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**Town of Henniker
Selectmen Meeting
August 8, 2016
Henniker Town Hall**

Members Present: Chair Kris Blomback, Tia Hooper, Vice Chairman; Robert French, Selectman; Scott Osgood, Selectman

Town Administrator: Christine Trovato

Guests: Tom Weston

Recording Secretary: Karen Rose

Vice Chair Hooper called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Intent to Excavate; Lot 1-566-B

Chair Blomback moved, Vice Chair Hooper seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion Passed 4-0

Public Forum #1

No comments

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1: Discuss Crushing Contract

Note: Chair Blomback recused himself from this item.

Vice Chair Hooper stated that at the last Select board meeting, Custom Crushing was awarded a contract in the amount of \$14,250 provided their references checked out. Tom Weston reported that they were given 3 weeks to bring their equipment in. Tom kept calling them for a period of 3 weeks and finally all the equipment was brought in. They crushed about 1 yard and had an equipment failure. Tom called them again on August 1st and they said they would not be able to complete the job due to equipment failure. Tom continued to try to contact them with no luck. Town Administrator Trovato stated they have not responded to an email she sent telling them their contract was terminated. Town Administrator Trovato stated the company did not have any formal written contract.

Vice Chair Hooper stated the remaining bidders were: Fuzzy Brothers, LLC at \$15,000; Henniker Sand & Gravel Co. at \$15,750; and F.L. Merrill Construction Inc. at \$20,250.

Tom Weston conducted a background check on Fuzzy Brothers, LLC but they are unable to begin the job until September. Henniker Sand & Gravel can start the job anytime. Vice Chair Hooper commented that Henniker Sand & Gravel is a local business and has been very generous when working with them as the Emergency Management Director after some severe storms. They have provided services quickly and at no cost and their service has been extraordinary.

A motion was made by Selectman French to award the crushing contract to Henniker Sand & Gravel Co. for \$15,750; Vice Chair Hooper seconded. Motion passed 3-0-1(Blomback).

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The above motion was amended to include that the Town Administrator is authorized to sign the contract for Henniker Sand & Gravel. Motion was made by Vice Chair Hooper and seconded by Selectman Osgood. Motion passed 3-0-1(Blomback).

Vice Chair Hooper stated that going forward the town should be able to decide to use local companies within reason or at a minimum the local companies should be given some preference points in the bid. Town Administrator Trovato stated that in the bid for Western Avenue, the point system is based on 100 with 10 points going to a local vendor or a vendor who subcontracts with a local vendor.

Selectman Osgood stated that we need written contracts in the future to cover for damages. Tom Weston stated he will make sure we do this.

OTHER BUSINESS

Item 2: Using Skype for Selectman meeting

One of the Selectman asked to call in via Skype at the next Select board meeting. Chair Blomback asked those present for their feedback on this.

Chair Blomback stated that in his experience using Skype created a distracting and disjointed meeting and the only way he would support it if there was an emergency. Vice Chair Hooper stated that the board members need to be physically present as you miss out on a lot when you can't see the audience. Selectman Osgood stated that the reason we have five board members is if one person can't make it, we will have a quorum. Selectman French stated he agreed with Selectman Osgood but he was okay with it either way.

Town Administrator Trovato stated she contacted New Boston who has a 3 member board and they use it. She also reported that NH Municipal Association says it is allowable.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hooper to limit members of the Select Board from using Skype, teleconferencing or other electronic participation during board meetings, and these forms of participation are limited to emergencies only and must have the approval and recommendation of the Chair and acting chair; Selectman French seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Public Forum #2

No comment

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm by Chair Blomback and seconded by Selectman French. Motion passed 4-0.