

Islesboro Select Board
Special Meeting
Town Office Meeting Room & via Zoom
Wednesday, October 18, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

APPROVED

10/25/23

MINUTES

Members Present:

Chair Shey Conover, Vice Chair Lauren Bruce, Phil Seymour, Melissa Burns, and Peter Anderson

Others Present:

Town Manager Janet Anderson, Virginia Valentine, Richard Casner, Kizzi Barton

Via Zoom: Elizabeth Hayden, Terry Sanderson, Linda Gillies, Scott Reeves, Sam from Wilson Construction, Fred Porter, Jon Bolduc, Dave Dyer

Call to Order: Chair Shey Conover called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and a quorum was established.

BIDS FOR THE EAST SHORE DRIVE STABILIZATION PROJECT

Discussion of the four bids received for the repair and stabilization of East Shore Drive

Farley & Sons	\$443,308.00	start mid-Nov, end late-Dec	6 weeks
Wilson Construction	\$433,700.00	start within next month	2.5 months
JPA Construction	\$396,500.00	start Oct. 23, end April 15	6 months
Brothers in Arms	\$624,556.00	start Nov 1, end Jan 1	2 months

S. Conover stated that three bids are within 10% of each other, and one is significantly higher.

Virginia Valentine asked about what experience anyone has with Farley, Wilson, and JPA. She recommended Brothers in Arms. Richard Casner seconded the recommendation.

M. Burns stated JPA is an island business doing sea walls now, and Farley is working on the playground revitalization at the school.

J. Anderson stated JPA did the sea wall across from the Dark Harbor Shop. Wilson Construction has done a lot of stabilization. Farley is a big company that does a lot of local and municipal work. They all do a lot of work on the island.

S. Conover stated that engineering firm Gartley & Dorsky has helped us to acquire these bids and know they are qualified to do this project. They have reviewed the bids as well.

J. Anderson listed that we have \$584,000 in road reconstruction fund, including the \$100,000 we added in this current fiscal year.

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Discussion about the experience of each company.

Gartley & Dorsky drew the plans originally for 155' that is necessary to repair the road, but also recommend the next 100' – while the project is mobilized, it will be less expensive. The bids are for the full project.

Elizabeth Hayden asked if the road is to be moved to the west by a few feet. J. Anderson answered that they will not move the road, but rebuild the road and stabilize the wall.

P. Seymour asked if there are any penalties for missing the deadline. J. Anderson stated that we can put that in the agreement. There's a performance bond and payment bond.

Fred Porter recommended not letting the project go into spring and mud season.

Sam from Wilson Construction stated that the weather will only affect the ferry running.

Elizabeth Hayden stated that once it starts to freeze or snow, the current access road is not an option.

S. Conover stated that prioritizing the completion date is most important.

MOTION BY S. Conover, seconded by L. Bruce, to award the bid to Farley & Sons for \$443,308.00, to start mid-November and end late-December, for the entire 255 feet. Discussion. 2 yes (S. Conover, L. Bruce), 2 no (P. Seymour, M. Bruce), 1 abstaining (P. Anderson).

Discussion: M. Burns agrees that it's down to Farley and Wilson, because of the timeline, but feels Wilson has a more specific and realistic timeline.

Sam from Wilson Construction clarified they can start November 1 and finish January 1.

Kizzi Barton stated that she recommends Farley & Sons.

Farley may be part of the Municipal Building Project, but that shouldn't affect this decision. They are a big enough company to do both.

P. Seymour asked J. Anderson which makes the most sense in her experience. She stated this is all new territory. Her concern is the cemetery allowing people to access East Shore Drive through their property.

P. Seymour changed his vote to yes. 3 yes (S. Conover, L. Bruce, P. Seymour), 1 no (M. Bruce), 1 abstaining (P. Anderson). Motion carries.

Virginia Valentine stated that the residents of East Shore Drive are grateful to the Boardmans for letting them use their road.

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Shey Conover thanked the residents for their patience with this process.

Scott Reeves suggested a provision in the contract for the completion date.

Next Select Board meeting may need to be changed to Tuesday at 6:00.

MOTION BY S. Conover, seconded by M. Burns, to Adjourn Meeting at 6:49 PM. No Discussion. Motion passed, 5 yes, 0 no.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carrie Reed
Secretary

