**Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes 07/02/2019**

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert(absent)

Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Mike Malesky, Judi and Lewis Wills, Clifford Norton, Wright Pinkham, Buster Pinkham, Gary Agren, Buffi Phillips, Marilyn Gorman, Kip Poulin, Josh Nunes

1. Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:29p.m

**2.** The Board opened and reviewed 3 bids for the Winter Sand Project

1. JR Nunes & Sons Excavation- $ 8.25 per yard

2. Fenwick Construction LLC- $ 13.25 per yard

3. Cousineau Inc- $ 15.25 per yard

After reviewing all 3 bids and a discussion, Andrea motioned to accept the bid from JR Nunes and

Sons Excavation, pending an inspection of the sand. Raymond 2nd and all were in favor

**3. Review Minutes from previous meeting-**

The board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written, Wayne 2nd and all were in favor.

**4. Department Heads-**

Gary briefed the board about the recent repairs to the grader. He discussed some of the summer roads work that is currently going on and the work that is yet to be done.

Kip updated the board about the Highland Plantation coverage and it has not been finalized yet.

Mike briefed the board about some assessing details. Andrea asked if the majority of the discussion to deal with commitment of taxes could wait until the end of the meeting and Mike agreed to that.

**5.** **Items by the Town Manager-**

The board of Selectmen reviewed and signed the account payable and payroll warrants.

**6. Items by the Public-**

Members of the New Portland Lion’s Club discussed their intentions for the Chase Hall Building.

After their attorney reviewed a deed to them dated back in the 1930’s it was determined that if the

Lion’s Club was to no longer posses the building that it would need to be deeded back to the Town of

New Portland. The Lion’s Club discussed the conditions of the building with the board and asked the

Selectmen to decide if they would like the building back or not and if not if they would issue a quit

claim deed to the Lion’s Club so they would legally sell or dispose of the building. The board of

Selectmen stated that they would consider the town’s options and try to make a decision within a

timely fashion.

**7. Items by the Board of Selectmen-**

Raymond reviewed with all the material submitted by the 3 lumber companies proposed for the

construction of the Sand Salt Shed Building**.** The board members were in agreement that Jordan

Lumber Company seemed to be the only company that provided costs for all the material needed

to erect the building. There was a discussion regarding the designs of the building and what the

town’s needs were. It was determined that Raymond would contact the engineer again and the board

asked Stacie to review the recorded minutes to find a particular meeting where they had discussions

with the engineer regarding what the town’s needs were for this building project. There was a brief

discussion regarding the lowest bidder for the Building project. Raymond motioned to accept the bid

from Thomas Construction, Wayne 2nd and all were in favor. Raymond stated that he would contact

the owner to let him know the board’s decision. Andrea read an email from the Maine D.O.T. regarding

their proposals to do repairs to the bridge in the East village in 2020. D.O.T. is proposing closing the

bridge completely for 3 to 4 months. The Board of Selectmen have asked the D.O.T. representative to

attend the next selectmen’s meeting. Andrea asked Stacie to make sure that it was posted on the town

website as well as their Facebook page and the New Portland Community Facebook page so that the

public had an opportunity to attend and ask questions or voice concerns. The Board of Selectmen

reviewed the only bid that was submitted for the paving portion of the Sand Salt Shed Project. It was

from Fine Line Paving in the amount of $22,149.00. The board tabled the matter until the next

meeting. The board also tabled the matter of the Snow Plowing Contract until the next meeting. Stacie

made sure that all 3 board members had a hard copy that they could make their revisions on to bring

to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the July 15th meeting. smr*