

Special Select board Meeting

July 2, 2020

7:00pm

Athens Town Office

Present were Dennis Mirante, Stu Johnson-VT Local Roads, Tina White, Danny Taylor, Eugene Bills, Janet Perry, James Trimble, Darlene Wyman, Donna Currier, Krista Gay, David Bemis, April Lyman, Emma Lyman, Doug Lyman, and Denise Randall.

David called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Adjustments to the agenda: David made the motion to add an executive session and sign the Dead River heating oil and diesel contracts. Denise seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

Opening bids: Tina asked why the Town crew couldn't do the culverts. It was explained an excavator was needed to do the project. There was one bid from A.S. Clark and Sons for the culverts. The bid was \$6,500.00. There was one bid for the resurfacing of a section of Route 35 from Bazin Brothers. The bid was \$153,993.75. David made the motion to reject both bids. Jim seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

Taylor Hill: David stated the town attorney stated another hearing for Taylor Hill was needed since it has been appealed. David stated that if the court finding for the town was wrong, the town could take it over without a hearing. If the court finding was in the town's favor another hearing would have to be held. Jim handed out documents concerning a survey of the road and the road and bridge standards. A lengthy discussion followed with Stu Johnson. Denise made the motion to schedule a hearing on the town taking over Taylor Hill as a class 3 highway on August 13, 2020 at 5:00pm to meet at the town garage. The board will view the road, then adjourn the hearing to the elementary school. Jim seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

Jim thanked Stu for attending the meeting.

David made the motion to sign the contracts for heating oil and diesel with Dead River Company. Jim seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

At 8:03pm David made the motion to move into executive session to discuss a legal matter where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the town of Athens at a substantial disadvantage. Denise seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

At 8:25pm David made motion to move out of executive session. Denise seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

Public comments on the agenda: Janet asked why the board rejected the bids for the culverts and paving a section of Route 35. Discussion followed. Denise made the motion the board reconsider and accept the culverts and paving bids after reviewing the budget and discussing it with the road crew. Jim seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

There being no further business, Denise made the motion to adjourn. David seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Wyman, Town Clerk