

TOWN OF NEW DURHAM
Board of Selectmen Meeting
December 21, 2023, 3:45 PM
New Durham Town Hall, New Durham, NH 03855

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PRESENT

David Swenson, Select Board Chair
Marc DeCoff, Select Board Member

ALSO PRESENT

Stephanie ???
Will Cardinal, Department of Public Works Director
David Bickford, resident
David Allen, Trustee of the Trust Funds.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Swenson called the meeting to order at 3:45 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Swenson stated the purpose of the meeting is to address the culvert replacement project on Middleton Road. The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed quotes for the work to be done. The work is proposed to be done in February 2024. It was clarified that the road is closed to thru-traffic until the work is completed.

MOTION: To approve and award the bid to M&B Associates for quote/design received December 21, 2023, for the Middleton Road culvert due to emergency damage occurring from rain/wind damage of December 17, 18 and 19, 2023 storm, in the amount of \$327,000, with funds to be sourced from funds designated by the Board of Selectmen, with the expected completion to be no later than the end of March 2024. Motion by Chair Swenson. Second by Selectman DeCoff. Motion passed 2-0-0.

Trustee of the Trust Funds

Mr. Allen gave an overview of the actions and transfers authorized by the Board of Selectmen; various items were presented for signatures. Mr. Allen noted there were a few items that the meeting minutes did not match the action requests accurately and explained they cannot transfer more than is stated in the motion and presented these for review by the Board.

MOTION: To modify the requested minutes for the Board of Selectmen for the funds to come from the Public Works Facilities Improvements CRF to be \$11,900 and not \$11,000. Motion by Chair Swenson. Second by Selectman DeCoff. Motion passed 2-0-0.

Mr. Allen explained in 2016 there was a warrant article to raise \$300,000 for RSMS with \$108,000 to come from a Block Grant and \$143,000 from taxation and \$49,000 from the Road Reconstruction CRF; he stated the invoice received was less and questioned why funds would be taken from the CRF. Chair Swenson stated it was his understanding the funds had been spent. Selectman DeCoff stated they will need to ask for clarification from the auditor.

MOTION: To enter nonpublic session pursuant to RS 91:A-3II, (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 meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted; (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee; (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on the inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*

Motion by Chair Swenson. Second by Selectman DeCoff. Roll Call Vote: Selectman DeCoff-aye; Chair Swenson-aye. Motion passed 2-0-0.

The Board entered non-public session at 4:13 PM.

The Board reentered public session at ???

MOTION: To seal the minutes of the non-public session of the December 21, 2023 meeting for reasons it may adversely affect the reputation of one other than the Board. Motion by Chair Swenson. Second by Selectman DeCoff. Roll Call Vote: Selectman DeCoff-aye; Chair Swenson-aye. Motion passed 2-0-0.

NEXT MEETING

December 26, 2023

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. Motion by Chair Swenson. Second by Selectman DeCoff. Motion passed 2-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at ???

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Riel

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary