

TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Follensbee, Chase Kling, Larry Taylor

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Dobbins-Marsh, Erin Darrow and Jon Armstrong (Right Angle Engineering), Ted Nutter, Road Agent

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am

Archertown Road Phase II

I. Accept bid for Site Work Contractor

- Wanner Earthmoving, LLC \$74,150.00
- Paige Excavating \$87,200.00
- CR Demers Construction \$87,500.00

Motion made by Follensbee, seconded by Taylor to accept the bid from Wanner Earthmoving in the amount of \$74,150 for sitework on the Archertown Road Phase II project. Motion Passed 3/0

II. Accept bid for 1.5" 304.3 crushed gravel (F)

- Chief Crushing & Excavation \$32,372.00 \$23.48/CY
- Warren Sand & Gravel \$34,650.00 \$24.75/CY
- Pike Industries \$50,587.50 \$36.13/CY*
- Twin State Sand & Gravel \$53,172.00 \$37.98/CY
- Martin's Quarry \$28,966.00 \$20.69/CY*

Darrow and the Selectboard discussed the bids received. Pike Industries and Martin's quarry gravel bids did not meet the NH DOT 304.3 specifications. While the Town isn't required to follow NHDOT guidelines, all agreed that the Town should, as the NHDOT has years of analysis to base their recommendations on. Nutter said a truckload of gravel from Warren Sand & Gravel is often more than the CY's the Town is billed for, so most likely the Town will receive more than 1400 CY's for this project. The supplier of the crushed stone (fine gradation) (F) and Rip Rap class 1 quantities needed for the project will be selected at a later date by the Selectboard.

Motion made by Taylor, seconded by Follensbee to award the bid from Warren Sand & Gravel in the amount of \$34,650 for 1400 CY's of 1.5" 304.3 (F) gravel. Motion Passed 3/0

III. Accept bid for Paving

- Blaktop, Inc \$116,737.25 \$90.40/ton
- R&D Paving \$128,006.75 \$94.45/ton
- Pike Industries \$129,105.00 \$97.00/ton
- Sunapee Paving \$131,196.25 \$99.75/ton

Darrow and the Selectboard discussed the transition between Phase I and II as it pertains to the paving. Nutter said when Blaktop paved Archertown Road from Route 10 to Townshed Road they did a great job on the transition, so is not concerned with this project.

Motion made by Follensbee, seconded by Taylor to accept the bid from Blaktop in the amount of \$116,737.25 for paving the base and top coat of Archertown Road Phase II. Motion Passed 3/0

Darrow will provide the contracts for these three bids for the Selectboard to review and sign.

IV. Tree Removal – there are still several trees that need to be removed within Phase II of the project. Darrow has included \$10,000 in the estimated budget to cover the cost. Nutter will walk Phase II with Armstrong and Darrow to mark the trees to be cut. Nutter will also have conversations with the property owners that have previously signed temporary easements for tree removal. Property owners that have not signed this easement will be provided with the document for review and signature. Nutter will obtain estimates from tree removal contractors for the Selectboard to review and award.

V. Drainage Easements – There is a need for several drainage easements within the Phase II of the project. Dobbins-Marsh will work with the Road Agent to generate the document for Herb Austic. If the ditch is in the Right of Way, the Town doesn't need an easement from Faith Knapp, but still needs to discuss with her. Kling will work with David Roby for two drainage easements, and possibly a construction easement as well.

Change Order – The change order includes adding 3 new culverts for a total of 6. Darrow will evaluate what the Town has in stock, but believes the project will need an additional 60' of 18" pipe, and headwalls for these culverts. Also discussed was upgrading one 18" culvert to a 24" culvert, not replacing one culvert, but adding a cross culvert. The estimate from Wanner Earthmoving for labor is \$18,500.

Follensbee expressed concerns as to why and when the change order was produced. He's concerned that the project will again be over budget, and the Town can't absorb any additional costs for the project. \$400,000 is the max to be spent on this project. Darrow said this was previously discussed with the board (adding a change order vs re-bidding the site-work), as the original RFQ didn't include driveway culvert replacements. Follensbee wants to have a final plan and associated costs that the Selectboard can rely on, and not be given a new budget and plan every time the Selectboard meets with the engineer. Engineering fees have been discussed and Right Angle will coordinate with Nutter to help keep their costs down, however there is an advantage to having the Engineer and Project Manager on site. Currently the estimate for the Project Manager is 30 hours average for 8 weeks. If there is a group meeting weekly between the Road Agent, Engineer and contractor, why is 30 hours needed? Darrow said it depends on what's happening, but feels it's beneficial for them to be on site when issues occur so they can react quickly.

Darrow said after incorporating the change order and accepted bids we are close to having final numbers. She will update the design and budget for the Selectboard to review.

VI. Headers – The Selectboard discussed using local contractors to make headwalls using ledge taken out of the project. Currently the budget includes \$1375 for 3 precast headwalls

VII. Project Order and Timeline

- Mark Trees
- Obtain estimates to remove trees with a timeline
- Schedule Wanner Earthmoving- estimate start date of mid-June
- Gravel Delivered
- Paving

Adjourn

Motion made by Taylor, seconded by Follensbee to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed 3/0

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther Dobbins-Marsh