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## SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES August 6, 2020

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Pitt at 10:00 am. Present were Selectman Paight, Selectman Nelson, Ellen Smith, Town Administrator, Craig Cashman, DPW Director, Justin Frazier, Water Operator, Charles Goodling, Dubois & King, Erika Paine, SUR Construction and Bob Seppala, Park Construction.

Mr. Goodling opened the three bids received for the Water Improvements Project – DWGT-29, they were as follows:

DBU Construction	\$777,700
Park Construction	\$730,590
SUR Construction, West	\$802,210

The apparent low bidder is Park Construction.

Ms. Paine and Mr. Seppala left the meeting at 10:10 am.

Mr. Goodling gave a wide overview of the entire project noting that the Water Street bridge is approximately 80 years old in poor condition but serviceable. It was decided that the best plan was to attach and suspend the water main from the bridge. He then went on to say that Dubois & King did not know it was a state bridge. This has now become a problem because it does not appear as though Dubois & King will be able to prove to NHDOT that their design will be appropriate and/or meet their standards to their satisfaction.

Mr. Goodling then outlined three options:

- Reject all bids and rebid the project
- Work with the winning bidder to revise the bridge plan
- Wait until the State replaces the bridge in approximately 11 years

Chairman Pitt asked if we could run into trouble if we change the scope of the project too much. Mr. Goodling said it is normal to have change orders. Based on the bids the crossing is about 10% of the job.

Mr. Goodling will get in touch with NHDES to let them now that we have had a major disruption but we have a viable alternative by going under the bridge. Mr. Goodling will also schedule the drillers to do some additional borings to consider directional drilling.

Mr. Goodling, Mr. Cashman and Mr. Frazier left the meeting at 11:30 and Chief Lyons joined the meeting.

The Chief was asked to bring two additional proposals for GPS units for the cruisers. The Chief stated that the one option he brought forward earlier has proven to be too expensive. The other two alternatives are through US Cellular or Verizon. Verizon is the recommended choice as it is also used by NH State Police and they have excellent coverage in Marlborough.

The Chief was also asked to bring quotes to outfit each of the three cruiser options he has brought forward. He said he had no information at this time as he is in the process of getting the numbers. When asked if Dodge still made the Charger, he said that they do but it is no longer all-wheel drive.

The Board then revisited the proposal the Chief brought forward last month to purchase a laptop for his cruiser. The Board approved this purchase and TA Smith will seek reimbursement from state funds for COVID-19.

There was a discussion about the Chief not signing off on one of his employee's timecards.

The Chief left the meeting at 12:05 pm.

TA Smith will reach out to Verizon to order the GPS.

Mr. Frazier notified TA Smith that the pump in Well #4 needs to be replaced. A quote from Cushing and Sons in the amount of \$8,844 was obtained. Selectman Paight moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to waive the bid/ multiple quote requirement as this is a specialized repair and Cushing is familiar with our systems and to authorize moving forward with the repair, vote to approve was unanimous.

Selectman Paight moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to approve the August 6, 2020 Accounts Payable Register in the amount of \$12,827.33, Payroll Check Register in the amount of \$239.28 and the Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$8,447.34, vote to approve was unanimous.

Selectman Paight moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 pm, vote to approve was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Smith  
Town Administrator