

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting was called to order at 6:00PM on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at the Town offices. Dale Kiley, Jason Petraitis, and John Tripp present.

Jim Nyberg, Sewer Superintendent, and Sewer Commissioners Charlie Haddock and Kevin Valeri were in attendance to go over engineer's opinion on probable cost for the upcoming Sewer upgrade. Jim said things have gone up in price, and quotes on products used to be good for 60-90 days, now they're guaranteed for only 7-14 days. Jim gave handouts to everyone and stated these prices are assumptions, contractor could bid differently. Jim is looking for input from the BOS on what to put forth on final package. Jim said the Sewer dept will handle the chemical system, which will reduce the cost to the Town.

Jim stated the Sewer dept is willing to do a lot of the project themselves, but it will completely mess with the USDA grant funding, Mr. Petraitis said not to do that. Jim said USDA has our application in hand.

Jim said nothing is set in stone yet, the current cost estimate is at 18.6 million dollars, which is high due to the current market, it also includes a 35% contingency. Mr. Kiley asked if that was the typical contingency, Jim said it's usually 10%. Mr. Tripp asked how much grant money we should be expecting, Jim said anywhere from 40%-75% of the cost. Jim original estimated cost was \$13.1 million, he's going to ask the engineer what happens if the project goes over budget. Jim said we're 75% of the way there and wanted to keep the Board informed of the soft numbers. Jim also said USDA has more grant money than anticipated. We're prequalified for USDA grant because of our population size, he doesn't expect anything bad from them. Mr. Tripp asked if Jim was doing all the stuff USDA wants, he said yes, except tracking service applications, which doesn't apply to us but can be handed out. It would mostly apply to contractors, voluntary form.

There being no further business, at 6:21 PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations. Roll call: Dale Kiley, yes; Jason Petraitis, yes; John Tripp, yes. So voted. Mr. Petraitis noted we would exit executive session to adjourn.

At 7:56PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to exit executive session. Roll call: Dale Kiley, yes; Jason Petraitis, yes; John Tripp, yes. So voted.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre