

Board of Water Commissioners

July 25, 2022

Present:

- Board of Water Commissioners: Ms. Liz Klein, Chair, Mr. Joseph Fisher and Mr. Bill Ramsey,
- Mr. Tom Mayo, Town Administrator
- Ms. Michelle Monsegur, Assistant Town Administrator for Finance
- Mr. Art Robert, Assistant Town Administrator for Operations

6:00 PM: Call to order

Ms. Klein called the meeting to order and read the following statement:

“This meeting is being held remotely as an alternate means of public access pursuant to an Order issued by the Governor of Massachusetts dated March 12, 2020 Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law. You are hereby advised that this meeting and all communications during this meeting may be recorded by the Town of Hingham in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. If any participant wishes to record this meeting, please notify the chair at the start of the meeting in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(f) so that the chair may inform all other participants of said recording. “
No one indicated that they were recording.

Board of Water Commissioners participating in the meeting were Ms. Liz Klein, Chair, Mr. Bill Ramsey, and Mr. Joseph Fisher. The meeting was conducted both in person and remotely via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the minutes dated July 11, 2023. Ms. Ramsey seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Ms. Klein: yes

Agreement with K.R. Rezendes, Inc. for Phase I Water Main Replacement

Water Superintendent Russell Tierney presented. He explained that they solicited bids for the project as required by MA State Law. K.R. Rezendes was the lowest bidder. The total bid price was \$1,748,447.00, which was below the estimated cost. Streets included in this project are Downer Avenue, Lincoln Street, Governor Long Road, Wompatuck Road, Crow Point Lane, and a small section on Otis Street. He hopes to finish the portion of the project on Downer Avenue near Foster School prior to the start of the school year. Ms. Klein confirmed that this project is part of the Weir River Water System (WRWS) Capital plan and is within the budget. Mr. Fisher asked about the contractors references. While Mr. Tierney has not worked with them in the past, Town Engineer J.R. Frey had some experience working with them in Fall River, MA. K.R. Rezendes are also currently working on the Foster School project. Mr. Ramsey asked how the project would affect the beginning of the school year at Foster School. Work on this project is scheduled to be completed by August 25, 2023.

Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Agreement with K.R. Rezendes, Inc. for Phase I Water Main Replacement for the Weir River Water System in an amount not to exceed \$1,748,447.00. Mr. Fisher seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Ms. Klein: yes

Agreement with Colonial Motor Group

Superintendent Tierney noted that the position of Assistant Water Superintendent has been posted and the purchase of a vehicle for this position has been allocated within the capital budget at a cost of \$60,000. Mr. Tierney has received several quotes for vehicles through the State Contract. The new WRWS vehicle is a hybrid and will be received by November 30, 2023. Mr. Tierney told the Select Board that he is still pursuing alternative energy-saving options for future vehicles as well. He plans to auction the old vehicles through the Town's auction vendor.

Clark Frazier, 50 Bonnie Briar Circle, asked how much the Town gets for a typical vehicle at auction. Mr. Tierney said that it varies, but they have been getting higher proceeds at auction than with trade-in values.

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Agreement with Colonial Motor Group for a 2023 Ford F150 Hybrid Pick-up Truck in an amount not to exceed \$60,913.40. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Ms. Klein: yes

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM

Documents: A complete meeting packet of supporting documentation is on file and available for public review in the Select Board office