7, 2011, Selectboard meeting.)