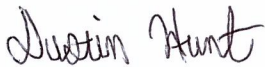


Memo to Bill Kernan- Operations Director of Public Works

Fy 19/20 Capital Budget included purchase of a 4x4 Utility Vehicle for the Parks and Recreation Department. Below is the results of our research & solicitation for Bids.

The maintenance supervisor Kenn Hastings and I visited 4 local dealers (Broughton's, Mountain View, Champlain Valley Equipment and Champlain Valley Motorsports) and test drove several different models of UTV's that were within our budget of \$12000. We both came to the conclusion that the Cub Cadet offered the best options including largest bed size, electric bed lift and payload capacity which are all key to maximizing this vehicles functionality for our department. Broughton's has an authorized Cub Cadet Service department so any repairs to this vehicle would happen locally.

While at all the dealers we inquired about pricing and options for electric UTV's to align with the town's focus on alternative energy possibilities. 2 of the dealerships did not offer electric UTV's and the other two had entry level models that were over our budget without any of the necessary accessories factored in. There were also concerns about battery life and where we would charge the unit if purchased. The biggest drawback was that if the electric UTV's needed to be serviced both dealerships would have to send the vehicles away because they aren't equipped to do the work locally, leaving us with significant down time without a vehicle.



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