

Minutes

April 23, 2014

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. Chris, Clem and Penny were present.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Checkbook balance is still very low.

Selectmen reviewed and signed Warrant #6 for \$11,502.87.

Public Feedback: Charlie Pray from Pray's Mobile Homes was at the meeting to discuss the recent bids for the Town Office construction. He was concerned because his bid was considerably higher than the lowest bid. He wanted to be certain that all bidders had submitted their bids for the same specs. Selectmen assured them that all bids were based on the same specs.

Andy Reed asked if the Selectmen had considered a heat pump in the new town office. The Selectmen will research heat pumps.

Town Office Update: Boyd Snowden has forwarded a list of items that are not included in the bids that the Selectmen have received. These items will need to be paid by the Town upon completion and are not the responsibility of the contractor.

TIF/UTAC Update:

The purpose of the TIF is to support already existing businesses, not just new ones. UTAC continues to meet twice a month.

New Business:

Dan Pittman of Eaton Peabody was at the meeting to discuss Tax Anticipation Notes (TAN's). The Selectmen feel that the Town will need to borrow to be able to pay bills until tax commitment time in late July or early August. Dan is a bond counsel with Eaton Peabody and explained how the process works.

If the Selectmen vote to borrow funds through a TAN, Dan will send out bid letters to banks to obtain the best interest rate for the loan. The process generally takes 6-8 weeks to complete. The Eaton Peabody fee is \$2000-\$2500. The loan needs to be paid back by December 31st with just one payment. In order to get a tax-exempt bond, we need to engage a bond counsel.

Selectmen voted to begin the TAN process with Eaton Peabody.

Town Office bid results: The bids for the town office construction were opened on April 18th.

Bid results are as follows: L&B Construction - \$258,225.00
Bellerose Construction - \$182,739.00
Pray's Homes of Belfast \$224,761.00

Selectmen agreed to accept Bellerose Construction's bid and will meet with Bellerose to see if they can negotiate for a lower price by cutting some items. Some items being discussed to cut are not having a full foundation, tying into a neighboring well and not such high quality doors as specified on the specs. Shrinking the building is not an option. They will not sign a contract until all parties agree and a final price has been set.

Selectmen signed the Municipal Officers's Orders authorizing the CEO to enforce the State's Nuisance and Junkyard Laws and authorizing the Tax Collector/Treasurer to apply all tax payments to the oldest outstanding tax.

Summer Road Work:

- 1) Erosion dams on Ward Hill Road and Quaker Hill Road need work
- 2) Cold patch is needed to fill potholes
- 3) Gravel roads need to be graded soon. Chris would like to enter into a 3 year contract with a contractor that can grade, compact and apply liquid calcium to our gravel roads. The first and second gradings will include compacting and application of liquid calcium. A late fall grading would just be grading.
- 4) A dam for a farm pond on Clark Road has been compromised by the snow plows in the last few years.
- 5) Spring clean up of town roads (brush, rocks, debris in ditches)
- 6) Possible loan to finish Town Farm Road and put a base coat of paving on Waning Road
- 7) Culverts on Wesley Road need attention

All these items are were discussed and are on hold until funds are available.

A logger wants to haul heavy equipment over the Fisher Road and would like to know when the postings will be pulled. Chris will let him know, weather permitting, the heavy load limits will be lifted in 2 weeks.

Penny would like to see many road projects put out for bid.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.