

1 **Selectboard**

2 April 11, 2020

3 **Emergency Meeting – Paving/COVID19**

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7 **Members Present:** Susan Bartlett, Chair; Roger Audet; Roland Boivin; Brian Shackett, and Roger  
8 Barry (all by phone)

9 **Members Absent:** None

10 **Others Present:** Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Road Foreman Mark French (both by  
11 phone); GMATV did not videotape this meeting (Livestream/YouTube).

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12 Susan opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

13 1) **Welcome** – No changes to the agenda and no public comment.

14 2) **Paving** – Ron summarized the three bids opened on March 16 from ECI, J. Hutchins and ST Paving.  
15 The low bidder was ECI, Inc. at \$102,025.00. Mark noted that they were likely able to bid low because  
16 they can complete all work tasks without hiring subcontractors. Susan noted that the bids will expire  
17 this week, thus the reason for this meeting. Motion by Brian to award the Spring Paving 2020 bid to  
18 ECI, Inc. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Mark will reach out to ECI  
19 to discuss the June 30 completion date and any concerns from the contractor to be addressed in a  
20 contract.

21 3) **COVID-19** – Susan noted that yesterday the Stay Home Stay Safe Order was extended to May 15. The  
22 extension will require town highway to continue to respond to emergencies, but regular summer  
23 maintenance may be deferred until additional guidance is received from the State on what is  
24 acceptable for highway crews to perform under the Order. Examples of work tasks that can be  
25 completed independently are road grading and stockpiling winter sand. Mark noted that his crew is  
26 taking some time off to stay safe and care for children, noting that generally the crew is willing to  
27 work. Brian and Roger Barry noted that Personal Protective Equipment should be worn by employees  
28 if around others and when stopping at local stores or getting food for lunch, etc. Ron recommended  
29 that the Board confirm the extension for the closure of town facilities. Motion by Brian to close town  
30 facilities until the State order is amended to allow public use of town facilities. Seconded by Roland.  
31 Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Mark noted that he needs masks and Brian noted that  
32 cloth masks work but need to be dried for 5 days after use. Brian asked that highway crew receive  
33 training on PPE use and Ron will ask Brad Carriere to work with Mark on PPE equipment and training.

34 4) **Adjourn** – Motion by Roland to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. Seconded by Brian. So voted.