

TOWN OF GRANVILLE  
SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING  
May 28, 2016

In attendance:

Selectboard Members: Bruce Hyde/Chair; Sean Linskey; Norm Arseneault  
Road Commissioner Kevin Bagley

Public: Contractors Jack Bowen, Michele Gaboriau (G&N), Charles Smith (ECS)

Call to Order: 8:05 am

***Subject to final approval***

**Hear Any Public Comments and Communications**

Bruce called the meeting to order at 8:05 am. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, and there were none.

**Old Business - Award of Butz Road Improvements Alternate Project Contract**

Bruce re-capped opening of the nine bids at a Special Selectboard Meeting on May 23, 2016. The selectboard and Road Commissioner had spent the following five days examining the bids, with emphasis on the three low bidders – Jack Bowen Excavating \$183,525, G&N \$215,329, and ECS \$228,614. Contacts were made and references were called to verify the experience and capability of these three bidders. A spreadsheet was prepared comparing the details of each bid against the estimate (\$259,392) of Granville's Consulting Engineer Doug Newton.

After preliminary discussion, Norm made a motion “To find that premature general public knowledge of the examination of the three low bidders will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing details of the bids and discussion of the bidder qualifications.” Sean seconded and all in favor.

Next, Norm made a motion “To move into Executive Session to discuss the town's examination of the three low bids and the companies involved, under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1) of the Vermont Statutes.” Sean seconded and all in favor.

At 8:15, the selectboard entered Executive Session.

At 8:25, the selectboard returned from Executive Session, and Bruce called the meeting back to order.

Sean made a motion “To award the Butz Road Improvement Contract to G&N Construction for \$215,329.” Norm seconded the motion and all in favor.

A period of discussion ensued with Jack Bowen questioning the selectboard's decision. The selectboard felt Jack's bid was too low and could lead to problems once construction was underway. The bid process included language that the selectboard could “...reject any and all bids if the circumstances dictate.”

**Adjourn**

At 8:45 am, Bruce adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Norm Arseneault, Selectboard Member