

Windham VT Selectboard Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2021 Emergency Meeting

Present via Zoom:

Maureen Bell, Selectboard Chair
George Dutton, Selectman
Everett Hammond, Engineer for Windham Hill Road Paving Project

Kord Scott, Selectman
Richard Paré, Road Foreman

Call to Order:

Maureen announced the meeting and called it to order at 7:02 PM

Regarding the paving project of Windham Hill Road, the purpose of this meeting was to decide if we should award the milling portion of the project separately from the rest of the project and if so, to communicate that to the project bidders so they don't have to go through the exercise of putting that portion into the bid.

It is thought to be a cost-saving measure if we hire an independent contractor to do the milling and then offer that product to local, interested parties, like P&L Trucking and Hill Construction to haul it away for free. Everett had issued an addendum to the original Request for Proposal (RFP) in that regard.

Everett has obtained estimates from 2 contractors: Bazin Brothers - \$23,500 and Springfield/Sunapee - \$26,475. He believes these prices to be less than what will be quoted in the bid because we will work with the aforementioned trucking contractors who are very interested to haul the millings away. He believes the estimate in the RFP will be around \$1.50/square yard. These estimates range from \$1.10 to 1.24.

There was some confusion on the part of the SB when it was explained that these 2 milling contractors are also likely to bid on the whole job. Everett didn't think it was fair to put them through this process if we aren't going to award them the entire job. It would be a courtesy to them to let them know we're thinking about handling it (the milling) independently. He also doesn't believe that the quote for the milling part of the whole RFP will be as low as mentioned above, because that contractor will have to do the hauling. The confusion is that these 2 companies have seemingly already gone through the motions of this part of the RFP.

The bids are due in Windham on April 30 (next week). Everett wasn't really getting through to the Board as to why we should award the milling job now and so it was the Board's consensus to let this issue go as originally requested and evaluate the bids at that point. At this point Everett agreed. He said he would let the paving companies know that P&L is available for trucking. With that, the quote should be better than Everett originally thought. It won't be \$1.10 but should be better than Everett's original estimate of \$1.50.

Everett did point out that one benefit of keeping the whole project intact is that the paving company is then in charge of all the timing; we would not be acting as a "subcontractor" to set up the milling.

Motion: To adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 7:30 PM – moved by Kord. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Bell, Acting Selectboard Clerk