

**Town of Otisfield
Board of Selectmen
Warrant Item Minutes
June 14, 2018**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 8:34 PM. Hal Ferguson – Chairman & Rick Micklon present. (Absent- Lenny Adler)

2. **NEW ARTICLES – BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

A. **Article ____** To see if the town will vote to transfer the FY19 and FY20 funds derived from the Heniger Park Lease Fees to the Road Equipment Reserve Account. (FY19 estimated at \$120,000 and FY20 at \$125,000)

Board of Selectmen recommends that we approve

Finance Committee recommends that we approve

Discussion: HF: Heniger Park has been generating income for 3 years now and we have the opportunity to use this money for the Road Equipment Reserve Account.

Joe Vallencourt: Can the town vote to take the lease funds from 2018 and vote on it for 2020. ? Is it legal?

HF: This is how we have been advised to do it.

Joe Vallencourt: When the heniger park lease fees come in, do they go into a revenue account? SO: Yes they go in as revenue and they get transferred. HF: last year they went in the road equipment account. Joe: Thank you for clearing that up.

Herb Olson: you told me we couldn't lease a town truck. HF: I didn't say that, what I said was, if you go out and lease something on a lease to purchase, the townspeople have to approve the total funding of it. This article was written this way with Attorney's input.

David Hyer: what does the town project it will cost as we transition between owning and leasing? We own three (3) trucks, (1) is 15 years old, (1) is 26 years old and (1) is 38 years old. HF: We are on a schedule that will rotate them out. David: I can't support a blank check. You're asking for ¼ of a million dollars without providing the town any insight on how you are going to spend it.

HF: the plan is to buy a brand new 2020 plow truck to be used year round but we didn't put that on there, in case something changed. We didn't want to be locked into it. Road Commissioner is happy with what he's got and if he's happy with what he has, we are happy. When it's time to upgrade, we are going to need a bond in order to obtain the total range of equipment necessary. Next year the TIF is paid off. Our auditors have recommended we open a Road Reserve Account for the possible use of those funds.

DH: But that is a possible plan and its very short term. I want to know what the Selectmen have for a written plan that projects out to 5-10 years.

Rick Micklon: I wanted to develop a 10 year plan and present it at a BOS meeting. LA and HF did not agree with me or think it was necessary. Lenny shared it with Richard and he didn't agree with it because he's not sure we need a truck first. It may be a loader. I met with him and we had a good discussion but it

ended with us in disagreement. I wanted to share this plan with the voters and ask for their support to go to the bank and walk away with a loan with 2 years of payments. If it's the will of the voters today to go buy a truck then we should develop a plan to do so.

Quen: A plan was presented to the voters at Town Meeting from the Road Study Committee. If we give the voters that information, you'd probably get it approved. Road Study Committee came up with a plan, and BOS are still looking at it. The first thing we bought was a grader. A plan needs to be flexible.

HF: Richard B is the Road Commissioner and what he thinks we should do is what I feel we should do.

David Hyer: The Road Committee did not make a plan, we provided a list 5 or 6 years ago of inventory that will be needed and prioritized it. I don't think there's a member of the Road Committee that would call it a plan, it was strictly a recommended list with Richard Beans' input. There has to be a transition plan that serves the town first and the BOS is not putting that in place.

HF: Quen is calling it a plan and you are calling it a list. This creates some confusion. I'd like to hear your recommendation.

David: The list is equipment that we suggested. A plan would narrow down when we are going to get it and how much it will cost.

Karen Turino: I think what David is saying is yes we have the list of equipment which needs to be purchased, that's only part of the plan. A plan should tell us how much we are going to need, and how are we going to fund it. Others are asking that in much more detail.

RM: I think the list is a good start to a plan, but it's a list of equipment not a plan. The plan I developed, broke it down, what we need and with a payment schedule.

Karen: I suspect when this article is brought up this conversation is going to be repeated. So if you anticipate that, this article might not pass without a plan.

HF: I didn't necessarily disagree with Rick, but I listened to the road commissioner.

Rick: Sounds like everyone wants to see a plan.

HF: the current plan is to buy a 2020 fully equipped truck. Any plan can change. All agree to discuss at an upcoming BOS meeting.

- B. Article ____** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purchase of a used four-wheel drive, crew cab pickup truck. This utility vehicle would be utilized by the Fire Department as a replacement for the 1984 Ford, F250 truck. (The sum includes the initial cost plus outfitting)

Board of Selectmen recommend that we approve

Finance Committee recommends that we approve

Discussion: David Hyer: I heard personal vehicles were incurring damage and this is why the truck is necessary. Are we going to have a bed liner in the new vehicle so that it doesn't incur any damage? Kyle Jordan: Not something we have discussed yet. David: will you be adding this truck to your capital plan. Kyle Jordan: I have and it has been updated. TT posted it on the website yesterday.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**. *Motion to adjourn at 9:35 PM. RM/LA-Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Taft

Tanya Taft, Secretary

BOS: June 20, 2018