

## **Rutland Town Select Board Highway Committee**

**Meeting Friday, 8-26-16 at 8AM**

### **Rutland Town Office**

Present: Mary Ashcroft, Joe Denardo and Byron Hathaway

1) Byron prepared a list of proposed equipment purchases for the new highway garage. Part of the list included items that Josephine Flory was willing to sell to the town. The Committee agreed to recommend to the full Select Board that those items be purchased at the prices indicated, as the prices were good.

The second part of the list contained items that would be useful and complete the highway's equipment and tool inventory for now. The Committee recommended that Byron prepare a list without his estimate of prices and circulate the list among at least three local businesses to get quotes for each item.

Not on the list is a transfer tank with pump to haul waste oil from the transfer station to the highway garage. Byron will add that to the list for quotes.

2) Byron reported that the Highway Garage project was built with an appropriation of \$700,000 from the surplus and \$75,000 from the forestry money for the sprinkler system, for a total of \$775,000. The project has cost \$747,480.52, with perhaps another \$2,000 in engineering costs from Stantec. We are under budget by about \$27,000. The forestry money has not yet been transferred into the highway account as Byron has been using excess money in his budget to cover the sprinkler system. It is possible that we may not need to transfer in the forestry money and so can leave that for another day. He will let us know when the final Stantec bill comes in.

3) The Highway Committee reviewed the final landscaping plan prepared by Gordon Ashcroft-Billings for his Eagle Scout project. The Scouts will do the plantings on Saturday, September 17, in time for the open house on the 24th. Byron noted that the arbor vitae proposed may be eaten by deer. He suggested that trees be planted far enough away from the building to avoid snow sliding off the roof. He also said that Dig Safe would need to be called prior to the work. He will put the posts for the sign in before the 17th, and will check to see what the town has for mulch. H also has some topsoil.

4) The Highway Committee discussed the need for a service road to run from Holiday Inn Drive in back of the Green Mountain Plaza to Randbury Road. The traffic situation is worsening. Mary Ashcroft reported on the Transportation Board meeting at which the Farrell Slip Lane was discussed. Signalization of Cop John Drive will present challenges with lack of stacking distance at that intersection.

Phase one of the service road project would be to relocate Cop John Drive. Phase two would be the entire service road.

We need a map with details so we can begin discussion with landowners. We will need preliminary engineering. We will have issues such as wetlands, running the water/sewer lines, etc.

Byron will ask Gary Santee from Stantec to visit the site and give us an estimate for a scoping study for the loop. We will likely go out to bid after that.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting of the Highway Committee was adjourned at 9:05AM

Respectfully submitted: Mary Ashcroft.

Other business:

Emergency meeting of select board called 9:05 AM present: Joe, Josh, JP, Mary

Joint emergency

Select board: Motion by Joe Denardo: assuming that our previous check to the city has not cleared, we move that we stop payment on sewer payment to Rutland city in the amount of \$111,144.98, and issue a replacement check in the same amount with the letter from Kevin Brown. Second: JP

LI in favor. Non opposed.

But the vote: mca adj joe seconded. Adj at 9:25.

If it has cleared, then this letter will inform you that it was tendered by mistake without the letter.

So even if we cancel first payment to city and then reissue a replacement check and send with Kevin's letter.

JP, Mary, Joe, Josh.

Other Business