



## TOWN OF HARWINTON

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### CAPITAL EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY June 30<sup>th</sup> 2017

Chairman, John Fredsall, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Committee members who were present included Dave Bousquet, Bill Buys Jr., new member Pat Doyle and myself. Jim Savenella was not back from Arizona yet. The minutes from the previous meeting of December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 were passed out and reviewed. Bill made a motion to accept with Dave's second, and the motion to accept was unanimous.

The items on the agenda were for the committee to review the quotes the Town received for a new Highway Truck and to discuss the status of the new replacement excavator. Funding for the two pieces was approved at the annual budget meeting, which was budgeted at \$155,000 and \$100,000 for the Highway Truck and Excavator respectively. The Town had asked for quotes for the new truck from two dealers.

The committee took up the new Highway truck, Unit #3, with its mounted equipment for which the Town asked for bids from Nutmeg International in Torrington and Freightliner of Hartford. Nutmeg International in Torrington, CT. holds a State approved bid contract for Highway Plow trucks in CT using the Town of Chaplain contract, while Freightliner holds a State approved contract for State plow trucks. Nutmeg bid a new model, 2018, 7500 International chassis. Freightliner bid a new model, 2018, 114SD Freightliner chassis. Both chassis meet or exceed the Town's specifications. Both bids included a bid from Equipment Service in Hartford and W.H. Rose Company in Columbia for the combination body, plow, and related equipment which meets all the Town's specifications. The bid from Nutmeg includes available extended warranties, four extra wheels and the driver's door spotlight while the bid from Freightliner did not. The members feel extending the warranty is important on new trucks because of the complicated electronics they use today. The International warranties include Extended complete vehicle coverage for 5-years, 100,000 miles, Engine and it's electronics for 5-years, 150,000 miles, Injectors, Turbo and after treatment for 5-years, 150,000 miles, and Allison's 5-year transmission warranty. The Freightliner's warranties are very similar but add a total cost of \$6,683.00 to the quote and the extra wheel and spotlight adds another \$1,660.00. The Freightliner chassis does include an optional Chalmers rear suspension, which costs \$2,154.89. With advice from the Town's mechanic the committee decided that the Chalmers option is unnecessary and would be deducted from the Freightliner bid. Chassis package computations are as follows: The International is \$92,547.71 less \$22,500.00 for the trade-in for a total bid of \$70,047.71. The Freightliner is \$97,571.96 less \$15,000.00 for the trade-in for a total bid of \$82,571.96. With the Freightliner being \$12,524.25 higher and the Town already owning a fleet of International's the committee recommends the International chassis.

The members discussed the equipment packages. The quote from Equipment Service while slightly cheaper was the second bid received from them and was delivered after the quote from W. H. Rose was made public. Their first bid was for a Hardox Steel package, rather than a specified mild steel body and included a more expensive variable displacement hydraulic pump both of which exceeds the Town's specifications thus making their bid \$7,780.00 higher than Rose's quote. The committee decided to waive Equipment Service's second quote for two reasons. The first being that it was received after the bids were open and the competition's bid was known making the bid less competitive and unfair to the other bidder. The second reason is the small savings don't justify changing manufactures. The equipment supplied by W.H. Rose has been used by the Town of Harwinton for many years and allows the benefit of stocking parts which fit many of the Town's trucks. The committee's assessment is that the package offered by Rose makes the most sense for the Town.

Total of, mounted equipment from W.H. Rose and the International truck chassis from Nutmeg totals \$140,562.71 with the trade-in value of \$22,500. Bill made a motion to recommend to the Selectman that the Town award the bid to Nutmeg International of Torrington, CT for a model 7500 International chassis and mounted equipment from W. H. Rose Company of Columbia, CT which includes snowplow, combination body and related mounted equipment, with extended warranties for a total quote of \$140,562.71. Dave seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

John brought the committee up to date on the excavator. The Bid Specifications have been sent to three dealers who John felt would supply a machine most beneficial to the Town. Those dealers are The W.I. Clark Company, the John Deere dealer, Tyler Equipment, the Volvo dealer, Kaz Equipment, the Takeuchi dealer. The bids are due back by June 30<sup>th</sup> 2017. John will look them over and determine how many of the machines the Town wants to demonstrate, with input from the members if necessary. Once that is done the Committee will be convened to make a recommendation to the Selectman for the best machine for the Town.

With nothing else on agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

John D. Fredsall  
Chairman, Capital Equipment Committee

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