



MADBURY PUBLIC WORKS EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Minutes of: July 12th, 2023

Meeting Convened: 6:00 pm

Members in Attendance:

Mark Avery - Chair

John Bickford - Vice Chair

Deb Ahlstrom

Jay Moriarty

Eric Fiegenbaum

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 6:03 pm.

2. Seating of Alternates

Alternate Ossoff was seated.

3. Approval of 16 June 2023 Minutes

Motion by Vice Chair Bickford to accept the minutes as presented for 16 June, 2023.

Seconded by Member Ahlstrom. **Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Correspondence

No correspondence to enter into the record.

5. Fisk Follow-up

Members Steele and Moriarty have not been able to speak with Mr. Fisk to date.

6. Talco Follow-up

Member Moriarty reported he and Member Steele were able to visit with Mr. Talon and were impressed by him. Mr. Talon would like to be kept informed about opportunities for snow removal in Madbury and will be able to take care of the town's roadside mowing this year.

Member Steele reported Mr. Talon is very busy with work and buys his own equipment; he is looking for new opportunities beyond his current contracts. Member Steele believes Mr. Talon would need salt storage. He sent Mr. Talon a copy of the current contract the town has with Mr.

Hartford. Mr. Talon is Green Snow Pro certified, which is a certification designed to reduce salinization of aquifers, require less salt, and not require street sweeping at the end of the season as no sand is used. Member Steele recommends use of brine, as it makes snow removal much easier; Member Moriarty said brine is highly corrosive. Member Steele stated as a private contractor, Mr. Talon would be required to report to the state the amount of salt he puts on the roads. Member Steele further reported that Mr. Talon's facility is about ten minutes from Madbury, but Mr. Talon would want a salt shed and a place to park his equipment. Mr. Talon is looking for a longer contract, perhaps a five-year contract.

7. Workshop Session to Develop Options

Chair Avery reported the Select Board is entering the budgeting process for next year. He said if all options look like they need budgeting for a bay and salt shed, they would need to start doing so as part of the budgeting process.

There was some discussion about the potential use of the class VI road (the old Beech Hill Road) next to the old fire station as a place to put a salt shed; Member Moriarty believes the best option is where our transfer station is.

Member Steele suggested the next step is to extend Mr. Hartford's contract for a few years and work to bring in Mr. Talon; the private contractor option is not off the table after all. Regardless of which option the town pursues, Member Moriarty wants to see the town build a maintenance shed and a salt shed and prep the transfer station site. The committee agrees the town should move forward with building a maintenance and salt shed, keeping in mind whatever is built needs to be expandable for future town needs. Chair Avery said there could be a trailer to be used for bathroom and office facilities.

Member Moriarty stated there are going to have to be changes in how the town handles public works currently and it will cost more. Member Steele emphasized roads are the one resource everyone in the town uses. Member Ossoff stated it is possible nothing materializes from the contractor options in front of the committee; therefore, it is important to consider that the town's facilities needs could be larger than the basic facilities the committee is currently discussing. Chair Avery stated the Select Board could spend capital reserve funds to have an engineering company come in to provide an estimate for the cost of grading and building. The committee discussed what size site the town would need for facilities given the potential for future expansion.

Chair Avery summarized the next steps for the committee:

- bring Mr. Hartford before the Select Board to extend his contract for two years
- budget to build basic facilities for public works
- keep the potential contractors engaged in order to secure a contract with them in the future

Member Moriarty will talk with Mr. Hartford, stressing to the committee that an extended contract with Mr. Hartford will cost the town more than his past contracts.

The committee discussed arranging site visits to the town transfer station and a model site (Rollinsford) to determine an appropriate size needed for a public works site. In terms of the proposal for the Select Board, Chair Avery stated the committee could use general costs, or ballpark figures, in the data they provide.

Chair Avery summarized concerns about the transfer station site as follows: caring for the cemetery, water run-off, what to do with the old dump (park on top of it or clear it out), what to do with the firing range that is used by Madbury Police as well as other police departments in the area.

Member Ossoff left the meeting at 7:21 pm.

Chair Avery summarized the next steps for the committee as follows:

- Negotiations with Mr. Hartford by the Select Board
- Site visit to Rollinsford
- Draft a proposal for the Select Board

The committee discussed days for when to have the site visit to Rollinsford, settling on a date between July 25 and July 27 in the afternoon. Mr. Steele will reach out to Rollinsford to determine which day will be best for him. The late afternoon and early evening of the same day will be used to work on drafting the proposal. The work group may use the morning time to visit the transfer station, Mr. Hartford's facilities, and Talco's facilities.

8. Other New and Old Business

No other business to discuss.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Administrator Fiegenbaum. **Seconded** by Chair Avery. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned: 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Daphne Chevalier.