TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

June 5, 2014 FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: Gail Cromwell, John Kieley, George Willard

Also present: Tim Fiske, Road Agent; Bob Durfee, Dubois & King; Representative from Cold River Bridges; Representative from Hansen Construction

Bid acceptance for the Converse Road Bridge was at 423 NH RT 45, Temple, NH. Bid acceptance closed at 4:00 pm and all parties moved to the Town Hall Annex at 9 Main St., Temple, NH for the bid opening.

Call to order by G. Cromwell at 4:13 pm

<u>Bids for Converse Road Bridge</u>: Cromwell turned the meeting over to Bob Durfee of Dubois and King for the opening of the bids for the Converse Road bridge project. Durfee noted that four bid packages had been received and asked the Administrative Assistant, Debra Harling, to pick a package at random to open.

1st bid package opened from Neil H. Daniels located in Ascutney, VT. Durfee noted that the contents included a certificate of vote, a bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid, a letter from the NH-DOT stating that the company is pre-qualified to bid and construct in NH and the bid form. The bid form acknowledges receipt of addendum #1. All items appear to be complete. The bid from Neil H. Daniels is \$444,936.00.

2nd bid package opened from Northeast Earth Mechanics located in Pittsfield, NH. Durfee noted that the contents included a certificate of vote, a bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid, and the bid form. Durfee stated that he has knowledge that Northeast Earth Mechanics is pre-qualified by the State of NH-DOT. The bid form acknowledges receipt of addendum #1. The bid form appears to be complete and is signed. The bid from Northeast Earth Mechanics is \$465,395.00

3rd bid package opened from Hansen Construction located in New London, NH. Durfee noted that the contents included a bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid, a list of subcontractors and an entire specification booklet with the bid form that acknowledges receipt of addendum #1. Durfee also noted that it appears each item is complete and signed. Durfee stated that he has knowledge that Hansen Construction is pre-qualified by the State of NH-DOT. The bid from Hansen Construction is \$432,148.00

4th bid package opened from Cold River Bridges located in Walpole, NH. Durfee noted that the contents included a certificate of vote, a bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid, a bid form acknowledging receipt of addendum #1. Durfee stated he has knowledge that Cold River Bridges is pre-qualified by the State of NH-DOT. It appears the bid form is complete and signed. The bid from Cold River Bridges is \$408,885.00.

Durfee announced that the apparent low bidder is Cold River Bridges at \$408,885.00. Dubois and King will review and check all bids. A recommendation will be sent to the Temple Board of Selectmen by June 10, 2014.

Kieley stated that the voters had approved \$550,000.00 of which there is approximately \$400,000.00 after the preliminary engineering and the final engineering and design done by Dubois and King. Kieley asked Durfee to look at where the town could do some of the work to fit into the amount left. Kieley also stated that the

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voters had approved the spending to December 31, 2014. If a contract is signed then the money will have been committed. Both Cromwell and Kieley asked what the timeline for construction might be.

Durfee informed the Board that they cannot negotiate with anyone to lower costs until a contract has been signed and that is usually with the apparent low bidder. Durfee also reminded the Board that the NH-DOT had approved the final design and estimate provided by Dubois and King. Durfee will send the Board an updated budget with a recommendation after he has checked all of the bid documents.

Move by Kieley to adjourn, second by Willard, and so voted at 4:37 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Debra Harling

~ Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 5:30 pm ~