

Greensboro Selectboard

March 15, 2022 Special Meeting – Minutes

[Meeting was held via video conference]

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Romans, Gary Circosta, David Kelley, Tracy Collier, Ellen Celnik

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Greaves, Josh Karp, Jane Woodruff, Jackie Tolman

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

PORTER BROOK BRIDGE PROJECT (on Craftsbury Rd.)

Discussion of whether to accept any of the bridge bids, or reject them all. If the project is done this season, it is unclear how the town would come up with the difference between the \$200k state bridge grant and the low bid of approx. \$367k.

Peter said bids may have been high due to contractors already having enough work for the upcoming season. Kim added that perhaps more contractors should have been reminded to submit a bid. Peter said he had six additional contractors in mind if the project is put out to bid again.

VTrans suggested delaying the project until next year. The town's contact there feels that rebidding early may lead to bids coming in lower, and the delay will also allow the town to apply for an additional \$60k state grant.

David agreed with delaying the project, noting that over two billion in federal infrastructure dollars will be coming to VT, leading to VTrans likely having much more grant funding available.

Josh wondered if all the infrastructure projects that will be planned using these federal funds will lead to contractors being overbooked, hard to get, and higher prices, not mention the effects of inflation next season on fuel, materials and labor.

The project engineer said that the Board must decide this week if the project is happening this year. Peter said he's been told it's extremely unlikely that construction will happen this year if the project is rebid, and that new bids are unlikely to come in lower than the current low bid.

Ellen made the following motion:

The Board rejects all bids for the Porter Brook bridge project, and will rebid the project.

Tracy seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Peter will notify both the contractors who submitted bids and the project engineer.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board agreed unanimously to adjourn at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk