

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2013

Selectmen Present: Chair Betsy Hardwick, Scott Carbee, and Abigail Arnold

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Branley

Also present: Brandon Lawrence from the Monadnock Ledger Transcript, Polly Freese, Judi Miller, BJ Carbee, Tom Anderson, Kitty Houghton, Charlie and Sarah Pyle, Betty Behrsing, Henry Kunhardt, Nick Wilder, Auditor Tim Greene, and others unknown to the minute taker.

CALL TO ORDER: Betsy called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. Temporary Bridge Proposal Reviews

The Board reviewed the proposals for lumber products. There was about a \$3,000 difference between the two proposals from A & B Lumber and New England Forest Products. A & B Lumber was about \$3,000 less expensive and proposed #1 southern yellow pine for the lumber, Mike stated this was specifically what the engineers identified as the preferred material for the timber.

MOTION: Scott made a motion to accept proposal from A & B Lumber for \$7,975. Seconded by Betsy. All in favor.

Mike explained the process that he and Gary went through reviewing the construction proposals this morning and having follow-up conversations with each of the vendors to get some questions answered. Based on the information provided and from these discussions he put together estimates for total costs to make it an easier comparison for the Board. The overall estimate using Hansen Bridge was \$500 less than Andrews Construction and they proposed using two excavators, one on either side of the bridge. Mike stated Gary's recommendation was to use Hansen Bridge considering building temporary bridges is their specialty and they have all of the necessary equipment. Scott stated he thought Hansen's offer to use a crane for the placement of the beams was a good idea. There was a discussion about if the Volvo excavators were comparable to the Cat proposed by Andrews.

MOTION: Abigail moved to go with Hansen Bridge, seconded by Scott. All in favor.

Mike stated that a potential drawback with Hansen was that they cannot start work until around May 13th however since we have a five week lead time with the lumber that should not be an issue.

Betsy stated she had a proposed mediation agreement with the Giza court case. She stated it is a progressive process where the property will be in compliance with the zoning ordinance by December 2014.

MOTION: Scott made a motion to approve the settlement agreement dated 4/23/13 as negotiated for docket 216-2011-CV-687. Seconded by Abigail. All in favor.

BJ Carbee asked if the neighbors who have expressed angst about the property will be notified about the agreement and the Board agreed they would send a note to them.

The Board recessed at 5:15 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 5:30 p.m.

2. Auditor Tim Greene

Tim stated the Town again got a clean audit opinion. He stated the Town did not provide a management's discussion and analysis which is required but does not impact the Town receiving a favorable opinion. Tim gave a brief overview of some of the highlights of the audit and the financial statements. Tim noted that there were some discrepancies with the library's records that needed some improvement. Overall the audit went very well again.

There was a discussion about why the Town did not provide a management's discussion and analysis. Tim stated about half of his clients submit one. There was a discussion about its value.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: Monday 29th at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Betsy adjourned the meeting at 5:50.

Respectfully Submitted by Michael Branley

Approved on May 13, 2013

Board of Selectmen Chair Betsy Hardwick

Selectman Scott S. Carbee

Selectperson Abigail Arnold