

**Wentworth Select Board
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2020**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Omer Ahern, Jordan King, Paul Manson, Mike Santom, Linda Franz

Called to Order: Arnold Scheller called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Purpose of the meeting was to review the Scope of Services from HEB Engineers for the Frescoln Road and Cross Road bridges, although other topics were discussed.

Jordan King discussed getting easements for the possible relocation of Frescoln Bridge. J.King will work with L.Franz to determine lots involved. J.King will contact owners.

O.Ahern raised a Point of Order regarding the Road Agent's request to purchase a broom/rake. O.Ahern requested three (3) bids in accordance with Town's Purchasing Policy. Paul Manson, Road Agent informed that he did acquire three bids and plans to present at next Select Board meeting.

A.Scheller shared information he received from Paul Hatch, FEMA representative with NHDOT. He suggested speeding up process to complete construction to meet FEMA deadline in January 2021.

Discussed Scope of Services presented by HEB Engineers. O.Ahern has many suggestions and edits to the documents that will protect the Town from potential liability issues. J.King proposed a process: Select Board to review changes to Scope, update documents and send to HEB, who will then incorporate suggested changes in their contract, lastly present contract to Town's attorney for review. L.Franz reported that budget is not sufficient to cover legal expenses, so Town will probably use capital reserve expendable funds to cover the costs.

Chris Fournier from HEB joined meeting via telephone. He informed Select Board that construction cannot be done in 2020. Most contractors would already have commitments and would not be available except maybe at a very high price.

O.Ahern went over a few of his suggestions on Scope of Services with C.Fournier. Too complicated to discuss over phone. C.Fournier will send editable Word files to L.Franz to update.

Very, very preliminary cost estimates are \$900,000 for Frescoln and \$1,000,000 for Cross Road.

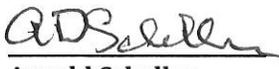
Chief Trott joined the meeting to discuss Select Board meetings based on a teleconference with State of NH officials. It was determined that we must open meetings to the public. Town is, however, urging people to attend only if necessary due to the significant health risk we are up against. Meetings will continue to be broadcasted on YouTube. The Select Board will mainly address administrative issues such as signing checks, minutes, and

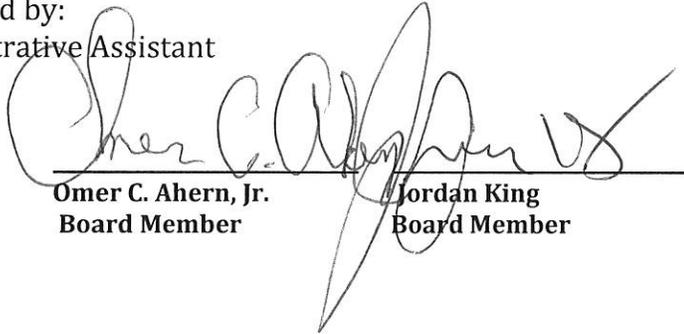
various forms. Chief Trott also talked about closing Town Offices due to the health risks. Each office has a plan to continue to conduct business with minimal public contact.

O.Ahern made a motion to close the Town Offices and for staff and officials to provide alternative ways to conduct business. Seconded by J.King. All voted yes, and motion carried.

A.Scheller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J.King. All voted yes and meeting was adjourned at 2:24pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant


Arnold Scheller
Chairperson


Omer C. Ahern, Jr.
Board Member


Jordan King
Board Member