



Office of Board of Selectmen

Town of Mason

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Selectmen Special Meeting 10/19/2023

Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Kate Batcheller, Charlie Moser, John Suiter; Admin Asst Jen Tenney; Accountant Brenda Wiley; Road Agent Dave Morrison

Called to Order: The special meeting was called to order at 9:05am by Chair Kate Batcheller, attendance was taken by roll call as reflected above.

Selectmen met to discuss purchasing a 2019 Case 580SNWT loader/backhoe from Beauregard Equipment in Maine. Nate from A1 Services found this piece of equipment and arranged the transaction as well as its transportation. Selectmen spoke with Nate via speakerphone to review the loader/backhoe specifications. The loader/backhoe is certified in service and under manufacturer warranty until March '24. There are less than 2400 hours on the backhoe and new tires have been put on within the last year. It has rear hydraulics. Nate states we will need to look into getting a thumb or jaw bucket for 2024.

Nate confirms the delivery charges have been rolled into the cost and that the equipment company will manage handling the removal and selling of our trade in pieces of equipment. Delivery should happen within 1.5-2 weeks from when the signed purchase order is sent in and payment would be due on delivery.

Selectmen, Dave and Nate agree that the town will likely be working with Case equipment more in the coming future as they seem to have more after market options than John Deere.

Kate motioned to move forward with the purchase of the 2019 Case 580SNWT loader backhoe from Beauregard Equipment with the purchase price of \$85,900.00 with a less trade in amount of \$30,500.00 for the Town of Mason's 2015 John Deere backhoe and with a less trade in

amount of \$14,400.00 for the Town of Mason's 1987 John Deere grader leaving a remaining balance of \$41,000.00, second from Charlie. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.

- While Nate was on the phone, he advised the Selectmen that truck 074 has rust on the rocker panels and floor boards and will need to be fixed for inspection this September. The cost will be about \$500-\$800 and the repair should last about 3-4 years. Selectmen approved Nate to move forward with the repairs.

At a previous Highway Department meeting Dave was instructed to spend the available funds from line item #4311-15 Culverts. Due to 074 needing repairs, Selectmen instructed Dave to hold off on spending the available funds at this time.

- Dave discussed that other Highway Department vehicles need repairs; 071 has rusted floorboards. Selectmen elect to discuss this at a future Selectmen meeting. Selectmen also asked Dave to ensure he is having the Highway Department perform inspection/maintenance checks on the equipment and that Dave reviews such checks.
- Dave provided a proposal for the underground fuel tank to be removed. Selectmen elect to revisit this after preparing more of the proposed 2024 budget.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Kate motioned to adjourn, second from John. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:41am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Tenney
BOS Administrative Assistant