

Special Meeting-August 7, 2015

New Boston Board of Selectmen

11:00 AM- Selectman Chair Dwight Lovejoy called the meeting to order. Christine Quirk was in attendance. Joe Constant was out of town on business and was excused.

In attendance: - Town Administrator Peter Flynn and Police Chief James Brace

The Board agreed to move the Appointment with the Chief as first on the agenda.

Item #1

Mr. Flynn presented the Board with proposals from two firms who have been involved in the Footbridge project.

The first proposal was from E. D. Swett Company who gave a preliminary engineering estimate for services involving permit coordination, bridge selection and shop drawing review, foundation design, site planning and construction feasibility and project management services.

They estimated the cost to be \$15,000. Mr. Flynn recommended that he be authorized to sign a contract on behalf of the town. Christine moved to award the contract to E.D. Swett Company as detailed and explained by Mr. Flynn. Dwight seconded. The vote carried 2-0.

A second proposal was submitted by Todd Land Use Consultants to provide required services to include permitting applications for State, Local and Federal agencies. The proposal amount was \$8,000 to \$10,000 range. Christine moved to authorize Mr. Flynn to sign a contract with Todd as explained. Dwight seconded and the vote carried 2-0.

Mr. Flynn emphasized that not funds for the services would be derived from taxpayers but only from donations. The committee has already raised approximately \$80,000 so far.

In the discussion Mr. Flynn explained the rationale in not placing the contracts out to bid and why a waiver to the Bid Policy was justified.

The Board also granted Mr. Flynn authority to sign all documents pertaining to the Footbridge project in the future in order to alleviate any waiting time for Board action. Mr. Flynn stated that he would always present the Board with detailed documentation of any documents or agreements that he would deem appropriate to 'sign off' on.

Item #3-The Board signed the manifest and consent agenda items. Christine moved to seal the non-public minutes seconded by Dwight. Motion carried 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM