

AGENDA NOTES 20210208

Court street water main improvements- engineering services agreement

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) process requires an Engineering Services Agreement (ESA) between the Town and the engineering firm. This agreement gets approved by the State, therefore it needs to be in the State-specific format. It then comes back to the Town for approval. A Selectboard-approved agreement is just one part of the documentation required to finalize a loan agreement with the State. I have attached the entire engineering agreement, although it is somewhat tedious.

Please review document pages 46-51, 55, 71-73. These pages have the engineering fees and project costs.

Request the Committee send this ESA to the Selectboard pending State approval.

East Middlebury Flood Resiliency Project – CWSRF Loan application

The Clean Water State Revolving Loan program notified us some months ago that this project is within the fundable range for their program. It appears that we *may* receive a loan for up to \$200,000 and that this loan may be partially or totaling forgiven. One step in the process is submission of a loan agreement. The draft agreement is attached. You will notice that there are many blanks in the application. This loan application is used for more typical projects such as sanitary wastewater treatment plants, pump stations, etc., so some of the documentation requested does not apply for this project.

I request the IC send this application to the Selectboard for approval.

East Midd Flood Project – Tree Cutting Bid Approval

Bids for tree cutting along the Middlebury River were received on February 4th. Eight bids were received. The low bidder is from Heartwood Landscape and Tree Service, LLC for \$12,580. Their website is

Heartwoodlandscapevt.com. I am checking references at the time of this writing.

Truck Purchase – Highway Department

Bill Kernan has prepared a bid summary for bids submitted for a new highway dump truck with plow equipment. The summary and specifications are attached. Funding for the truck purchase is from the Equipment Fund. Bill is recommending purchase from Stone CDJR in the amount of \$95,378.

A bid recommendation needs to go to the Selectboard for approval.

Mowing Bid – Consideration electric mowers

Bill Kernan will lead the discussion about the use of electric mowers for or next mowing contract. The discussion will consider allowing possible discount for a bidder using electric mowers.