

Meeting Minutes
Wentworth Select Board
Emergency Meeting / Re: Ford F-550
April 18, 2019

In Attendance: Morgan Currier (Chairperson)
Francis Muzzey (Select Board Member)
Emily Manson (for Plymouth High School Civics Class)
Hope (last name unknown – for Plymouth HS Civics Class)

2:29 p.m.

- **Meeting called to order** by Morgan Currier (MC).
- The Select Board and Paul Manson (PM) again discussed concerns with fixing the old Ford F-550. Namely the cost (upwards of \$45,000), and concerns over the safety/reliability of the truck. Based on the multitude of problems with the old truck, and the recommendation from Plymouth Ford, the Board agreed that putting that amount of money into a truck that had no guarantees was financially a poor decision.
- PM found a 2019 Ford F-550 at Hillsboro Ford for approximately \$57,000. The Town would have to purchase a plow for the truck in the fall. A minuteman plow would be used on the truck and a wing would NOT be attached so this vehicle would be able (and used) to plow the smaller roads in town, the Common, and parking lots. This would also mean a CDL would NOT be required to drive this truck, which would help the Town if a part-time plow driver was needed in the winter.
- Paul also found a Dodge 5500 truck at a dealership in Littleton, but the truck cost approximately \$7000 more than the Ford at Hillsboro.
- There were no other comparable trucks found, but based on the quote for repairing the old truck, the price for the new Dodge, and the price for the new Ford, the Board decided the best option was to move forward with the purchase of the new Ford F-550.

2:46 p.m.

- **Omer Ahern (OA) made a motion** that due to the exigent circumstances that have arisen in the town highway department regarding the old Ford F-550 used to maintain the smaller roads, upon which many Town residents reside, for their continued safety, we (Select Board) authorize the purchase of a 2019 Ford Super Duty F-550 truck with 9 foot dump body, and hitch plate from Hillsboro Ford for the sum of \$57,354. 50. The money will be taken from a combination of the paving/sealing budget line, the calcium chloride budget line, and the highway block grant. **MC seconded the motion. Francis Muzzey (FM) also confirmed his agreement with this motion.**
- A letter confirming that the Board has the authority to make the purchase in accordance with RSA 31:39, and as described in the Town of Wentworth Purchasing Policy signed

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18 January 2018, and confirming the available funds, was sent to the Dealership. A certified check will be brought to the dealership, after which the dump body will be installed on the truck.

3:41 p.m.

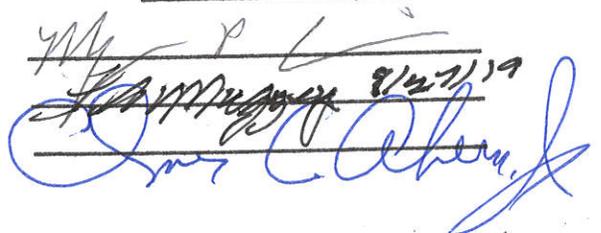
- **FM made a motion** to close the meeting and **seconded by OA.**

3:41 p.m.

- **Meeting adjourned.**

[]Approved/Reviewed[]

Date 8-20-2019


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