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Selectmen's Work Session

Final Minutes

Monday, October 30, 2023

1:00pm – Tuftonboro Town Offices

Present: Chairman Pike, Selectman Albee, Selectman Murray, Chief Shagoury, Town Administrator Audrey Fraizer, and Administrative Secretary Cami Wakefield

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pike called the work session to order at approximately 1:00pm

Selectman Albee made a motion to have the Chairman sign the bid award letter to Leslie E. Roberts LLC., in the amount of \$329,633.00, Selectman Murray seconded for discussion, and asked Audrey to verify for the record that we have enough money for this project. Audrey replied that there is \$384,000.00, motion carried 3-0.

Selectman Albee asked that the Admin Sec. get an idea of when from the engineer.

Chairman Pike asked if there was any other business that anyone would like to discuss. Selectman Albee asked if they wanted to talk about the police station at all. Or at least get it on the record that they are looking for input from various contractors. Selectman Murray interjected that he thinks we should get it out there formally to all the local contractors, instead of saying I'm going to talk to this guy or that guy to see if they are interested.

Selectman Albee added that Phil Bennett should be involved for the wording, because the last thing we want to get involved with is a litigation with Bauen, so we need to make it a different "structure" of the project. For example, we are looking for a electrical contractor or a construction contractor, a plumbing contractor etc. Selectman Albee added that you cannot just put it out on the street that we are looking to build a police station give us a bid. Selectman Murray asked was there something in the agreement that we had with Bauen that we could cancel this for any reason. Selectman Albee explained that there was no written agreement.

Chairman Pike added that he cannot see any harm in asking Phil how to go about this.

Audrey verified that Selectmen that they asked Jack Parsons. Selectman Murray asked Jack if they move forward with the Police Station project, he would be able to manage as Clerk of the Works. Jack replied that he would be Clerk of the Works anyway so Yes. Selectman Albee added that there would be bids put out for every separate thing.

Chairman Pike wanted to be clear that Phil should help with the wording of the ad before it goes out. Selectman Albee added, making it absolutely clear that we are doing the job ourselves.

Selectman Albee mentioned that we need to talk to HEB about putting Canaan Rd out to bid because that is not something that our road agent is going to end up doing. Admin Sec let the Selectmen know that Chris Fournier from HEB is coming to the meeting on November 13.

Audrey asked if Selectmen could discuss the police truck that either needs to be disposed of or reused. Selectman Albee asked if it got moved yet. Audrey replied that it did not as it is not registered. Audrey asked Selectmen if they would like to revisit their discussion of last week because she just listened to the July 17, 2023, Selectmen's meeting where they were in support of letting the transfer station utilize it.

Chairman Pike added that at the last meeting when the Board discussed it with Chris the transfer station superintendent, he didn't convince them that that truck would be as useful as he thought back in the summertime. Audrey mentioned that Chris had been in he discussed it with her, and he was saying how he could pick up the trash here at the Town offices and at the beach for parks and rec functions as well as what ever they have to do to clean the snow at the transfer station. Admin Sec added that we would save \$2,500.00 on trash pick-up alone by giving the truck to the transfer station.

Chairman Pike added that he still thinks that the truck goes out to bid. Selectman Murray added that Chief Shagoury did a fine job with the bids last time. Chief Shagoury replied that he could do that. It was decided that the truck will remain here at the town office and the Chief will put it out to bid.

Chairman Pike made a motion to put the truck out to bid, Selectman Murray seconded, Chairman Pike asked any further discussion. Selectman Albee added for discussion, he would like the truck sold as soon as possible., the BOS agreed on December 1, 2023, motion carried 2-1.

Selectman Albee added that every single police vehicle has an issue, and he is sick of it.

Jack Parsons asked if the Selectman were all set with the aeration and overseeding for next year. Selectman Albee replied in the affirmative. Chairman Pike added that they initialed the form in Jacks folder and the grounds at the town office could use some work.

Chairman Pike added that he was thinking of a warrant article that didn't involve any money and that would be to make the budget committee an advisory budget committee rather than an official one. Selectman Albee didn't think the RSAs would allow that.

Selectman Albee brought up the Mirror Lake Protection loan, he thinks a cleaner way to do the process is the forgiveness loan the Town and asking for the interest to be paid by the homeowners around Mirror Lake as an additional tax assessment betterment like we did on the Willand Rd. The concern is the Town is taking all of the risk.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 1:35pm, Chairman Pike made a motion to adjourn the work session, Selectman Murray seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Cami Wakefield
Administrative Secretary