

## TOWN OF CASTLETON SELECT BOARD MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, February 16, 2024 2:00 p.m.  
Castleton Fire Station Community Room  
273 Route 30N, Bomoseen  
In-Person & Zoom Virtual Public Meeting

#### Zoom Meeting Recording Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/q5yWmE82yU4WuT4XBtQHSvXAw4yU9QkcfAPb>

**PRESENT:** James Leamy, Chair, Richard Combs, Mary Lee Harris, Michael Jones, Town Manager

**PRESENT VIA ZOOM:** Joseph Mark, Parliamentarian, Jeff Davidson, Public Works Director

#### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Select Board Chair J. Leamy at 2:00 p.m.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**R. Combs made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. ML Harris seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried 4-0.**

#### QUOTE ACCEPTANCE FOR TREE WORK ON SELECT ROADS

M. Jones stated he would recommend going with Trees, Inc., as they have worked with them before and they are significantly less than the other bid at \$32,210. McCullough came in at 132,500. **R. Combs made a motion to approve the tree removal contract to Trees, Inc. for \$32,210. ML Harris seconded.** ML Harris asked if this was for all of the trees. M. Jones stated the Trees, Inc. bid is for East Hubbardton Road, Frisbee Hill Road, North Road, Drake Road, Creek Road and West Castleton Road. Anything other than these, the Town crew will do what they can, but unless it is catastrophic or a safety matter anything else won't be done right now. **All voted in favor. Motion carried 4-0.**

#### APPROVAL OF TANDEM DUMP TRUCK PURCHASE

M. Jones recommended a lease of the Freightliner 114SD with a 7 year warranty from RR Charlebois to be financed at M&T Bank for a seven-year term and the payment fits in the annual amount that has been budgeted. Is for the truck and plow package that will be put on by Viking which totals \$105,350 that is included in the total of \$267,500 is for the freightliner. Discussion on terms of the lease payments and interest. **R. Combs made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to pursue the action of proposal #2, to lease the 2025 Freightliner 114SD with 7 year warranty and plow package from Viking for a total of \$267,500 to be financed through M&T Bank. ML Harris seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried 4-0.**

#### APPROVAL OF NEW HOLLAND MOWER REPAIRS

M. Jones recommended the board approve the repairs to the 2001 New Holland Mower Tractor to be done by Capital Tractor 8186.13. **J. Mark made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to contract for the repair of the New Holland mower at a cost not to exceed \$8,186.13. R. Combs seconded.** R. Combs asked how many hours are on this machine and what the value is of the tractor. J. Davidson stated he believed it was quoted at a value of about \$25,000 and he would get the number of hours. R. Combs asked if it was worth putting funds into it, whether it would continue to be a problem. J. Davidson stated the boom and/or tractor part of it is the problem, there is no PTO (Power Take Off) waterit is clutch driven, and that has been replaced a number of times. **All voted in favor. Motion carried 4-0.**

#### ANNUAL ROAD POSTING OF SEASONAL WEIGHT LIMITS

M. Jones stated they are proposing posting the roads earlier than the March 1 date due to the type of season it has been to prevent further damage due to heavy loads. **R. Combs made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to post the roads as deemed necessary. ML Harris seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried 4-0.**

**ADJOURN – 2:17 p.m.**

**R. Combs made a motion to adjourn at 2:17 p.m. ML Harris seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried 4-0.**

Respectfully Submitted

Allison Harvey, Recording Secretary

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