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CAPITAL EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY AUGUST 26TH, 2010

Chairman, John Fredsall, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Committee members present were Jim Savanella, Tom Pollack, Stephen Camp and myself. Bob Santamaria was absent. The minutes from the previous meeting of July 15th, 2010 were passed out and reviewed. Jim made a motion to accept with Tom's second, and the motion to accept was unanimous.

The first item on the agenda was for the committee to review the quotes the Town received for a new plow truck, which the funding for was approved at the annual budget meeting and that Town had advertised for. Two bids were received for this Truck, #4. Bids were from Marola Motor Sales of Torrington for an International model 7400 with a primary equipment package from W.H. Rose at \$118,300.00 after the trade-in and from Freightliner of Hartford of Hartford, CT for a Freightliner model M2 106V with their primary equipment package from Truck Builders of CT at \$126,854.93 after the trade-in, for a difference of \$8,554.93. Marola's and Freightliner's bids also included various alternate body packages from Universal Body Equipment of Watertown, Park City Equipment of Bridgeport and Equipment Service of Hartford.

The committee first reviewed the chassis quotes. After a through study of each proposal it was determined that the International chassis from Marola meets or exceeds our specifications. The Freightliner chassis from Freightliner was more expensive and was lacking a few important items. There were no access panels in the hood, auxiliary wired electrical switches from the factory was unavailable, a set forward front axle is not available and no front helper springs are provided. Marola allowed \$20,000.00 for the trade while Freightliner did not breakout the trade-in value separately. With all this in mind the committee felt that Marola's bid for the chassis as the lowest would be in the best interest of the Town.

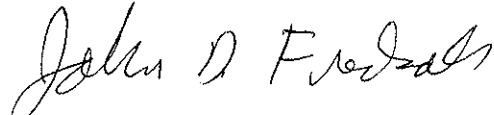
The committee then took up the various body packages. The bids from Park City Equipment, Universal Body Equipment, and Equipment Service were determined to be the most expensive at \$1,490.00 to \$6,387.00 over the two lowest bids and so they were excluded. The committee members then reviewed W.H. Rose's body package at \$52,865.00. It was determined that their bid meets or exceeds the Town's specifications and their quote was the lowest bid. The next bid from Truck Builders at \$53,255.00 was reviewed. The only item not up to specification was the dump angle of the unloading floor at 35 degrees and was the second lowest bid. A careful review of the two low bidders, which are separated by only \$390.00 shows that the Larochelle body from Truck Builders takes only the unloading floor angle as an exception, while the entire package with an Everest body from W.H. Rose doesn't take any. After some discussion the committee decided to add the On-Spot chain option and a second year warranty. The members also agreed since the equipment from W.H. Rose Equipment meets specifications and is the low bid that they should be awarded the bid.

Jim made a motion that the committee, recommend to the Selectmen that the Town purchase the new chassis from Marola Motor Sales with the second year chassis warranty, On-Spot Chains, and the equipment package from W.H. Rose for a total cost of \$121,298.00. Tom made the second and the motion carried unanimously.

The last item on the agenda was to review the bids received for a new Cargo trailer for which was advertised for in the newspaper. John reported that no bids were received and that he had actually hand delivered a bid document to a local dealer when it was apparent no bids were going to be received. This dealer declined to submit a bid claiming that the procedure to sell to the Town is to difficult. John asked the committee how he wanted him to proceed from here to obtain a trailer.

The members discussed the best way to go from here and came up this proposal. They asked that John send specifications for the trailer to several local dealers asking for Request for Quote to be submitted by a certain date. Once some responses are received, John should select a date to open them following the normal practice used to open bids. John will then reconvene the Capitol Equipment Committee and review the bids in order to make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

With nothing else on agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.



John D. Fredsall
Chairman, Capital Equipment Committee

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