

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 20, 2016

**PRESENT:** SEAN P. MURPHY, CHAIRMAN: CHAD R. BENNETT, PRISCILLA R. LINDQUIST,  
**SELECTMAN:** SALLY THERIAULT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO BOARD OF  
SELECTMEN

Visitors: J. Worthen and P. Williams (Tri Towne News).

Sean Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The purpose of tonight's meeting is to discuss the loader for the Highway Department.

Mr. Worthen stated that he had a John Deere loader and it was delivered to the Highway Department. The paperwork for the lease still needs to be completed and is on hold due to this evening's meeting. The John Deere that he has right now has a high lift. Selectman Bennett said that he has concerns with the high lift option. With a high lift, the loader's base should be wider. Selectman Bennett compared the John Deere with a Kamatsu. He provided the specifications for each machine. When the machine has a high lift the bucket load is usually reduced. Salt and sand is heavy and may cause instability. Selectman Bennett also got a price quote for the Kamatsu. It could be rented for 3-4 months at \$3,500 per month with a portion of that going towards the purchase price. The cost of the machine is \$128,000 without the forks. Jon Worthen provide a breakdown of the cost for the John Deere. Selectman Bennett said that the Kamatsu is the best fit for the town. Work will also be done at the transfer station with the loader.

Financing the equipment was discussed as well. Last year, when the equipment was placed on the warrant as a warrant article and it failed. Since the article failed last year, the loader can't be purchased with any surplus from the 2016 operating budget. If there are funds at the end of 2017, Selectman Bennett would like to pay-off or reduce the balance of the loader at the end of the year. This would reduce future interest payments.

The paving and maintenance line items could be reduced in 2017 to help offset the lease of a loader if the cost is placed in the operating budget. Also, the Town currently has funds in its budget to rent a loader and that amount would also help to offset the cost of a lease. The current rental averages \$6K-\$7K per year and is under the plowing or contracted labor line.

There was a discussion concerning the default budget. Town counsel will be contacted concerning the BOS placing a lease agreement in the operating budget without town vote, and whether or not the Selectmen can enter into a multi-year commitment outside of Town Meeting. Also, if there is a default budget, how would it affect the lease/purchase of a loader?

Chairman Murphy made a motion to enter into a 3-4 month rental agreement for the Kamatsu. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.


Chairman Murphy motioned to adjourn at 6:56 pm. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A True Record:

  
Sally Theriault, AA

Approved By:

  
Sean P. Murphy, Chairman

  
Priscilla R. Lindquist, Selectman

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Chad R. Bennett, Selectman