



## Selectmen Emergency Meeting

12/4/2019

Approved Minutes

**Present:** Selectmen Louise Lavoie, Pete McGinnity, Charles Moser; Kathy Wile, Dave Morrison.

**Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Chair Louise Lavoie.

### **New Business:**

Noted that a check manifest was signed.

Emergency meeting had been called to check in with Road Agent Dave Morrison, review the storm of the last 3 days, and what BOS can do going forward to better support his department.

Dave noted that there were a total of 6 people that worked the storm, 3 full time employees including himself, and 3 part time employees. Wally Brown helped clearing the center of town and will do fire holes as well.

It was a slippery snow, and a total of 9 incidents of a truck off the road at various places and times with different drivers. White-out conditions at times contributed.

Equipment wise, they had started with 4 dump trucks with sanders, 2 pick ups and the new one ton, as well as the grader and front end loader.

3 of the dump trucks developed problems over the 2 days of use – one came in with a broken hydraulic hose; one started and ran well but would not re-start, so it was just kept running; and a third that slid off the road and likely damaged airlines in the process so was unusable as well. Nate has been over to evaluate all of them and get parts ordered – should be done by the end of the week if not tomorrow.

The grader had the wing put on mid-storm and was used for some plowing. The small sanding unit was useful.

Another focus was on employees – his crew worked hard and did as well as they could, working through fatigue. Employment ad has yielded some applications, which Dave will work on to get some more part-time employees to help give breaks to everyone on a rotating basis. A couple of applications were pulled to call on, and still hoping for more FT qualified applicants as well. At this point Dave was excused from the meeting.

Russell Rd engineering/permitting was discussed – Louise will look at the budget again as the engineer prepares to set the application meeting in Concord. She (Erin Darrow) had emailed her estimate of her time cost as well as the application.

IT agreement had been received from Microtime for the lease to buy equipment. Reviewed, had already been approved in concept. Pete motioned, second from Charlie, to authorize Louise to sign the agreement with GreatAmerica Financial Services on behalf of the BOS for the lease to purchase of IT equipment, for one year, to be purchased for \$1 at the end of that period. Three ayes to so authorize; Louise signed the agreement.

Discussion of how best to respond to complaints received about road conditions; decision to draft a statement to post thanking people for their patience regarding the storm, and efforts to best address issues that arose going forward. Louise will draft that for review in the morning.

**Adjourned:** There being no further business, Louise motioned to adjourn, second from Charlie. Three votes to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Wile  
Administrative Assistant