

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: January 5, 2017

Time: 11:00am

Place: Town Hall - upstairs meeting room
Egremont

Present at the table were Chairman Flynn, Vice-Chairman Turner, Selectman Brazie, Marc Levassaur (Foresight Engineering) and John Lander (Foresight Engineering).

The meeting was audio recorded.

The Board unanimously appointed Ted Piontek as an assistant Wiring Inspector to fill in while Richard Cappadona is ill and Robert Clausen is down south for an extended time.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss with the Engineers the issues with the contractor on the Mount Washington Road bridge project.

The contractor has not been forthcoming with a schedule to continue work.

The water main was moved. The pre-caster has agreed to cutting away the footing to accommodate the portion of the line that is still in the way. As the water line is only 2" below the footing the line will need to be moved to the top of the bridge this coming summer.

Pulling the contractors bonds and dismissing the contractor, or assessing fines against him for failure to meet his contract was discussed. It was instead decided to send a very detailed letter clearly spelling out the areas of the contract the contractor is in violation of.

The engineers noted that all indications when this contract was awarded were that Davenport had a great reputation for getting jobs done in a timely manner and within budget. It was noted that Mr. Davenport himself suffered an injury and one of his other top employees suffered a family tragedy that may be interfering.

Debate ensued on whether to just stop work until Spring or try to get the bridge decking on now.

It was agreed to send a long, pointed letter, via certified mail, that spells out all the issues and quotes sections of the law and statute, and wait for Mr. Davenport's response. Payment on the last invoice will be postponed until a schedule and explanation have been received. The Board feels that a meeting with Mr. Davenport after he receives the letter would be appropriate.

In the mean time the engineer will check with the Conservation Commission to make sure the site is stabilized environmentally. The Army Corps of Engineers have been checking the site regularly. The sedimentation bases need some maintenance.

Meeting adjourned at 11:53am

Mary Brazie,
Office Administrator

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