

**Wentworth Select Board
Meeting Minutes
November 24, 2020**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Omer Ahern, Jordan King, Paul Manson, and Linda Franz.
Attended via Zoom Chris Fournier and Kevin Kay.

Select Board reviewed and signed septic designs for A.Patten and P.Coursey

Meeting started at 5:00pm.

Chris Fournier went over the bridge type studies and costs prepared by HEB Engineers for the Cross Road and Frescoln Bridges. Each bridge has two options, A-precast concrete rigid frame and B-precast concrete arch. In each case, the option A is more economical and requires a \$90,000 compensatory payment for environmental impact. The option B design is more desirable as it would handle a larger volume of water flow. However, FEMA traditionally goes with the lower cost. Chris will check with FEMA to see if they will pay their 75% towards the \$90,000 additional cost.

J.King made a motion to go with option B as long as DES and FEMA approve. O.Ahern seconded. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

A.Scheller signed the NHDOT Project Agreement for the Frescoln Road Bridge.

J. King will coordinate a Zoom meeting with Chris Fournier, Paul Hatch, Paul Manson and other who wish to attend to discuss FEMA's probable position on the two bridge designs.

P.Manson presented information for a Lanair waste oil furnace for the Town Garage. The waste oil would come from the transfer station and would eliminate the cost for heating oil. The cost of the heater with all attachments is \$6,149.99 from Tractor Supply. There will also be another small charge for installation supplies.

J.King made a motion to purchase the waste oil heater from Tractor Supply. Seconded by O.Ahern. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

The new Covid-related state mandate for wearing masks was discussed. It was concurred that Select Board meetings should be closed to the public and limited to Select Board members, department heads and videographer. The meetings will be broadcast on YouTube and scheduled Zoom meetings. The public may request to be present by appointment only. Social distancing of 6 feet will be practiced.

J.King made a motion to close future Select Board meetings to the public allowing only Select Board members, department heads and videographer to be physically present. The public may request to speak via the Zoom meeting. Also a member of the public may request to be present by appointment only. O.Ahern seconded. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

At 6:09 pm, A.Scheller made a motion to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) *The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.* Seconded by. O.Ahern. By roll call vote, A.Scheller voted yes. O.Ahern voted yes. J.King voted yes. All voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.

Re-entered public meeting at 6:17pm

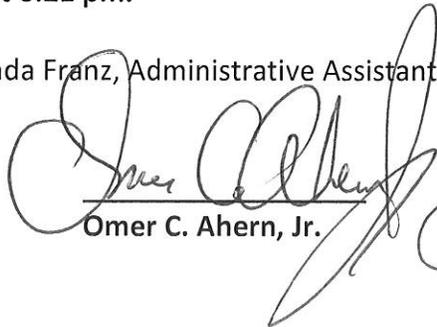
A.Scheller made a motion to accept the hourly wage increases for the transfer station and park and rec employees. Seconded by O.Ahern. All voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

A.Scheller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J.King. All three voted in the affirmative, and meeting was adjourned at 6:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant



Arnold Scheller, Chair



Omer C. Ahern, Jr.



Jordan King