

# JOINT SELECT BOARD MEETING

*Tuesday, May 21, 2024*

## **6:00 PM** – Conference Room Minutes

### **Call to Order at 6:00 PM by Joint Board Chair, Patricia Sutherland**

Present – Chair, Patricia Sutherland, Barry Buck, Kim Archer, Joe Powers, Matt Gregg, Charles Beaulieu, Milford Maynard, Isaac Braley, Maylen Kenney, Ryan Spooner, Shari Cheney, Hermon Condon, and Scott Cheney.

Absent – Terry Hanlon and Scott Young.

Staff Present – Sandra Fournier, Town Manager and Chris Woodworth, Road Commissioner.

**Public Comments** - None.

**Approve Minutes of Previous Joint Board Meeting April 16, 2024** - Motion was made by **Gregg** to approve the minutes as presented. Second by **Powers**. Motion passed 13-0.

### **Old Business**

**Discuss Highway Equipment Purchase** – At the last Joint Board meeting a discussion was had regarding the backhoe value versus life expectancy. Selectboard member Braley expressed concerns that the backhoe was costing more in repair and the Joint Board should consider fast tracking the purchase of new backhoe while the current value of the equipment is high. The Joint Board directed the Road Commissioner to receive three (3) quotes from local dealers to negotiate a trade-in value.

Woodworth had reached out to Beauregard, Milton Cat, and United Construction & Forestry for quotes with trade-in options. Woodworth presented these quotes to the Joint Board for review and discussion.

Scott Cheney was concerned on moving the backhoe up on the equipment purchase schedule, mainly with the plow truck due for replacement in 2026; would the Towns' have enough funds to replace the plow truck along with the purchase of the backhoe. Town Manager, Fournier presented the replacement cost schedule to the Joint Board and advised that there were enough funds to do both purchases, however it would leave very little in the reserve after purchasing.

The Joint Board expressed that they wished to go out to bid for the backhoe, with a quick turn around time for the next Joint Board meeting. Motion was made by **Powers** to solicit the three (3) companies for official Bids. Bids to be submitted by May 29, 2024. Second by **Braley**. Motion passed 13-0.

**Mower & Tractor Quotes** – This item was removed from the agenda, as a bid was received for seasonal roadside mowing.

### **New Business**

**Review Seasonal Roadside Mowing Bids** – The Towns received one (1) bid for the roadside mowing contract. Motion was made by **Kenney** to approve the three-year contract to be awarded to Leigh Smith DBA Remedy Management, LLC for \$12,000 (2024), \$13,500 (2025),

and \$15,000 (2026). Second by **Spooner**. Motion passed 12 – 0, with Scott Cheney abstaining due to conflict of interest.

**Set Next Meeting Date(s):** Joint Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.