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Town of Mason**

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Selectmen Staff Meeting 12/21/2020
Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Louise Lavoie, Pete McGinnity; David Morrison, Kathy Wile. All attending via the zoom platform, votes by roll call.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM.

Louise brought a personnel question regarding a town truck plowing at least one if not more driveways as reported to her during the storm of 12/17 by the landowner. Dave said his crew reported that to him (he had been out for a medical procedure). Dave followed up with the employee who apologized. Dave will write up the incident, he and employee both to sign it, and it will be put into the employee's folder. Dave is to give a verbal warning as well, which will be documented as well.

All in all, BOS - and the social media feedback from residents - were complimentary to the HD for their handling of the storm. Dave was asked to extend thanks from the BOS to his crew.

Anything to be done to prepare for the rain on Christmas? Dave said most roads and intersections have been pushed back enough to handle the water.

Jed's Lane repairs - Dave said he has gotten a narrative and description of work from one contractor, which will be needed for the permit application. Cost of repair only estimated, Dave will get full contract price including water diversion. Dave is awaiting a reply from a second contractor.

Dave asked about the tractor mower for sale that they have been looking at - cost is \$15,000, seems to run well. Discussion followed, final decision to see how much work will need to be done (tires, fine tuning?) to see what the full cost will be. Perhaps that can come from the \$30,000 WA for HD equipment line in 2021?

Dave said the "new" truck is working out well, but needs winter tires so they don't need to nm chains all the time. That will be done after the first of the year.

Lease paperwork is set for submission mid-end of January. The \$38,000 in the proposed budget will more than cover any increases, and using the full \$38,000 will reduce the next years' payments slightly as well.

Salt shed rebuild - Dave has no final estimate for that as yet. Dave also mentioned the idea of constructing a covering for the sand pile, to help with loading when it is wet/frozen. Moving the salt shed back to HD was also discussed; decision to keep it where it is to avoid contaminating wetlands behind HD.

Paved Road Restoration - there will be \$180,000 all together for 2021; Dave will bring his plan with costs to next staff meeting. Dave will also forward the report/recommendations from NRPC to selectmen to see how town and NRPC plans align.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Louise motioned to adjourn, second from Pete. Roll call showed two votes to adjourn at 4:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Wile
BOS Administrative Assistant