



## MADBURY PUBLIC WORKS EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

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### OFFICIAL BUSINESS

**Minutes of:** May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Meeting convened:** 6:00 pm

**Members in Attendance:**

Mark Avery - Chair

John Bickford - Vice Chair

Eric Fiegenbaum

Deb Ahlstrom

Jay Moriarty

John Steele

Susan Ossoff, Alternate

**Support Staff:**

Daphne Chevalier - Recording Secretary

**Meeting Attendees:**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Avery called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

**2. Seating of Alternates**

No alternates were seated this evening.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** made by Member Ahlstrom to accept the 12 April 2023 minutes as submitted.

**Seconded** by Vice Chair Bickford. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**4. Correspondence**

None to enter into the minutes this evening.

**5. Public Input**

Chair Avery brought forward a couple of emails he received from the public, highlighting the information in those emails and their attachments.

**6. Follow up on current snow contractor's suggested replacement (Moriarty)**

Member Moriarty reported he was unable to make contact with Mr. Hartford's suggested replacement, though that individual is willing and anxious to talk. Member Moriarty will talk with that individual one-on-one and if the committee would find it meaningful, invite that person in to talk with the committee.

**7. Report on possible interest from plowing contractor Talco (Fiegenbaum)**

Member Fiegenbaum reported on his contact with Talco. Member Moriarty may also talk with Talco about right-of-way mowing options. The Committee would like to get more information from Talco about what equipment Talco owns.

**8. Report on / Workshop Session to Begin Developing Possible Options**

Mr. Moriarty and Mr. Steele will meet with Mr. Fisk and Mr. Talon (Talco) to gather additional information about their interest and ability to meet the Town's needs. They will invite one or both in to meet with the committee if they feel it would be beneficial.

The Committee brainstormed the potential courses of action for Madbury:

***Course of Action 1: Contract Mr. Hartford for two more years to Aug 2027***

*a. Fisk - possible buyout?*

*b. Talco - new contract*

Pros: Contractor, no new employees, no full-time employees, no bond, liability, no equipment maintenance/ownership

Cons: Recurring issue

***Course of Action 2: Potential Long-term solution***

*a. Fisk - possible buyout?*

*b. Talco - new contract*

Pros: Contractor, no new employees, no full-time employees, no bond, liability, no equipment maintenance/ownership

Cons: Recurring issue

***Hybrid of Action 1 and 2: Contract solution***

The committee will need to talk to the two potential contractors, individually and/or possibly together, to see how they may form a hybrid solution.

The above options strongly suggest the town will need to build a salt shed. In addition to a salt shed, the committee discussed potential options that could entice contractors to Madbury, including the length of the contract.

***Course of Action 3: Town Public Works***

Pros: High-level service response, proactive rather than reactive, long-term solution

Cons: \$2.5M infrastructure (equipment/facilities), employees (HR department, full-time employees), bond, new committee, 3-year lead, auxiliary, maintenance costs, operating costs

***Course of Action 4: Surrounding Town Partnership***

This option was explored but soon eliminated as it was deemed not to be a feasible option, essentially functioning as another contractor option.

Pros:

Cons: Unpredictable, Madbury would be the last priority

**Tasks:**

- Member Moriarty and/or Member Steele will talk with Mr. Hartford, Mr. Fisk, and Talco to gather information.
- Chair Avery will bring to the Select Board that Madbury will need a bridging contract, potentially extending Mr. Hartford's contract for two years to 2027.

Chair Avery suggested the Committee also determine what type of model Madbury would use regarding a road agent.

**9. Other New and Old Business**

No other new or old business was discussed.

**10. Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn by Member Ahlstrom. **Seconded** by Member Moriarty. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Daphne Chevalier.