

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 15, 2008
6:30pm Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chr. Iocovozzi.

Present: Chr. Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectmen Jack O'Reilly and Jan Stuart, Code Enforcement Officer Charlie Smart and Eric Weintraub from Altus Engineering.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the minutes of December 8, both public and non public. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Coleman Reconstruction Project – Bid Award

DBU bid at \$ 97,325 Bourassa bid at \$ 97,725 and N. Hampton Excavation came in at \$108,600. The Selectmen voted to go local and award the bid to Bourassa. Discussion continued about the potential unknowns which may be discovered as we go forward. Selectman O'Reilly moved to accept the bid from Bourassa in the amount of \$ 97,725.

Regarding Coleman Drive owners becoming involved with the contractors, Chr. Iocovozzi hopes they won't be hassled or the Board get aggravated. Eric felt Bourassa will do just fine. Eric briefly spoke of the reduced flow through design and moving drainage and catch basins. Chr. Iocovozzi stated very clearly that this project is not aimed at taking care of water problems in people's back yards. It is designed to cope with the run off from the road and deal with current drainage improvement. Another house planned on Coleman will spark the cul de sac to be moved further back. ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to accept the bid of \$ 97,725 from Bourassa with 5% added in for time adjustment bringing the project not to exceed \$102,725. Selectman Stuart seconded. Being the 2 low bids came in at less than 4/10ths of a percent and given that Bourassa is local company, the motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.*** Eric will notify the companies. Eric will oversee this project.

Highway Garage Engineering – Altus Proposal

Eric visited the Transfer Station site last week and after reviewing the obstacles, although they can be resolved, he feels the Nimble Hill Site makes more sense as it is a minimum amount of issues. Water is a cost factor. But a cistern could be a consideration. Moving and manipulating the road and ridge could be costly to have it at the Transfer Station. It would be great to have everything at the same location not only for convenience but for watch dogging trash placement. Cos was concerned about the future and the coming needs. Eric felt both sites 'could' be plausible. Selectman O'Reilly says if we are going to bond, we have to be planning for that now due to time frame mandates for public hearings. Cos said the Transfer Station eventually could be moved to the end of Nimble if the need comes. Eric said a cistern placed up there could service both the Old Town Hall and the Garage. Perhaps beneath the grass at the OTH. The cost of the water loop up to Arboretum Drive is extensive. We could operate with an 8" or 10" pipe water supply up from Little Bay as pressure is and will be a problem. With the possibilities of expansion at the current site, ***Selectman O'Reilly moved to proceed with construction plans of the new Highway Garage at the existing site. Selectman Stuart seconded. Roll call vote 3-0.***

Selectman O'Reilly stated we could continue to proceed with engineering as we could utilize our current capital reserve. *On Sept 15, Selectman O'Reilly moved to approve the engineering proposal by Altus not to exceed \$ 57,900. Selectman Stuart seconded. On a roll call vote, the motion passed 3-0. However, on that night this vote for Engineering was placed on hold until the Transfer Station site for the garage was reviewed.*

Capt Landing Bid and Gundalow Bid will be awarded at our next meeting Dec 30. Regarding Shattuck Way Engineering, Eric stated that the ROW has been agreed upon but Engineering has yet to be estimated and presented to the town.

Tractor Bids

No new information has been presented

Mowing Bids

Selectman O'Reilly stated that if and when we buy a new mower for the Town that it be for use by the Town Employees, not the Fox Point Leasees. Selectman Stuart felt that was reasonable and to leave the old one at Fox Point for their use on those grounds and the new one be primarily for our Highway Department. Selectman Stuart went on to talk about the advantages of having our current tenants there as they have assisted medically. Selectman O'Reilly stated that he hoped to put in the next lease a statement about what will happen if our current old mower dies and they can no longer care for the grounds – ie. option of raising the rent or the renters to purchase their own mower. Selectman O'Reilly stated (and Jan agreed) that they felt more comfortable with our own guys operating machinery but for now, until the July 1 lease is re-worded or if something happens to the current mower, we would continue as is until then.

Thank You's

Chairman Iocovozzi wanted to publicly thank Public Service – Lenny Puffo and Peter MacDonald and their cutting crew and our Road Agent and Assistant for all the efforts this past weekend due to the ice storm. Selectman O'Reilly will be contacting PSNH and will be speaking to Kathleen Lewis. Thanks went out to Bea Marconi and Charlie Smart for going above and beyond. Police and Fire were thanked. Lenny was asked to get chipper and go along road side.

Tractor Bids

Lenny Thomas, Road Agent should be present for the discussion. Charlie was asked to look at the received information to determine best value. Selectman O'Reilly suggested we put \$30,000 under cap out lay until we know what we want. Jack felt we would know our needs by January.

Town Building Needs

Nardo will be forwarding some prices for the Fire Dept Generator. We will try to encumber anything we have left over. We will need a slab.

Charlie noted he has gotten 2 bids in for the Carriage House - foundation and roof. The Parsonage should be looked at. Haas will be working on that building along with Wastrom. It was discussed that more of our buildings should be put on the Historical Register.

Regarding the construction of a pavilion at Fox Point, Selectman Stuart felt we should be prepared for a vocal Town Meeting.

The Fire Station should have an electrical upgrade.

Jack looked at the amount the BOS approved in 2008 for bldgs, (\$543,250) and will propose a budget of that amount or less for the Selectmen to request.

Regarding the Chicken Coop, it really had little use in 2008. It needs to be maintained, siding, roof, floor. Chr. Iocovozzi says tear it down. Selectman Stuart says for \$4,000 to make repairs, it is a minimal amount.

Town Owned Land Grounds Care Bids

Tabled til the 30th of December.

Ice Storm Branches

Due to the ice storm over the weekend with so many fallen trees and branches, the Board agreed that the Highway Dept should rent a chipper and any resident who totes their tree debris to the side of the road in the next couple of days, our crew will chip up. Most people will leave the mess till spring and hire out.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to adjourn. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectively Submitted

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant