

TOWN OF CASTLETON
SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING
SEWER COMMISSION
Monday, April 11, 2022 6:50 p.m.
Castleton Fire Station Community Room
273 Route 30N, Bomoseen
In-Person & Zoom Virtual Public Meeting

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PRESENT: Jim Leamy, Chair; Richard Combs, Vice Chair; Mary Lee Harris, Member; Robert Spaulding, Member, Joseph Mark, Parliamentarian, Michael Jones, Town Manager

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Chris Fouracre, Jason Booth, Wayne Elliot

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Select Board Chair Jim Leamy at 6:50 p.m.

Wayne Elliot Present to Discuss Update on Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade

The four bids received were opened on 3/22/22. Bids were submitted by Penta Corporation, Neagley and Chase Construction Company, Kingbury Companies and Naylor and Breen Construction Builders, ranging in price from \$2,111,000 to \$2,776,000, engineering estimate was \$2,017,000.

The references, bonding and banking for each will be contacted and they will check other procurement items as well. The total project cost summary has been done. The construction bid for Penta Corporation is \$2,111,300, with a contingency set at 5%. That includes preliminary engineering step 1, final design step 2, and construction phase step 3. \$2,629,365 is estimated including all fees and bids. The final design subsidy is set at \$68,700 and a pollution control grant of \$250,000 and a construction subsidy that is to be determined. This brings the loan funding at \$2,310,365 which is within the \$2,500,000 bonding capacity.

W. Elliot added that the numbers are acceptable, and they feel good about what was received. There is good news and bad news on funding. The State was offering 40% construction subsidy, they were first come first serve, and that is no longer available. They estimated it would have been \$930,000. They are now offering a \$250,000 pollution control grant, which wasn't anticipated, they have discussed with the State where it sits. There was an explanation of a St Johnsbury project that has come off the board, so they may have access to the funds that were supposed to go to that project. Nothing firm yet, has been just discussion so far. There are also a lot of subsidies coming out again in the May/June time frame which could be a backup plan.

J. Mark asked if there was an expiration on the bid. W. Elliott stated there was, 60 days from bid opening which was March 22. J. Leamy questioned the two numbers he heard, W. Elliott explained there is the estimated and bid difference. J. Leamy asked about the lowest bid, the process and what happens next. J. Booth stated that the State must concur with the bid, and a pre-construction hearing is held to enter an official contract. J. Mark asked if they needed to act on it this evening. J. Booth stated they are looking for concurrence with bid analysis and recommending action on the bid awarding. **J. Mark made a motion to award the contract #1 for the Castleton Wastewater Treatment Facility to Penta Corporation of Moultonborough, NH in the amount of \$2,111,300 for a base bid. R. Spaulding seconded.** R. Combs suggested not award the contract but go with the recommendation submitted by. **R. Combs amended the motion to instead of in lieu of awarding the contract that the board concurs with bid analysis of Forcier and Aldrich Associates to eventually be awarded to Penta Corporation. R. Spaulding seconded the**

amendment. Vote on the amended motion: All in favor. Motion carries 5-0.

R. Combs asked about the next step, and whether State concurs with the plan. J. Booth explained what he needs to do, and whether will be completed within the 60-day timeline. Discussion on subsidies, bonding capacity and whether awarded within 60 days. If not, they will have to rebid, or renegotiate the bid.

M. Jones questioned Crystal Heights and Preston Lane regarding ARPA monies. W. Elliott explained Crystal Heights as well as Preston Lane. He pulled an old study, about 1,300 feet of gravity sewer for Crystal Heights, about 14 property connections. A priority submission was done in February, draft project should come out in May. Can address with ARPA funds when that is done. He would estimate \$525-550,000 preliminary cost. As to Preston Lane, there's a few different ways to go, 7 properties and could either put a gravity line in to end of street and new pump station, or low-pressure sewer main, each property would have its own pump station, which would be the least costly of the two. \$425-450,000 total preliminary cost estimate. Further discussion on the types of connections and how it can be handled. There is the possibility of ARPA funds depending on priority of projects and costs per homeowner. R. Spaulding requested a round number to connect to the properties and the abandoning of the existing sewer tanks on Crystal Heights. W. Elliott will get those to M. Jones.

ADJOURN

R. Combs made a motion to adjourn at 7:17 pm. R. Spaulding seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carries 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Allison Harvey, Recording Secretary