

## Selectmen's minutes of Work Session March 14, 2019

Members present: Mark Newman, Brian O'Rourke, George Riley, Fred Ventresco  
Brad Curry, Dolores Harasyko, Admin. Asst.

Called to order at 2:05 p.m.

Road Superintendent Brad Curry provided the following highway department updates:

They are trying to be pro active on the mud situation on the dirt roads, they have added gravel and leveled with the grader. Discussed River Road, West Hubbard Road, Dodd Road and Town Hill Road. Discussed issues with the job done by All States on all these roads. They all need repairs and Brad is setting up a meeting with them to review the roads. He is following up on a bridge grant for the bridge near 90 Sandisfield Road.

Discussed the broken equipment, the F350 lost the rear end, he will move forward with repairing it, it should be back in service by Friday. Cost will be approx. \$4,500. The Freightliner is going in for complete service in order to stay within warranty specs.

He is obtaining quotes for a loader hoe.

The wood chipper is running, Keith is tuning it up in order to clean the roadsides.

The International is still running well.

The F550 and Dodge are running well.

The new trucks should be ready by spring, they are actively being worked on.

Brad presented specs and costs for a new F350 pickup with plow package for approx. \$45,000 and a used Loader Hoe with extendable hoe for approx. \$60,000.

Brad presented cost analysis for the following roads:

River Road full depth with chip seal approx.. \$49,871

Town Hill Road the short section from Route 57 end, double chip seal with out the intersection approx. \$40,000

West Hubbard Road, 20 feet wide fdr, approx.. \$80,000

Dodd Road full depth with adding stone and or by adding asphalt, chip seal \$64,000 and \$20,000 for base material. Selectmen suggested adding more stone and work on drainage for this year.

Discussed Chapter 90 funds. Currently have \$300,000, getting an additional \$324,904 for FY2020.

Brad present handouts detailing the current plowing route. He drove each route and calculated the mileage times 2 to figure how long it takes to plow bank to bank. Currently Ralph has the longest route and who ever is done with their route first helps him out. Reports detail includes mileage, speed, frequency of storm. Detailed information also included hiring one more full time or part time for the winter season. Discussed adding a wing plow. Discussed alternate route to be more time efficient.

Brad has been compiling a spreadsheet of all complaints or commendments, who, what the issue is, what road and how corrected.

Discussed the town plowing the fire stations for the first time, have also contracted this out. There has been an issue with shoveling out the doorways. The highway depts. main priority is the roads. Discussed having a temporary seasonal plow driver.

The selectmen thanked Brad for compiling all this information and for a good work session. We will have another work session next month.

Mark asked Fred about the phone and internet at the highway garage. Fred has had a difficult time getting through to Verizon. He presented 3 options for phone and internet and they all cost approx. \$10,000. Option one is a land bridge beaming the signal from the Old Town Hall.

Option 2 is to dig a trench from the Old Town Hall to the highway garage and lay conduit.

Option 3 is a whole new service through MBI.

Brian said options 1 and 2 are out as we are not going to spend that much money when we are unsure what direction we are going with the Old Town Hall.

Dolores provided Fred with a contact at Verizon.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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Mark Newman

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Brian O'Rourke

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George Riley