

TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams, Chase Kling

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Dobbins-Marsh,

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

Truck Bids for the 10-Wheeler truck

In addition to the legal notice being posted for the bid, the Town sent the bid specs to 5 separate dealerships, but only one bid was received. Reed's Truck Service, Inc. submitted a bid of \$208,600 for the truck model HV513SFA, dump body and plow, with a separate list of warranty options. Straight will look over the additional costs for the radio and warranty options to determine a total cost for the total package.

Fuel Station claim

Straight discussed the fuel tank failure and resulting spillage of diesel. NH DES was notified and provided the Town with suggestions on steps to take. In addition to the cleanup work the highway crew did, the State will require a certified contractor to cleanup up the site. Straight has contacted several companies, and received an estimate of \$9,500 from Calkins Excavating out of Danville, VT. There is sludge to clean out of the spill basin, but currently it looks like there was no seepage below the container. The diesel tanks will need to be removed and Straight is looking to replace one with a double walled tank (cost just under \$5,000). The Town has contracted with the State of NH to purchase diesel fuel at the State garage in Orford, and will use the new 500-gallon tank for equipment diesel. Straight also recommends replacing the unleaded gas tank as it was installed at the same time as the tank that failed. It may be possible for the Town to contract with Wings for unleaded fuel, but more research needs to be done first. Straight will look into applying to the State of NH for financial assistance for the cost of the cleanup, and to become a member of said group.

Motion made by Adams, seconded by Kling to authorize up to \$10,000 of cleanup costs, and the purchase of a replacement 500-gallon double walled diesel tank up to \$5,000. Motion passed 2/0

Adams thanked all those that helped with the cleanup – Paige Excavation, Roger Hadlock, Terry Straight, Dead River and the NH DES rep, Cameron Simmons
Adams also passed on a compliment from Pat Tullar thanking Straight on his willingness to work with him regarding the road closings and his logging operation.

Review of Employee Handbook – this will be address at a later work session

Preparation for the Annual Meeting

The Selectboard agreed to meet Monday, March 7, 2022 at 3:30 pm to move the voting booths from the Town Building to Rivendell, then set up the booths. Dobbins-Marsh will contact Rivendell with a list of items needed for the meeting (# tables, chairs and mics).

Other – Dobbins-Marsh let the Selectboard know that the Archertown Road/Jacobs Brook survey plan was filed with the NH Secretary of State’s office, and certified letters were sent to the abutters.

Adjourn

Motion made by Kling, seconded by Adams to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther Dobbins-Marsh