

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
January 21, 2022

Selectboard Members Present: Bruce Duchesne, Kathy Luzader, Patricia Pranger, Rose Regula, and Nelson Tift.

Others present: Sandi Switzer, Phil Baker, and Steve Lanfear.

Selectboard Chair Nelson Tift called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Amendments. None.

2014 Kenworth Repairs & Lease/Rental/Purchase. Road Commissioner Phil Baker provided an overview of the 2014 Kenworth's mechanical issues related to the injector, pump, lines, towing, parts and labor. He said Turunen's based in Poultney estimated parts would cost up to \$15,000 and towing and labor would add up to \$10,000 more for a total cost of up to \$25,000. He said parts would take at least a month and likely longer to receive.

Mr. Baker recommended purchasing the Town of Clarendon's 2014 single axle International with a max force motor and 56,800 miles at a cost of \$15,000 including plow. He said Clarendon had the motor overhauled. Mr. Baker said he test drove it.

K. Luzader asked about the Public Works Mutual Aid agreement with 23 other Rutland County towns and whether Wallingford could rent/lease a vehicle. Mr. Baker said available vehicles would be for short term use and most municipalities would not be able to spare a vehicle this time of year.

Town Administrator Sandi Switzer asked if Clarendon had offered a rental/lease option for the vehicle. Mr. Baker said he had not obtained that information.

There was a discussion regarding the \$43,000 carryover in the FY'21 Highway Budget that was earmarked for paving this summer. Mr. Baker recommended using those funds for the Kenworth repair and purchase of Clarendon's truck. Board members agreed.

After further discussion, B. Duchesne made a motion that was seconded by P. Pranger to rescind his motion at the 01/18/22 meeting to approve the FY'23 budget. Motion carried (5-0).

K. Luzader made a motion that was seconded by B. Duchesne to rescind her motion at the 01/18/22 meeting to approve the Warning. Motion carried (5-0).

By consensus, the Board increased the FY'23 paving line 5325 from \$22,000 to \$65,000.

By consensus, the Board agreed to increase FY'23 Legal line 5115 from \$2,500 to \$5,000 as a result of Narragansett Indian Tribe Historic Preservation Office's appeal of a tax-exempt status request denial.

B. Duchesne made a motion that was seconded by P. Pranger to approve the FY'23 Budget of \$1,345,779.05 with \$992,037.06 to be raised in taxes. Motion carried (5-0).

K. Luzader made a motion that was seconded by B. Duchesne to approve the Town Meeting Warning as revised with budget and tax figures. Motion carried (5-0).

K. Luzader made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve up to \$15,000 for the purchase of the 2014 International single axle truck from the Town of Clarendon. Motion carried (5-0).

By consensus, the Board authorized Mr. Baker to repair the 2014 Kenworth at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.

By consensus, the Board agreed attorney Gary Kupferer should not attend the Board of Civil Authority meeting in February related to an appeal of the Narragansett Indian Tribe Historic Preservation Office tax-exempt status.

Selectboard Concerns. None.

Other Business.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Submitted By: Sandi Switzer/Town Administrator Date Approved: