

TOWN OF DEERING

762 Deering Center Road
Deering, NH 03244

Board of Selectmen FINAL Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 14, 2023

6:45 P.M. – Non-Public Session

7:00 P.M. – Public Session

Members Present: Chair Jill Smith, Selectman Roy Watson and Selectman Steve Diers
Others Present: Interim TA Kerris

Opening of the Meeting by the Chair at 6:45pm

Chair Smith made a motion to go into Non-Public Session at 6:48pm per RSA 91 A-3, II, (a) & (c). Seconded by Selectman Watson.

Vote by Roll Call: Chair Smith – yes, Selectman Watson – yes and Selectman Diers – yes.

The Select Board came out of Non-Public Session at 7:03pm.

Opening of the Public Meeting by the Chair at 7:05pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Item 1: Highway Department – Budget Year 2023 remaining funds & proposed EOY expenditures

Interim Road Agent Martin spoke to the board about his thoughts on purchasing a stockpile of 50 loads of 1 1/2” crushed stone now versus in the spring. He said Mount Williams had the best price with trucking. The pricing is \$411.30 per tuck for a total of \$20,565.

Discussion continued regarding crushed stone versus gravel and how much would be needed for next year in total.

Chair Smith said the 2024 Highway Budget is significantly higher than 2023 and she suggested purchasing known items in the 2024 budget now with the excess 2023 budget to reduce the impact of the increase for 2024.

Interim Road Agent Martin said parts for the trucks are good to have in stock, like auger chains as one example. He also recommends purchasing a drill press for \$5,649 and a shop press for \$3,200. Both of these will allow the department to save money in the long run.

Selectman Diers voiced concern that if Interim Road Agent Martin leaves, will the equipment get used?

Interim Road Agent Martin said that concern could be for all of the Highway equipment.

Both Selectman Diers and Selectman Watson agree that these are needed items and they should be purchased with funds we have left in 2023.

Selectman Diers made a motion to purchase 50 loads of 1 ½” crushed stone for \$20,565. Seconded by Selectman Watson. Motion Passed 3-0.

There was discussion regarding the auger chains.

Interim Road Agent said he was waiting on a price for the auger chains.

Chair Smith asked Interim Road Agent Marting to put together a list of items from 2024 budget and pricing for those items that could be purchased now in 2023 and submit it for discussion at next week's regular meeting.

Chair Smith asked if there was enough calcium chloride and salt.

Interim Road Agent Martin answered yes, they have enough calcium chloride and they are limited on space for salt.

Chair Smith asked if having a Conex box would be beneficial?

Interim Road Agent Martin answered yes, it would be great to store tires and other items.

Chair Smith reiterated items to add to the list with pricing as follows: culvert materials, tires, auger chains and any other stone/gravel.

Item 2: Fire Department – Budget Year 2023 remaining funds & proposed EOY expenditures

Chief Richards passed out an updated spreadsheet of expenditures. On that spreadsheet were tires for 3 vehicles for \$8,179, ten hoses for \$6,790, the TurboDraft system for \$6,614, doors for Donovan Station for \$10,576 and a Nitronox dispenser with delivery mask for \$4,087.

Chair Smith made a motion to approve the following items to be purchased out of the Fire Department New Equipment Line: Nitronox for \$4,087, Doors for Donovan Station from Crawford for \$10,576, Tires for \$8,179, TurboDraft for \$6,614 and ten hoses for \$6,790. Seconded by Selectman Watson. Motion Passed 3-0.

Chief Richards reported that the protective clothing purchase would be less expensive than previously reported because one person only needed the coat. He also said the helmets are being invoiced.

Selectman Diers inquired about Fire Wardens.

Chair Smith asked Chief Richards to submit information on the Fire Wardens to be placed on the website.

Chair Smith gave kudos to Wendy Baker, the website admin for getting items on the website quick as well as keeping it updated with good information.

Item 3: Non-Public per RSA 91-A:3, II, (b)

Chair Smith made a motion to go into Non-Public Session at 8:03pm per RSA 91 A-3, II, (b). Seconded by Selectman Diers.

Vote by Roll Call: Chair Smith – yes, Selectman Watson – yes and Selectman Diers – yes

The Board of Selectman came out of Non-Public Session at 9:44pm.

Chair Smith made a motion to seal the minutes of the 1st Non-Public Session at 6:48pm and the 2nd Non-Public Session at 8:03pm. Seconded by Selectman Watson, because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board.

Vote by Roll Call: Chair Smith – yes, Selectman Watson – yes, Selectman Diers - yes

Chair Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:47pm. Seconded by Selectman Diers. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recording Secretary