

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Tuesday, May 24, 2022**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm by Chair Therrien. Present: Chair Rick Therrien; V. Chair Diane Beijer; Board Members Gary Madden, Paula Penney & Edward Tasker; Town Administrator Karen Montgomery; Recording Secretary MaryJane Dascoli; IT Tech Andrew Horohov on telephone standby.

**NON-PUBLIC:** R. Therrien made a motion to go into nonpublic session at 5:08 pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (b) seconded by G. Madden. The Board was polled and voted as: R. Therrien - yes; D. Beijer - yes; G. Madden - yes; P. Penney - yes; E. Tasker - yes. The Board came out of non-public session at 5:33pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Everyone present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ACTION ITEMS:** The Board reviewed and approved the following items: Payroll & Manifest; 1 Land Use Change Tax, 1 Letter to a resident in Birchwood Hideaway regarding drainage issues and a diesel grant reimbursement letter to NHDES for the Highway Truck. D. Beijer motioned to approve the minutes of May 10, 2022, seconded by G. Madden and passing with a unanimous vote. E. Tasker made a motion for the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board, the credit application for F.W. Webb, seconded by D. Beijer, and passing with a unanimous vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The mowing bids were opened, and a season cost determined as follows; E. Burt - \$6410.00, T. Clement - \$6400.00, J. Glancy - \$4800.00, Landscaping MY Grass Off - \$2200.00 and R. Treadwell - \$3920.00. Following a discussion, D. Beijer motioned to award the project to Landscaping My Grass Off for \$2,200.00, seconded by P. Penney. The motion passed with the following vote: R. Therrien, yes; D. Beijer, yes; G. Madden, yes; P. Penney, yes; and E. Tasker, yes.

The 2022 paving bids were discussed. The Town Administrator handed out the spreadsheet and stated she met with Jason Leavitt (NHDOT) last week, who took all the information, calculated the figures based upon the requirements, prepared the spreadsheet and e-mailed the results to her. The bidders were as follows;

GMI =	\$612,920.96
R & D =	\$616,553.91*
Advanced =	\$676,089.27
Busby =	\$606,947.65

It was noted that the yellow areas were information that was not provided and bid requirements not followed; and orange areas are “inconclusive”. It was mentioned that R & D’s proposal did not list the cost of flaggers and their bid stated on the bottom that flaggers would be provided by others. K. Montgomery told the group that she asked J. Leavitt what the State does when receiving bids that are incomplete and he told her that the bids are thrown out. The Road Agent was asked if he had seen the spreadsheet and he stated he had not. The Chair asked him to comment on it and G. Drew stated that he thought the numbers were fair and a lot depends on the reclaim. He also stated that R & D did a phenomenal job last year; GMI has never been used in Barnstead; and Busby has to hire a sub-contractor for the job. R. Therrien asked if the bid allowed for someone to hire out the job and K. Montgomery stated that the requirements didn’t state they couldn’t. P. Penney commented that each bidder is held to their proposal.

D. Beijer informed the group that taking an average of flagging costs and adding it to R&D’s bid would increase their price by another \$13,000. R. Therrien asked her where that figure came from and if she had received the information before everyone else had. She responded that it was simple math and showed the back of the spreadsheet where she penciled in the figure. K. Montgomery stated that Jason Leavitt had just sent her the spreadsheet before the meeting started and that no one had seen the figures before now. She stated that they could look at the e-mail and she would have Jason come before the Board. After further review and discussion it was decided that more time was needed for a decision and it would be put on hold for now. The Road Agent offered to contact R&D but was told not to and that the Town Administrator would call them to inquire about the flaggers and other missing information in their bid. The Board also asked the Town Administrator to inquire if these companies had been hired by the towns and their work experience, for the next meeting.

**APPOINTMENT:** Kate Crary, Parks and Recreation Committee, requesting the expenditure of \$5345 for Tom Varney of Varney Engineering to prepare the plan and submit a shoreland application. She said she spoke with Mark Sargent who offered to do pro bono work relative to the survey and Tom Varney offered to do the rest for a reduced amount. David Allen spoke with a Grant Officer and was told there is no more money available so the Committee will have to do some fundraising. D. Beijer made a motion to authorize the Parks and Recreation Committee to expend funds up to \$5345 to hire Tom Varney to complete the Shoreline permit and plan and to authorize the Chair or K. Montgomery to sign the application. The motion as seconded by P. Penney and passed with the following vote: R. Therrien - yes; D. Beijer – yes; G. Madden – yes; P. Penney - yes; and E. Tasker – yes.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

P. Penney asked if there will be a Memorial Day Parade on Monday and G. Madden replied that there would be a parade on Monday; however, he still needs to speak with the Legion Commander for details.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** 6:24 pm. M. Cipriano inquired as to who won the mowing bid and was told it was Landscaping My Grass Off. A comment was made that the Board members should use a

microphone when speaking because people Zooming in cannot hear them. A. Sylvester asked what the budget was for paving and K. Montgomery stated it was around \$450,000.

**NON-PUBLIC:** D. Beijer made a motion to go into nonpublic session at 6:28 pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) seconded by G. Madden. The Board was polled and voted as: R. Therrien - yes; D. Beijer - yes; G. Madden - yes; P. Penney - yes; E. Tasker - yes. The Board came out of non-public session at 6:50 pm.

**NON-PUBLIC:** D. Beijer made a motion to go into nonpublic session at 6:51 pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) seconded by P. Penney. The Board was polled and voted as: R. Therrien - yes; D. Beijer - yes; G. Madden - yes; P. Penney - yes; E. Tasker - yes. The Board came out of non-public session at 7:50 pm.

Road Agent G. Drew informed the Board that Mr. Lesnyk is putting more brush in the town's easement at that property. The town attorney will be contacted.

**ADJOURNMENT:** E. Tasker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm, seconded by P. Penney and passing by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryJane Dascoli  
Recording Secretary

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Chairman R. Therrien

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Vice-Chair D. Beijer

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G. Madden

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P. Penney

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E. Tasker