

Kensington Town Hall
95 Amesbury Road
Kensington, NH 03833

MONDAY
June 12, 2023
Minutes-APPROVED

In Attendance: Joseph Pace, Robert Solomon, Robert Gustafson

- J. Pace opened up the meeting at 6:30pm
- J. Pace explained that the meeting tonight is for the purpose of awarding the Road Reconstruction bid for 2023. M. Armstrong has reviewed the bids and has given a recommendation to the board on what company has submitted the information needed to make a decision. M. Armstrong stated that after careful review of the road reconstruction bids submitted on May 31, 2023, it is my recommendation as road manager to award the contract bid to Bell & Flynn LLC of Stratham, NH for the overlay of Kimball and Osgood Roads; totaling \$245,825. When comparing the bids, three of the four bidders didn't adequately bid for the complete scope of practice. Continental Paving, R&D, and Pike Industries lacked to account for a leveling/ shim course prior to overlayment.

The board was asked if they had any follow up questions for M. Armstrong and they did not.

Paul Murphy attended the meeting and asked what roads would be addressed this year. He was told that Kimball and Osgood would be. He wanted to know who made the decision to do those roads, when he believes that Cottage Road is in worse shape. M. Armstrong replied that he came to that decision due to a number of factors.

- The lack of leveling/ shim course of the settled at culvert crossings on Kimball Road and the excessive "rutting" on Osgood Road would be detrimental to the integrity of the roads if not addressed.
- Osgood Road needs to have the wear coat applied.
- J. Pace explained that the Road Manager has expertise in roads and the board relies on him and his knowledge about roads, and they respect his decision.

Paul Murphy asked where the funding for the roads comes from for this year, and M. Armstrong informed him that the funding was from a Warrant Article that was voted on in March then there was some state funding and a small amount of reconstruction money left over from last year.

Paul Murphy also asked if the meetings were at some point going to be taped so that residents can actually see what is going on. And not have to rely on the minutes of the meetings, so that they get the full intent of the board. J. Pace explained that the board has been looking into that and is trying to figure out a solution to that issue. The meetings would most likely be taped and then posted the next day, due to funding and staffing that a live broadcast would entail. Paul Murphy thanked the board for their time and explanations to his questions.

The board returned to the discussion on awarding the Road Reconstruction Bid.
No further questions from the board.

B. Solomon made a motion to approve the proposed Road Reconstruction for Bell and Flynn in the amount of \$245,825.00. B. Gustafson seconded the motion. All in favor.

Tax Supplemental-

K. Felch explained to the board that there was a tax bill that went out with a zero dollar amount for a tax. The resident brought the bill into the town where the staff figured out that the bill was supposed to be \$2703.00. The issue was found and corrected and the new bill to the resident will be processed after the supplemental warrant is signed. The board had no issues with this and signed the supplemental warrant.

Exeter Large Groundwater Withdrawal Application- Update:

K. Felch got an email from Daniel Tinkham asking about testing the pond that is closest to Kensington Farms. The board has no issues with this testing but they do not own the property where the pond sits. They asked K. Felch to make sure that Mr. Tinkham knows who the property owners are and that the town does not own the pond.

Another note is that the town received a letter from NHDES on the progress of the application for the Large Groundwater Withdrawal for the Town of Exeter. It stated that the NHDES could not at this time approve the preliminary application. There were 14 conditions stated within the document asking the Town of Exeter to answer and submit more information to them. This was not a denial of the application. The board discussed that there were a lot of interested parties on this application in town, and the surrounding towns. They will have K. Felch send out the letter received to the individuals that had submitted to NHDES with their comments or concerns and then will post on the website with the other application information. The board felt that they as a board were heard by NHDES and some of their concerns were reiterated in the additional information requested from NHDES. As well as the concerns of the citizens from the night of the public hearing and from the letters that were sent into NHDES during the submission phase. They believe that the process is working.

B. Solomon made a motion to enter nonpublic session at 7:01pm under section RSA91A:3, II (I) , seconded by B. Gustafson, all in favor.

Roll Call-	J. Pace	yes
	B. Solomon	yes
	B. Gustafson	yes

B. Gustafson made a motion to exit nonpublic at 7:08pm, seconded by B. Solomon, all in favor.

Roll Call-	J. Pace	yes
	B. Solomon	yes
	B. Gustafson	yes

Payroll was signed.

No other matters were discussed.

B. Gustafson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:09pm, seconded by B. Solomon, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen T Felch