

**TOWN OF BEDFORD
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
May 11, 2016
BEDFORD MEETING ROOM
10 MEETINGHOUSE ROAD**

1. ROLL CALL: A meeting of the Bedford Town Council was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at the Bedford Meeting Room, 10 Meetinghouse Road. Present were Kelleigh Murphy (Chairwoman), Councilors Jim Aguiar, John Schneller, Bill Duschatko, Chris Bandazian, Melissa Stevens, and David Gilbert. Also present was Town Manager Rick Sawyer.

Chairwoman Murphy opened the meeting at 7:02 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Bandazian.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Award of Mowing & Plowing Bid

Mr. Sawyer explained that nine firms requested bids and three submitted bids. They are recommending the award to Einstein.

Chairwoman Murphy wanted to know if it was typical for nine firms to ask for bid sheets and then not return a bid. Mr. Stanford responded yes and explained that when they put the contract out, all they see is mowing, so they get a lot of firms that were smaller and couldn't handle a project of that size.

MOTION by Councilor Bandazian that the Bedford Town Council approve the award of Contract #716 Mowing and Maintenance to Einstein's, Inc. from Fitchburg, MA in the amount of \$105,315 and to authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract with the understanding that the plowing portion of the award is based on an hourly rate which may ultimately cause the total value to exceed the noted amount. Seconded by Councilor Aguiar. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 7-0.

b. Award of Loader Bid

Mr. Sawyer explained that the contract amount includes a \$38k credit with trade-in. It is in the 7-year CIP life cycle replacement program. Five firms requested bid information and five submitted sealed. The lowest bidder was disqualified, because it had an inferior product that was presented.

MOTION by Councilor Aguiar that the Bedford Town Council approve award of Contract #516 4x4 Loader to Chadwick-BaRoss, Inc. of Concord, NH with a purchase price of \$164,500 along with a trade-in value of \$38,000 for a total net cost of \$126,500 and to authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract and proceed with purchase of the Loader. Seconded by Councilor Bandazian. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 7-0.

c. Change of June 2016 Council meeting date

MOTION by Councilor Schneller that the Bedford Town Council move the June 22, 2016 Town Council meeting to Wednesday, June 29, 2016. Seconded by Councilor Duschatko. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 7-0.

d. Other New Business

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. PFOA Water Contamination Update

Mr. Sawyer gave an update including the most recent test results of water entering Bedford from the Merrimack Valley District; those who are on the Pennichuck system in the Greenfield Farms, Cabot Preserve area. The May 3rd test showed that they are down at 14 parts per trillion from the 36-52 range. He explained that they took some wells in Merrimack offline and only used wells 7 and 8 and those two wells working together has given them a much lower reading. There was still no timeline from EPA on the release of the long-term health standard. Also, there were still no results for the private well testing that has occurred in Bedford. He mentioned the discovery of contamination in groundwater in Amherst around another former manufacturing facility.

b. Other Old Business –

Councilor Bandazian mentioned a meeting on Friday with legal counsel for the stormwater group of Southern NH municipalities. Still very concerned about the EPA's proposed regulation, which they have released in Massachusetts. Chairwoman Murphy wanted to know if there was any indication of what direction they were going to go in or if they were going to back off at all. Councilor Bandazian didn't have any indication that they are going to back off from that. Councilor Schneller wanted to know how onerous the Massachusetts regulation was. Councilor Bandazian stated that it basically puts the burden on the municipality. Chairwoman Murphy wanted to know if they were test piloting in Massachusetts to see what the outcome is and Councilor Bandazian responded no, they were doing them both simultaneously. Massachusetts was released a little bit earlier. They are looking at July 1st for New Hampshire.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Public Session – April 27, 2016

MOTION by Councilor Bandazian that the Bedford Town Council approve the minutes of the Public Session of April 27, 2016. Seconded by Councilor Duschatko. Vote taken – Motion Passed –6-0-1 (Councilor Aguiar abstained as he was not present at that meeting).

7. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- 1) County Road Traffic Test - Starting Monday, May 16th, and continuing through Friday, May 27th, the intersection at Nashua Road and County Road in front of Bedford High School will become a temporary 4-way stop intersection. In addition, on those same dates, the intersection of Liberty Hill Rd and County Rd in front of McKelvie School will also become a temporary 4-way stop intersection. The Bedford Highway Safety Committee has been studying both of these intersections after numerous concerns raised by the community regarding traffic delays and crashes. Engineering studies were recommended for both intersections and after review of the initial traffic data it was determined by staff that a test of one of the potential solutions before school gets out would be important before the final recommendations were made. For that two week period, temporary 4-way stop signs and traffic controls will be placed at both of these intersections.
- 2) Wallace Road reconstruction continues and portions of the southern section will start to experience delays and closures over the coming days. The South River Road TIF Area improvements continue and significant progress has been made on the Eastman Ave bridge (see photo) installation, which opened to travel by the end of the day Friday. The intention is to complete the TIF project including all final pavement on South River Road by June 1st. Work in the area of Old Bedford Road has progressed with the pavement of Galloway Lane, nearby Curtis Lane, and Curtis Court, as well as installing the rest of the curbing along Old Bedford Road including in front of Memorial School.
- 3) The Annex roof replacement is complete. The Town Hall Roof replacement began with scaffolding being erected on May 9th, and will continue with chimney rebuilding May 16-27, roof shingle abatement the week of June 1st, and new shingles the week of June 6th. We expect the building to be closed the first two weeks of June.
- 4) Work on the new town website continues and the reveal of the preliminary website has completed with the staff members of the working group who are now making their recommended changes for presentation to the Manager. Staff training on use of the website will take place over a three day period May 10-12.
- 5) May 29th – Memorial Day Parade, 1:00 PM followed by a MIA Medial Award Ceremony and a NH National Guard Alumni Band Concert at 2 PM in the McKelvie School Cafeteria as well as a Bicycle Rodeo at the High School.
- 6) May 29th – Bedford Library Closed for Memorial Day

- 7) May 30th – Bedford Town Offices, Library, Transfer Station, & BCTV Closed for Memorial Day.

Chairwoman mentioned two meetings that the NHDOT. One is tomorrow regarding the Route 114 bridge over Bowman Brook and the other is regarding the Route 101 bridge over Pulpit Brook is next Wednesday, May 18th. They are both at the Town Meeting Room (BCTV), doors open at 6:30pm and the meeting starts promptly at 7:00pm and all citizens are invited.

8. COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Councilor Schneller mentioned that Andrew Reynold Chalbeck of Boy Scout Troop 414 recently passed his board review for the rank of Eagle Scout. The Town will be presenting a proclamation on May 14th at 2:00pm at the Presbyterian Church.

Chairwoman Murphy mentioned the Bedford Fireman's Ball on Friday, May 20th. She and Councilor Stevens will be in attendance. There is more information on the firefighters Facebook page and also by Googling the ball.

Councilor Aguiar reminded everyone to take time to spend with family and loved ones.

Councilor Stevens commented on the Celtics season and go Sox!

9. NON-PUBLIC – RSA 91-A:3 II (if necessary)

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilor Aguiar to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Duschatko. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 7-0.

The public meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Boufford