



TOWN OF WINCHESTER – CITY OF WINSTED

Town Hall – 338 Main Street

WINSTED, CONNECTICUT 06098

Minutes of Special Meeting Water & Sewer Commission

*Lee Anne LaClaire Room, Town Hall, 338 Main Street, Winsted
July 30, 2019*

Chairman John Massicotte called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: George Closson, Bill Hester, Joe Lemelin, John Massicotte and Tim Moran. Also present were Finance Director Bruce Stratford, Director of Public Works Jim Rollins and Superintendent of Water Works Marty Cormier.

Discuss Bid Waiver for \$30,000 for six (6) Hydraguard Auto-Flushers: Mr. Cormier explained the discount is for 6 or more units; \$4,350 each or \$4,100 in quantities; last year's quote is being honored; proposing purchasing 6 to keep them in stock; can install one in a day; have \$60,000 in the budget. G. Closson verified this is the only supplier. Mr. Cormier said there are others but they're not comparable; Hydraguard is preferable due to ability and ease of operation. T. Moran verified prices increased. Mr. Cormier said he would presume so but didn't ask since last year's price was honored. T. Moran suggested buying 14 for \$60,000. Mr. Stratford verified 12 could be used. Mr. Cormier said they are used at the end of a dead line where disinfectant by-products are elevated; the auto-flushers move that water; they will also keep track of water usage. Chairman Massicotte asked about the life expectancy. Mr. Cormier estimated 20 years. Mr. Stratford asked if those auto-flushers could all be installed within 18 months; concerned models could be upgraded and the warranty could run out with the unit just sitting on the shelf. Mr. Cormier said a similar situation was arranged with E-1 where the warranty begins on installation; explained he notifies them by email when they are installed. **Motion** by G. Closson **to waive the bid to purchase 12 units for \$51,000 to Core & Main if the warranty starts at the date of installation.** Second by J. Lemelin. *Discussion:* Discussion followed regarding bumping up the amount to \$60,000 for shipping, installing the 1st 6 units in the worst sections, ensuring the warranty arrangement as part of the deal, size and weight of each unit, storage space for that quantity, using account #322-878-0025, etc. **Motion** by G. Closson **to amend motion to reflect increase of waiver amount to \$60,000.** Second by J. Lemelin. **Vote:** All in favor - *motion carried unanimous.*

Discuss Bids Received for Pump Station #8: Discussion was held regarding only one (1) bid was received; the numbers are unreasonable; considering doing the work in-house. Mr. Cormier explained he got prices from a reputable, local contractor of \$5,000 per day; estimated it should take 6 days; have worked with this contractor before. Mr. Rollins said this time of year is not good to put out bids as everyone is super busy. Discussion followed regarding the bid process, timetable for work, no one is bidding, etc. Mr. Stratford verified the Town would be the general contractor; asked if it's reasonable to specify the bid waiver is based on a known contractor with known expertise and equipment. Discussion followed regarding design, scope of work, timeline, prices, presenting information to the Commission at their next meeting, etc. Chairman Massicotte asked about the timeline for the vault. Mr. Cormier said 4-6 weeks – can order it anytime. Brief discussion followed regarding the contractor will provide their own insurance coverage. G. Closson noted this project is going to have to have some flexibility. Mr. Cormier noted the job is not that tough a job if you have the right equipment and knowledge. **Motion** by G. Closson **to not accept the bid and pursue other options.** Second by B. Hester. **Vote:** All in favor - *motion carried unanimous.*

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Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 7:26 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

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Laurie Bessette
Minutes Secretary

<p>Next Regular Meeting: Probate Room Tuesday, August 13, 2019 7:00 p.m.</p>
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