



OWLS HEAD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

April 21, 2020

Minutes

Zoom Meeting (COVID 19)

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

4:02 pm Chairman Thomas Von Malder calls the meeting to order. Also present were Selectman Linda Post and Gordon Page, Fire Chief Frank Ross, Richard Carver, Bob Hirsch, Steve Betts, Tom Shook, and Chris Champagne, VP of Greenwood Emergency Vehicles.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION: 4:04 pm Selectman Linda Post makes a motion to approve the minutes for April 16, 2020, as amended. Selectman Gordon Post seconds that motion.

Vote passes 3-0 all in favor

OLD BUSINESS:

The Fire Department bids were discussed. Fire Chief Ross recommends that we go with K&T Fire Equipment as the price is completely covered by the insurance company and it is equipped exactly as the truck being replaced.

K&T Fire Equipment - \$289,718

Greenwood - \$333,692

Allegiance - \$396,100

Lake Region fire Apparatus - \$409,500

Selectmen Page states he was able to view the email thread between the Owls Head Fire Department and a Greenwood representative, Tom Shook. He says that it appeared that both parties were trying to work in good spirits to work with one another, but it appears that the Greenwood bid is almost 44,000 higher than Metal Fab. Chris Champagne says that largely the reason their bid is higher is that the specification was formatted around the metal fab truck so whenever you have to bid against someone else's stack, its addition to their cost and secondly they provided a lot of added value, their product is a little different then the metal fab, the biggest difference is they use a lot of thicker, higher quality material for the body and they have longer

warranties on both the body and paint. Their products are made in the United States and that adds more cost versus a foreign-made truck. They have a larger service presence available for us as well.

MOTION: 4:16 pm Gordon makes a motion that pending a town meeting approval, that the Town of Owls Head accepts the bid for the fire truck specified by Metal Fab for \$289,718. Chairman Von Malder suggests that they change the motion. He states that the fire chief was advised that a town meeting would not be required. Chief Ross states that if MMA handles the money then a town meeting is not necessary. Selectmen Post says she will second the motion with the further discussion but she was under the impression that we did not have to hold a town meeting. If a town meeting is required, it will be a long time before we can do anything. Chairman Von Malder feels like they should just go ahead and accept the bid and not make it subject to a town meeting at this point. Selectmen Post agrees. Selectmen Page would like to remind everyone that through his recollection, the Board of Selectmen did vote to schedule a special town meeting to authorize the expenditures of the monies coming from the insurance company. Chairman Von Malder states that because a date wasn't set, they could rescind that with another vote. Selectmen Post points out that the minutes for March 16, 2020, say that the selectmen were advised to send a request out for a bid and there will be no special town meeting. Chairman Von Malder suggests that we do not pass Gordon's motion and we have another motion to just award the bid without a town meeting. Bob Hirsch asks if the insurance company is covering the replacements full cost, Fire Chief Ross says that the insurance company is covering the full replacement value of the damaged fire truck, plus the cost for turn-out gear lost. Mr. Hirsch asks, if that's the case, then why is a town meeting needed? Chairman Von Malder and Selectmen Post agree that a town meeting is not needed. Selectmen Page says he will still vote in favor of his motion, however, if his motion is voted down, he will still vote in favor of inquiring the fire truck from Metal Fab.

Vote: Gordon – yes, Linda – no, Tom – no, the vote is defeated 1-2

Linda makes a motion that the town goes with Metal Fab for the price of \$289,718 for the fire truck. Gordon seconds that motion.

Vote passes 3-0 all in favor

Richard Carver with extra Harbor Park expenses. Dick states in planning and budgeting the Owls Head Harbor Park Project there are necessary items that were not addressed or items adjustments have created. The Budget has a contingency funding, (\$18,000.00), for just such needs. Timely completion of some items should be taken into consideration. The following is a list of un-addressed necessary items and a request for approval.

1. Two dock floats to be added to Town's main float. These extra dock floats are required for additional floatation to bear the weight of the new ADA ramp. These new ramps will be about twice as long and twice as heavy as the present ramp. Jeff Edwards is working a quote to move this main float onto the beach and while it is on the beach implant the additional dock float. This

should be done sooner than later as there will soon be increased activities at the waterfront facilities.

Estimate costs: 2- ACE dock floats, (Hamilton Marine), 48" X 72" x 12" @\$339.99 X 2 =\$679.98 + labor total \$250.00 = \$929.98

2. A kayak launch added to the main float. As has been previously brought to the Select Board attention the impracticality of placing the kayak launch at the bulkhead/ pier adjustments the EZ Kayak Launch system is the most suited alternative kayak launch. May 20, 2019, Eric Welzel of EZ Dock of Maine quote of \$1,824.77 for launch system. He had asked for an updated quote.

3. A Park sign would be required. Frank Ross has given a quote to make a wooden sign similar to the sign at the Ash Point Preserve, set this sign in place, and also set in place a kiosk donated to the Town for the Park by Ken Wexler. This sign would be placed at Lighthouse Rd. The kiosk in the new parking area meets the new walkway. Franks quote for all \$700.00. See separate email from Frank.

4. Two bridges across seasonal streams. The two bridges are being built with donations in such a way that if in the future the Town would determine to make an ADA walking path within the Park the two bridges could easily incorporate in the ADA path.

\$18,000.00

930.00

1,825.00

- 700.00

\$14,545.00 Remaining contingency funding needed

Motion: 4:45 Linda makes a motion to approve Dick Carver's request for additional funding of \$14,545. Gordon seconds that motion.

Vote passes 3-0 all in favor

Chairman Tom Von Malder praised Richard Carver for his hard work on the project and suggests renaming the new park, The Richard Carver Harbor Park. Chair Von Malder states, this is the result of all of his hard work. Saying he has led it all the way. Bob Hirsch said that it was also for all that Carver has done for the community over the years. Dick also mentions the committee that has been working on the project. He said that the committee was made of fishermen but it made sure the project would be something that would serve the entire community. The Villagesoup write-up will be attached.

MOTION: 4:50 Gordon makes a motion to accept Tom's suggestion to rename Harbor Park to The Richard Carver Harbor Park. Linda seconds the motion.

Vote passes 3-0 all in favor

A decision was made to place an ad in Villagesoup Newspaper for the sale of 357 Dublin Rd and 20 Owls Head Ln. Bids need be received at the town office by May 18th at 4 pm and will be read aloud at the meeting held on that day.

NEW BUSINESS:

Abatement for 37 Oak Run Map/Lot 001-22. An email from assessor Thomas Edwards with the abatement for vacant land owned by the Philbrook's is discussed. The reason for the abatement is the lot they own was split before they purchased and the acreage of the two lots was switched when entered. In other words, the acreage for lot A was entered in lot B's account and vice versa. The abatement corrects the Philbrook's account. The action is as the Board of Selectmen because the abatement is beyond the window as the Board of Assessors. The error was reported after Mr. Edwards left for Florida and he neglected to make a note in his take along files and the abatement was never processed. The E-mail will be attached.

MOTION: 4:54 pm Tom makes a motion to approve the abatement change for 37 Oak Run, the Philbrook's land, with the date being changed to April 21, 2020. Linda seconds the motion.

Vote passes 3-0 all in favor

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

OTHER BUSINESS:

APPROVE AND SIGN THE MUNICIPAL WARRANT: Per the COVID – 19 Pandemic, the selectmen came into the office at different intervals to approve and sign the warrants

ADJOURN THE MEETING: 4:56 pm Linda makes a motion to adjourn the Zoom Selectmen's meeting. Gordon seconds the motion.