

Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 22, 2023
Approved



1) Open Meeting

Chair Dudek opened the meeting to order at 6 pm. Board members present: Michelle Dudek, Chair; James Delaney, and Andy Guptill

Also present for duration of appropriate item: Ron Kleiner, NH DOT; Jason Tremblay, NH DOT Project Manager; Meli Dube, NH DOT; Tom Levins, GMZ Associates; Cinde Warmington, Exec Councilor D2; Donna Crisp Duclos; Frank Bryson, Highway Supervisor; Leslie Fenton; Paul Fenton, Jr; Seth Currier; Olivia James Bentzler; Abby James Bentzler; Jeffrey Newcomb; Donnie Spencer; Chris Walton; James Locke; and Lisa Meier, Recording Secretary

2) New Business

a. NH DOT Public Informational Meeting regarding Route 11 Bridge

NH DOT Project Manager Tremblay advised that the original public informational meeting was held on August 28, 2019 regarding the bridge north of the Salisbury border and Plains Road.

Kleiner presented photos and stated this is a very wet flood plain area. The bridge was constructed in 1933 with steel girders spanning 70' with a 24' travel lane and the bridge was red-listed in 2014. An emergency repair was completed in 2014. The replacement bridge is scheduled to be 104' in length with a 32' travel width consisting of 11' lanes and 5' shoulders. The new bridge will also be steel girders with a concrete deck. There will be approximately a 28 day closure with traffic being detoured on Route 11 to Franklin. This is in a Zone A floodplain and there is a conservation easement. The development is currently in process and the tentative schedule is advertising in the summer of 2024, construction during Spring 2025 and completion [inaudible].

Les Fenton expressed a concern that an extension to 24' would impact the fields on both sides and it is currently hard to maintain the property as an agricultural asset. Fenton also stated that the access was narrowed during / from the prior repair and trucks may have to go into the wetlands in order to come out of the fields. Fenton also stated that the bridge deck will impact the view coming out of the fields. Kleiner replied that they would look into this concern.

Fenton also asked which side of the bridge would they be staging from and the response was that is up to the contractor.

Newcomb stated he has a concern with restricting the flow more than it is now and potentially causing a back up and flooding basements in the area. He asked what the volume is now and what would the new volume be. The response was this would be looked into; however, there should be no more additional flooding than there is now. Les Fenton was concerned it could have a funnel effect and damage the road. Les was asked if the water had ever gone over the road and he replied that yes it had once; however, the road has not been lost.

Newcomb stated that he thought they were elevating the whole road and asked why not. The response was the new roadway and bridge will be out of the water; however, the water elevation will remain the same.

Les asked if traffic control was up to the contractor and the response was that it was decided in 2019 that the closure option was feasible.

Delaney asked if the town had been approached to utilize the town roads and Guptill replied that the roads are not constructed for something like this.

Les was concerned that the truckers would use Switch and Plains Roads when they see the detour signs. Abby Bentzler asked if traffic could still utilize Plains Road coming West and the response was yes.

The presentation from tonight's meeting can be viewed online at:

<https://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/andover40392/index.htm>

3) Highway Supervisor's Report

Bryson indicated the signs are up for the bridges and more signs have been ordered.

He also reported that there is deterioration in the concrete on the Elbow Pond Road bridge (the bridge with the red rails).

Some trees have been cut down as towns people have called about them. Bryson stated he needs to the road rod to determine if the trees are town / state trees or property owner trees.

4) Old Business

a. Highway Garage Bond

The Warrant reflects that the Budget Committee voted 3 to 4 not to recommend the highway garage bond. The final wording reads:

Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,963,959 (One Million, Nine Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars) gross budget for the purpose of constructing and furnishing a highway garage on town land, up to \$400,000 (Four Hundred Thousand Dollars) of which will come from unassigned fund balance and \$250,000 (Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) of which will be raised through taxation; and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,313,959 (One Million, Three Hundred Thirteen Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and to authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the date, maturities, interest rate, and other details of such bonds or notes; and to authorize the Select Board to apply for and accept any federal, state, or private funds that may become available in respect of the Project to use toward the Project, reduce the amount that must be bonded, or to pay debt service on such bonds or notes. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-4). (3/5 ballot vote required).

Currier asked if it is typical for the Budget Committee to not support this and Dudek responded that there was a lot of good feedback from the public hearing.

b. Transfer Station Septic Installation Quotes

A total of six quotes were received. There were two tank options. The Select Board proceeded to open the quotes at 6:43 p.m. The first was from Forward Logging in the amount of \$24,000. The second was from Merzi Excavation in the amount of \$13,624. The third was from SKR Site Services Corp in the amount of \$11,945 for option 1 and \$15,645 for option 2. The fourth was from Mark Thompson Excavation in the amount of \$16,640 for option 1 and \$16,290 for option 2. The fifth was from Phelps Construction in the amount of \$13,640 for option 1 and \$14,990 for option 2. Phelps

Construction also recommended an additional 2” of insulation over all components for an additional \$700. The sixth was from Felix in the amount of \$15,000; however, it did not include any specs nor was the board sure which option it was for. The board has scheduled a work session for Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 4:00 to review the quotes in depth.

5) Minutes

The minutes of February 8, 2023 were briefly reviewed and wording will be added to clarify more regarding the Buswell property. Abby Bentzler asked for background on this property and Dudek provided that background.

6) Correspondence / Signatures

The board reviewed and processed the following:

- 1) A payroll manifest from February 10, 2023 in the amount of \$24,877.41 was signed.
- 2) A check manifest from February 24, 2023 in the amount of \$59,159 was signed.
- 3) A check manifest from February 24, 2023 from the general fund in the amount of \$65.00 was signed.
- 4) A check manifest from February 16, 2023 from the general fund in the amount of \$25.00 was signed.
- 5) An excavation tax assessment for 300 Depot Street in the amount of \$28.74 was signed.
- 6) A certified hearing notice from Danbury regarding a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. was received. The hearing is regarding a 9-lot subdivision by RM Devco Inc and SRK Holdings LLC.

7) Nonpublic Session

Guptill made a **motion** at 7:17 p.m. to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 ii(a). Delaney **seconded** the motion and **all were in favor** of the motion. A roll call was completed.

Guptill made a **motion** at 7:40 p.m. to enter back into public session per RSA ? Delaney **seconded** the motion and **all were in favor** of the motion. Guptill made a motion to permanently seal the minutes from the non-public session. Delaney **seconded** the motion and **all were in favor** of the motion.

8) Adjournment & Next Meeting

There being no further discussion, Guptill made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Delaney **seconded** the motion and **all were in favor** of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Meier
Recording Secretary

These minutes were approved at the
Select Board meeting on March 22, 2023.