



## TOWN OF HARWINTON

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### CAPITAL EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY July 27<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., Pat Doyle, Jim Savenella and I. The minutes from the previous meeting of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 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 Hydraulic Excavator. Funding for the Excavator was approved at the annual budget meeting, which was budgeted at \$100,000. The Town had asked for quotes for the new Excavator from three dealers, but only received two back as Kaz Equipment did not respond.

The committee reviewed the Town's specifications and compared them with the bids that were received from the two dealers who responded, W.I. Clark, the John Deere dealer and Tyler Equipment, the Volvo dealer. After confirming that both machines met the Town's Specifications, the discussion proceeded to performance and price. The John Deere is \$1,180.00 less expensive than the Volvo with the trade-in and the ripper tooth and a narrow bucket options. John explained to the committee that Tyler was unable to provide a demo machine because they didn't have one available. They proposed we look at a neighboring Town's machine that was several years old, but John didn't feel that was an appropriate comparison. W.I. Clark delivered a machine which the Town's operators and John did try. The machine more than met the requirements that the Public Works Department was looking for.

With the John Deere being demonstrated and meeting the Town's specifications and being \$1,180.00 lower in price the Committee members feel the John Deere should be recommended. John did ask the committee to allow the Town to purchase the optional ripper tooth and a narrower bucket for special trench work since the budget more than allows for it. The members agreed to this proposal by John by recommending that up to \$1,500.00 are added to the quote for this additional bucket. Bill made a motion that the committee recommend to the Board of Selectman to purchase a John Deere Model 85G Excavator from W.I. Clark Company of Wallingford Ct. for a price not to exceed \$82,500.00 with the Town's trade-in and two options, a ripper tooth and a narrow bucket. The motion passed unanimously.

With nothing else on agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

John D. Fredsall  
Chairman, Capital Equipment Committee

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