

Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes
April 16, 2015 Special Meeting Approved

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:06 pm

BOARD PRESENT: H. Childress, T. Redfield, J. Webber

PUBLIC PRESENT: Bill Reed

Review North Street Box Culvert Bids. Bill Reed met with Eric House of VT AOT to review the bids received. Based on their conversation, he believes that the bids from Waite's Foundations and Camp Precast Concrete Products have the best compliance with State engineering standards. This is crucial for this job, since the grant is State-funded and will need to adhere to State engineering standards. None of the bids include costs of excavation or removal of the existing deteriorated culvert, nor pumping to divert the stream water during construction; the bids for pre-cast culverts do not include costs of crane placement of the cast components. The grant is approximately \$68,000 to cover all components of the work; job elements not included in the bids must be estimated as we consider total project cost.

Road closure will be accommodated by a temporary easement on the Feeley property for a low-duty road. The road closure period will include time for excavation and installation in all cases, but a poured-in-place culvert as proposed by Ashley Waite would entail a five-week drying time, all with North Street closed, whereas the precast culvert is built off-site and would only require a few days of installation time. Pre-cast will require us to contract for a construction crane for the placement of culvert sections, but will take considerably less time in the field. The poured-in-place project may require more Town highway employee hours to operate the diversion pump and monitor conditions during drying time.

Bill will speak with Ashley Waite again to revise his bid for longer culvert length; and will speak to Camp Precast about whether they might be able to install directly from their boom truck without a separately contracted crane service. He will bring this information to our next regular Board meeting on 4/23, and we intend to make a decision at that meeting.

Road Foreman/Road Commissioner Job Description Updates. The Selectboard reviewed the position descriptions of Road Foreman and Road Commissioner. H. Childress will offer revised versions of each for review and possible acceptance at the 4/23 meeting. The existing descriptions will likely be retained in essence, with minor modifications.

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn, J. Webber 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Clerk