

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF
May 2, 2016**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mike Blake, Fred Sherburne, Mark Robichaud, Ron Apel, Alan Wintle, Sharon Grant, Marcia Delaware

STAFF PRESENT: Shelley Watson, Kim Hughes, Eric Campbell

MEETING OPENED AT 3:00PM

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Order A2016-27 Ditching Bid

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the bid for ditching submitted by O'Brien & Sons for the amount of \$1.59 per foot .

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MARCIA DELAWARE

Second: Ron Apel

Marcia Delaware commented that there were many different factors to all the bids.

Mike Blake clarified with Gordon White that the bid included hay mulch and he replied "yes".

Alan Wintle asked if it was legal to have someone on the Road Committee bid on the project since they are the ones that originally put the plan together. He also asked if the bid had been advertised and stated that he had received calls asking if the bid process was legal. He suggested the bid be tabled until the issue was resolved. **Ms. Watson** stated that paving begins July 15 so there is not be enough time to delay the bid.

Fred Sherburne stated that it was impressive that three of the bidders were so close in the per foot cost and said he thought the award should be between O'Brien and White. He also found it interesting that Mr. Wintle had received calls of concern when he had not and stated that the process was by sealed bid so he was not concerned.

Ron Apel stated that Steve Lawson broke out the hourly cost of each piece of equipment but he had no idea how much time each piece of equipment might be used.

Mike Blake stated that the per foot price was the way to go and asked Mr. O'Brien and Mr. White if they might be willing to work together on the project since their bids were the same and the Town could only award the bid to one contractor and the reply was that they could work together. He also asked that **Eric Campbell** monitor that the areas were mulched at the end of each day.

Shelley Watson reminded the contractors that signage was their responsibility.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Shelley Watson advised the Council that the school budget meeting was scheduled for June 9th which is the same day as the regular Council meeting. She stated that if any of the Councilors wanted to attend the budget meeting, the Council meeting would need to be moved. It was decided that the June Council meeting should be moved to Wednesday, June 8.

Shelley Watson also advised the Council that she signed a contract with the Forester today for the Town gravel pit and the Forester was asking about the golf course. He stated there is just a little bit to cut and the price of cedar is good now. **Mike Blake** stated it should not be done until winter time and **Ms. Watson** advised that the cutter would not be using a skidder since it would

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be too big to get into the area. **Mike Blake** expressed concern with cutting while the golf course is open and **Ms. Watson** replied that she did not think it was on the golf course but on Gould Avenue. It was asked who was cutting at the gravel pit and **Eric Campbell** replied Dale Wright of Garland.

Motion to Adjourn at 3:28PM: Ron Apel

Second: Fred Sherburne

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim M. Hughes
Town Clerk