

Draft Minutes

May 17, 2024

Special Selectboard Meeting

6:00 PM

Pawlet Town Hall

122 School Street, Pawlet

& Virtually via ZOOM

Members present: Jessica Van Oort, Mike Beecher, Rich Hulett(phone), Bob Jones

Members absent: Brian Crossman

Others: Sue Laporte, John Malcolm, Martin and Monica Kravitt, Matt LeVitre, Frank Nelson

1. Call to order at 6:06PM
2. School Street Bridge Repair: Options discussed regarding the repair of School Street Bridge Option 1 repairs deck of bridge increasing lifespan of current bridge, same travelable portion as current bridge, option 2 repairs deck and also removes curb expanding width by 3 feet but travelable width by 7 feet, option 3 remove and replace bridge deck, has same travelable width as option 2. Treasurer had presented to Jessica Van Oort and Rich Hulett sources to pay for these options. Board

feels that they have available funds ready in the healthy fund balance of Highway fund to pay for Option 3 which is the highest life expectancy option.

Discussion: Martin: Were core samples taken? Concerns about proposal being used as contract without outside engineer to evaluate and test in assistance to the town with new contract language.

John: Concerns that 3 feet extra isn't enough to get equipment across. Treasurer noted that Daniels indicated an increase in traveled portion by 7 feet.

Martin: Is state willing to increase grant? Mike – Grant is maxed out at 200K.

John: Term of completion? Mike answered 6 weeks but unsure of when work starts. Contractor willing to work around school schedule.

Motion: Jessica VanOort moves to accept option 3 full deck replacement with Daniels construction.

2nd: Bob Jones

Discussion: (See above)

Result: unanimous approval

3. Public Comment: Martin: would you consider bringing in engineer to have oversight? Mike contractor has long-standing reputation and there may be cooperation with State to evaluate.

Martin: If no, how about an engineer on staff at Daniels that can evaluate and sign off on the work? Board will request that

Daniels have their engineer sign off. Rich said state has specs that Daniels will adhere to, Rich has these numbers if anyone wants them. Bob pre-cast contractor has engineers and guarantees etc. that would likely apply to the new deck. Frank: Comments regarding the insurance of the town that may defend any claims in case of issues as well, corrosion protections may be future task to expand lifetime of project.

4. Adjournment at 6:30 Jessica VanOort moved, Bob seconded, approved unanimously.