



Town of Lee Board of Public Works
MEETING MINUTES of November 15, 2022
Town Hall Courtroom

Members Present: Chairman Bob Bartini, Clerk David Forrest, Gary O'Brien, Robert Wright
Others Present: Superintendent Lenny Tisdale, Town Administrator Chris Brittain

Chairman Bob Bartini called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM in the Town Hall Courtroom

Superintendent Len Tisdale provided the following updates:

Water Department:

Railroad St Water Line: Tighe&Bond will be doing geotechnical borings for Canal St on December 6, 2022 for conduits there. They are still anticipating going out to bid in February. There are a couple streets that need to be addressed once Canal St is started and assessed. Robert St needs to be upgraded from a four-inch pipe to a six-inch pipe, as well as new a new hydrant on St Mary's Ave. It should be able to be completed in house. Money will have to be appropriated through the Town Meeting.

Highway/Cemetery Department:

Truck Update: Chris Brittain and Zach Sorrentino have spoken about going to bid for the International truck with a stainless-steel body as opposed to moving forward with the Ford with the steel body. The truck falls under budget and will be received by Fall 2023. To prepare for the winter plow schedules, there are potential lease options from Pensky Rentals, Mass DOT and the Town of Lenox in the event that one of our trucks should break down. David Forrest made a motion to order the International, Gary O'Brien seconded, it was passed unanimously.

Paving Update: Paving has been completed for Lander Rd, Chestnut St, and George St. The optimal temperature for paving was discussed by Dave Forrest and Len Tisdale. Dave Forrest questioned the Town paving when it was only 37 degrees out, when the minimum temperature is 42 degrees. Paving began in late morning after the temperature had risen to 42 degrees.

Abatements

High Lawn Farm - Representatives from High Lawn Farm came to the meeting to discuss a utility bill from 2018. They are looking for an abatement to remove some of the charges on three separate accounts. There have been ongoing issues with the radios on the property and the Water Department has been involved in rectifying these issues so these problems can be avoided in the future. The Board is waiting for the proper abatement forms to be submitted and did not make any decisions at this time.

Minutes

David Forrest made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 25, 2022. Rob Wright seconded the motion, it passed unanimously.

David Forrest made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 1, 2022. Gary O'Brien seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Other

David Forrest opened discussion on an excavator forestry mower. Superintendent Tisdale explained that there isn't enough money in the budget, that the Town would go into deficit spending. It was suggested that it be brought to the Town Meeting for further discussion.

David Forrest made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Lovett