

Town of Farmington  
Board of Selectmen Public Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 12, 2023  
Selectmen's Chambers  
356 Main Street-Farmington, NH 03835

**Board Members Present:**

Gerry Vachon, Chairman  
Charlie King, Vice Chairman  
Ann Titus  
Penny Morin  
Doug Staples

**Others Present:**

Ken Dickie, Town Administrator  
Becky Dickie, Town Clerk/Tax Collector  
Ed Brannan, Highway Dept. Supervisor  
Erica Rogers, Parks & Rec. Dept. Director  
Erica LaBombard, Asst. Parks & Rec. Dir.

**1). Call to Order:**

Chairman Vachon called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**2). Non-Public Session A:**

**Motion:** (King, second Titus) to enter non-public session under RSA 91-a: 3 II (a) Compensation passed 5-0 by a roll call vote (Vachon, King, Titus, Morin, Staples-aye) at 5:30 p.m.

**Motion:** (Staples, second Titus) to come out of non-public session passed 5-0 at 5:46 p.m.

**3). Non-Public Session B:**

**Motion:** (King, second Morin) to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) Reputation passed 5-0 by a roll call vote (Vachon, King, Staples, Titus, Morin-aye) at 5:46 p.m.

**Motion:** (Vachon, second Staples) to come out of non-public session passed 5-0 at 5:54 p.m.

**4). Reconvene Public Session:**

Chairman Vachon reconvened the public session at 6 p.m.

**5). Pledge of Allegiance:**

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**6). Public Input: None**

**7). Review of Minutes:**

**June 5, 2023-Non-Public Sessions A & B-** No errors or omissions

**Motion:** (Titus, second Staples) to accept the Non-Public Session A & B minutes as written passed 4-0-1 (Vachon abstained).

**Motion:** (Morin, second King) to seal the Non-Public Session B minutes under D for one year passed 4-0-1 (Vachon abstained).

**8). Old Business:**

**Highway Dept. Roads Update-** Mr. Brannan said they are making some progress with the excavator though its going slow but they are starting to get some of the major washouts filled in. He said they are on their 4<sup>th</sup> week now and they will need to keep it for a couple more weeks.

Mr. King said they motioned to rent it for 2 months and asked if they would use it for all of that. Mr. Brannan said if they need to and it's been tough to get the time on it and they are doing what they can.

Mr. King asked if there was a reason they can address why it's going slow.

Mr. Brannan said part of it is a learning curve and asked if any of the board has run a rubber tired machine. He said it is a little different than a track machine and you have to go a little bit slower, you have to be a lot smoother and getting used to the 360 bucket takes some time.

Mr. King asked if it has outriggers to put down.

Mr. Brannan said it has a blade on the front and outriggers on the back but the outriggers go straight down so there is nothing that goes out to the side of the machine so you have to be careful when you swing to the side. He said it does work well and they have been able to do everything and not hold up traffic so the size of the machine worked out well and the bucket takes some getting used to but that's a nice feature.

Mrs. Morin asked if it is the amount of people he has to get the jobs done and be able to use the equipment they have.

Mr. Brannan said part of it is not having enough people and they're hiring flaggers right now so they'll basically be able to get it out on the road in a lot of places. I just don't have the manpower. I have to be in the machine most of the time so we can get some production out of it and that makes it difficult as well he said.

Mr. King asked when he thought they would get to the lower portion of Ten Rod Rd. on the paved section where there is some erosion where Meetinghouse Hill comes out and over by Dottie Bean's on that side of Meetinghouse Hill.

Mr. Brannan said they will be done with Hornetown Rd. and if they are lucky they should have a good portion of Ridge Rd. done or at least started this week and then next week hopefully they will be on Meetinghouse Hill Rd.

Mr. King asked how much more or how far the storm damage is after that.

Mr. Brannan said there are still small spots and most of that can be done with shoulder gravel and get out there with the grader. He said a lot of the areas where they can get shoulder gravel they have to be careful because the ditches still need to be poured out and a lot of that can be done with the grader but whether these guys are experienced enough to do it he didn't know.

Mr. King said the one going down to Dottie Bean's house to Rt. 11 on that right side that culvert got plugged at least once through the winter or a storm event and the amount of material that is coming down on that side that's eroded again is an issue so they might want to look at doing

something a little bit different.

Mr. Brannan said if it gets ditched properly and the shoulders get done properly it would probably solve the problem.

Mr. King said the other spot on Ten Rod Rd. just past it on the easterly side that tends to erode also and he would see it at about 100 yards from the intersection going towards Rochester on the left hand side and asked him to try to improve that.

Mr. Brannan said there is not much of a ditch there and none of the driveways have culverts.

Mr. King said not the ones right there so there may be some accumulation of the water flow but it may also be that they need to have coarser material in there and a little bit better ditch line.

Mr. Brannan said it gets tough and they have some rip rap but not a whole lot.

Mr. King said he didn't know where they would go from here-from  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch crushed gravel to 1".

Mr. Brannan said they have  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch and 1.5 inch crushed gravel,  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch stone and a little bit of 1.5 inch stone but the gravel that they have you really can't put on the shoulders because it's just going to wash away. He said they have been trying to avoid using that on the shoulders when they are filling them in and they use it if they have to but if the ditch spoils aren't that bad they're trying to fill them in with that and that will stay better than anything they have.

Mr. Staples asked how they are doing on the grading.

Mr. Brannan said they haven't been doing much grading and they have to get back out there.

Mr. Staples said he could tell and that Meaderboro Rd. is horrible. He said he was up there this weekend and it is completely insane to try to drive on that road.

Mr. Brannan said he would imagine and Poor Farm Rd. is getting pretty bad.

Mr. Staples said nothing like the dirt section from Poor Farm down on Meaderboro Rd. it's just pounded right out.

Mr. Brannan said he was going to try to get out there today but he just didn't have the help.

Mrs. Morin said they talked about going through Indeed and some other places and asked if they reached out to see if they could get a subcontractor to be our grader operator.

Mr. Dickie said he has sent out to the temp agencies and to his counterparts to see if they could give him any insight on who to contact and he hasn't gotten any information back yet. He said they have told him that temp agencies aren't as great as you think, they don't show up on time and they're not accountable but he will keep doing what he can.

Mrs. Morin asked if they reached out to a neighboring town to see if they have a grader operator we could use for a weekend just to get us through.

Mr. Dickie said he will reach out to Milton, New Durham and Alton.

Mr. Staples said if we are going to have a grader operator come in on a weekend why we don't pull our guys in on a weekend and see if they want to work a Saturday or a Sunday.

Mr. Vachon said they have to offer it to them first they're union.

Mr. Brannan said he has offered our guys extra hours on Fridays.

Mr. Vachon asked if anybody has taken him up on it.

Mr. Brannan said a little bit not a lot.

Mr. Staples asked if he asked them to come in or just tell them they could.

Mr. Brannan said he hasn't been told to tell them to come in.

Mr. Staples said he didn't say tell them he said ask.

Mr. King said we may be getting to that point so he should work with Mr. Dickie to figure out what they have to do that we can't subcontract out because our guys have to do it.

Mr. Brannan said as far as hiring an operator to come in if you're hiring a contractor they're going to want to use their own equipment.

Mr. King said in some situations that may work and they have to do what they have to do. He said they have to stay on top of their list and if they need to start mandating some overtime to stay on schedule that's what they need to do. He said they will keep trying to hire for the positions and they'll have to backfill with contracted workers.

Mrs. Titus said she told Mr. Dickie to go back to the applicants they've had in the past and call those people and see if they got a job and if they want to come and work for us.

Mrs. Morin asked if the 4 ten hour work days is holding us back at all.

Mr. Brannan said he didn't think so and they are still getting the same number of hours worked if not more. It's just tough getting things done when you don't have the manpower he said.

Mrs. Morin asked if we are offering overtime and they refuse it can they reach out to other places.

Mr. King said if they offer it and they don't take they can try to go out to get some other people but it may come to the point where they have to mandate it. He said he didn't want to do that but they have to stay on schedule and get the work done they know they have to get done one way or another.

Mrs. Titus said on School St. there's a big hole and she knows they are busy and shorthanded.

Mr. Brannan said he reached out to MGB and there are some spots on some of the back roads where the washouts were and the pavement has collapsed that have to be repaired and he also asked if he would be interested in doing some pothole work in the downtown area and it would most likely be an hourly rate plus materials.

Mr. King said he assumed that contract would come to the board for them to approve.

Mr. Brannan said the numbers would come before the board.

Mr. King said it should include the projects, the scope and the estimated amount.

Mr. Brannan said it's going to be very tough to put an estimated cost.

Mr. King asked him to put his estimation for the hours and the cost and its going to be on the job per hour and it is what it is but they don't want to say they think it's going to be \$15,000 and it comes out to be \$50,000.

Mr. Brannan said they have to get the work where the washouts are done first.

Mr. King said he should have an expected scope of the hours it's going to take, they are going to

quote us per hourly rate, labor plus materials and they should be able to work from that.

Mrs. Morin said there is also a new paving company at the corner of Ridge Rd. and Rt. 11 and asked if they have reached out to them.

Mr. Brannan said he didn't know the company or who they are but he has seen the name. He said there are a couple of other contractors in town but most of the paving companies are very busy because this is when they make their "bread and butter" and are out straight.

Mrs. Morin said they were handing out cards to people looking for work.

Mr. Brannan said he would reach out to them and see if the board wanted him to.

Mr. Vachon said to get some pricing from them and see what they can do for us.

Mr. King said it probably wouldn't hurt to try them out if they are available until they find somebody that fits what we need because a lot of our stuff is a little bit here, a little bit there.

Mr. Brannan said they have to do something at some point with Richard's Way because there's a section of the road over there is very bad.

Mr. Staples asked if they are done developing there yet.

Mr. Brannan said they are still working on it and there are 2 houses being worked on.

Mr. King asked if he was referring to the southerly entrance where the de-lamination of the top coat is on the right hand side.

Mr. Brannan said yes.

Mrs. Morin asked if that is a job we did or if it was done by the developer.

Mr. King said it was done by the developer with oversight and it was accepted so it is what it is.

Mr. Brannan said he didn't know whether or not they can just scrape off what is de-laminated and repave that or if the whole section has to be cut out and done both layers.

Mr. King said it needs to go to the back of the list if they are not done building in there.

Mr. Brannan added they are getting complaints about it.

Mr. Vachon said they may have to fudge it in for now and it's not worth spending \$150,000 to fix that and then they're going to pound it in with excavators.

Mr. Brannan said there may be about 200 ft. that needs to be worked on.

Mr. Vachon said to patch it and seal it up the best they can.

Mr. King said that might be a good thing to bid out and say hey we need this fixed.

Mr. Brannan said he would get some quotes on that as well. He said it is something they have to do something with at the very least before winter for our own sake because they will destroy it when they start plowing again.

Mr. Vachon asked how the Poor Farm Rd. culvert is holding up.

Mr. Brannan said it's still there and it seems to be doing pretty good.

Mr. Dickie said he went up and looked at it on Saturday after the heavy rainstorm on Friday and there was no erosion around that at all.

Mr. Brannan said he thinks we're all set there and that ended up being a 3 x 4 culvert which is difficult to tell with that much being under water all the time so it's actually a little bit bigger

than what was there.

Mr. Vachon asked how the Bunker St. culvert is holding up.

Mr. Brannan said they haven't had any sink holes recently.

Mr. Vachon asked where they stand with the catch basin on Charles St.

Mr. Brannan said they have a quote from Brian Law to do that and they also have a catch basin on the corner of Garfield St. and Main St. that the side of it caved in and the frame and grate needs to come off and get re-patched and reset because it is right in the crosswalk.

Mrs. Morin asked if they only have 1 quote.

Mr. Brannan said yes and this is the guy the Water Dept. has been using right along and they haven't been bidding that work out at all.

Mrs. Morin asked if the policy is that they get 3 bids.

Mr. King said it depends on the amount.

Mr. Brannan said that basin up there is in very rough shape it's been put together with rocks and bricks and he has a feeling that as soon you touch it what's left is going to fall apart. He said the quote they have there is to dig the whole thing out, put a new bottom in and rebuild it with barrel block and it's just shy of \$5,000 and \$600 to fix the other one.

Mr. King asked how deep it is.

Mr. Brannan said its maybe 3 ft.

Mr. King asked on the 2<sup>nd</sup> one that's over \$4,000 if that's a worst case estimate or a fixed price.

Mr. Brannan said that is a worst case but he didn't see it being any better than that to be honest. He said the side of it caved in probably because the cement they used deteriorated and there's a good chance that the rest of it is going to fall in too.

Mrs. Morin asked if the same company repaired it the last time.

Mr. Brannan said no it was somebody else and the guy he mentioned has been doing the frames and grates for the Water Dept. for a number of years.

Mr. King asked if he is doing all the digging.

Mr. Brannan said that's everything.

Mr. King said the Town is supplying the gravel.

Mr. Brannan said he needs a place to dump the scrap that he takes out and he needs gravel or stone to put back in and we will supply the material for that.

Mr. King asked if he is dealing with the traffic.

Mr. Brannan said it is out of the street. He said he will pave it when it's done and they do not touch it at all. We just have to make sure there is a machine in the pit if he needs dirt he said.

Mr. Staples asked if that is the one on Main hill and if he contacted the landowner.

Mr. Brannan said yes and he has been in touch with him.

Mr. King asked if the purchasing policy is under \$3,000 or \$5,000.

Mr. Dickie said he can only approve up to \$5,000.

Mr. King said that's under \$5,000 and he was okay with proceeding with it.

Mr. Brannan said the thing about that price too is it will be done right.

Mr. Vachon asked when they can get to it.

Mr. Brannan said it didn't sound like it would be very long at all.

Mr. Vachon said its \$4,800 so Mr. Dickie can approve that.

Mr. King said we don't have the manpower to do it or the expertise.

Mr. Brannan said they are probably going to put a pre-cast top on it and we will have to supply a frame and grate and they have some used ones and if they need to buy one they'll buy one.

Mr. Vachon asked what's wrong with the one that's up there.

Mr. Brannan said it is a home-made grate.

Mr. Staples said he and Mr. Dickie ran into an interesting thing in New Boston and asked if he has any experience working with recycled glass. He said New Boston just bought a crusher and they are going to put it into their roads.

Mr. Brannan said directly no and from what he has heard a lot of people are putting it on their roads to help fill pot holes or in the dirt and they were getting complaints about people and pets getting glass in their feet/paws and they came to the conclusion if you put it out there you have to tumble it to get the edges off of it.

He said he has heard that some people mix it with their sand in the winter and you probably wouldn't have as much of a problem with sharp glass in the winter as you would in summer when you wouldn't have people and pets out walking as much. He said he knew of a few towns that used it and they don't use it anymore.

Mr. King said if they went to that method they may want to use it for fill in some areas but for anything on the top layer he didn't think it's worth taking a chance because the product has to be just right to not cause a problem.

Mr. Brannan said you could probably mix it in with your base gravel but he didn't know if it would be a good idea to mix it with your ¼ inch top coat.

Mr. King said he would just say base materials that are covered up and asked how much glass they were really talking for us and it's probably not much.

Mr. Brannan said it adds up and if you go up to Wakefield you'll see some pretty good piles that have been sitting there for a long time as they are one town that used to use it on their roads and he didn't think they do anymore. He asked if there is a market for it to be recycled.

Mr. Staples said once its crushed there is.

Mr. Brannan said that's a tough one because even if you tumble it once you got it out there it will fracture at some point and you're going to get sharp glass again. I don't know if that's the best thing to put on your roads and it didn't sound like that good of an idea when I first heard of it. I'm sure it's worth a try he said.

**Trucks-** Mr. Brannan said the front end on the 2007 International needs work and the king pins are worn and they've been done before. He said he didn't believe they got them in correctly and he thinks that they bored them out, re-bushed them and one tire keeps wearing and you

can see it and even when it was repaired they said the tire was leaning.

Mr. Staples asked who did it.

Mr. Brannan said the truck went to DiPrizio's and he did not know who actually did the front end repair.

Mr. King said if they miss-bored it, it's still miss-bored so now it has to be fixed and it's not just putting new kingpins in. He said if they screwed up the alignment when they bored it they have to find somebody better than them to fix it.

Mr. Brannan said he got a price from Camarotta which is a rebuilding facility and they would have to take it out, get it to their shop, they send it to CT, put it on a jig, bore it out, build it up and re-bore it and whatever they have to do. He said when they put it on the jig they can get the cast and camber correct and it should come back straight and true.

Mr. Vachon asked what that was going to cost.

Mr. Brannan said they're about \$2,500 to do that.

Mr. King asked for the cost for a new one.

Mr. Brannan said he did not price a new one but guessed it's probably about \$4,500-\$5,000 if not more and that he will price a new one.

Mr. King said maybe there won't be much difference and they can order it and have it put in. He said right now they're going to pull that out of there and the truck is going to be down for...

Mr. Brannan said they figure a 2 week turn around.

Mr. King said that's best case and we have to take it out and put it in so that truck is offline for a month. He said even if we had an axle to put in there it's still going to be a week and a half.

Mr. Brannan said by the time they get it in the shop locked up, get the front end out, stripped and at their shop in Bow it's probably 2 days and putting it back in is probably going to be 3 days because they're going to have to put it all back together. He said they are probably going to end up redoing the brakes and some other parts, the rear seals and maybe the bearings.

Mr. King asked for the mileage on the truck.

Mr. Brannan said it has approx. 100,000-110,000 miles on it.

Mr. Staples asked what else is wrong with this truck.

Mr. Brannan said the exhaust needs to go out to get fixed and he didn't think he could get a quote on that. He said he has done them before and some go good and some go horribly bad.

Mr. Staples asked if it was the manifold.

Mr. Brannan said yes. He said if you're lucky all the bolts will come off, all the nuts will come off and the manifold will come off the studs. If you start breaking studs it's a nightmare getting them out of the heads. It also has some electrical issues and is also the one with the cracked frame he said.

Mr. King asked where it is cracked.

Mr. Brannan said it's a longitudinal crack on the top flange it runs with the length of the frame which is very odd and it's probably about 5" or 6" long between the 2 rear duals on the driver's



side.

Mr. King asked if just the top frame is cracked.

Mr. Brannan said of what they can see it's just the top rail. He said it's a double frame and most likely it's caused because of a lot of rust between the 2 frames.

Mr. Vachon asked if he has gotten any quotes on that yet.

Mr. Brannan shook his head no.

Mr. King asked if they have had somebody come on site to do repair welding.

Mr. Brannan said in this shop he didn't know of anybody that has.

Mr. Vachon said they had the same situation when one of their trucks needed to be fixed and he would get Mr. Brannan his name so they could see if he would do it.

Mr. King said they need to gouge it out, weld it in and put a plate over the top.

Mr. Brannan said they wouldn't be able to plate it because the body sits right there. He explained how the dump body and the top frame rail are situated and that you can see where it has distinctive wear along the rail which may have helped cause the problem.

Mr. Vachon asked what else is wrong with that truck. He listed that it has a front axle, a cracked frame, exhaust and wiring issues.

Mr. Staples repeated it has 110,000 miles on it.

Mr. Brannan said its common and that's when you usually start seeing things like this on them especially with municipal trucks.

Mr. Staples asked what he thought it would cost to get it back to being able to pass inspection.

Mr. Brannan said the exhaust is a tough one and estimated the cost at between \$5,000 and \$8,000.

Mrs. Morin noted that is cheaper than a new truck.

Mr. Brannan said that is the cost to fix this and if they keep going the route they are going with it, it may not be cheaper than a new truck if they keep feeding money into it for breakdowns.

Mr. Staples asked how the rest of the fleet is.

Mr. Brannan said the 2005 needs kingpins, on one of the bearings the rubber seal is gone so the bearing is rusted and he didn't know how the seal got ripped but it has to get fixed or you're going to be in the same situation they are with '07 and sending the front end out.

Mr. King asked if they would do that in-house or send it out.

Mr. Brannan said they would send it out. He said it would take 2 guys to do the work one of which he doesn't have to spare.

Mr. King said he needed to get this work quoted and have it come in a memo and figure out what they are going to do.

Mr. Brannan said that truck also has an exhaust leak involving the manifold.

He said truck #304, the 2004 needs an Engine Control Module and if they can find a used one they may be looking at \$2,000 and a new one is probably between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

Mr. King asked if it is currently not running.

Mr. Brannan said it runs but it has issues.

Mr. King asked who determined that it needs an ECM and if they have given us a quote for that.

Mr. Brannan said it was DiPrizio's and the ECM will be between \$5,000 and \$6,000. He said replacing it was only a few hundred bucks but they're not sure that they can do it because it may have to be programmed to the truck.

He said they just put air tanks on the 2013 both of them were rusted and by the time you get done with all the fittings and the time there was about \$2,000 there. He said that will cover the trucks for the time being at least.

He said they got the pricing for the salt contract and that went up \$2.75 a ton which puts it at \$71.59 a ton.

Mrs. Morin asked how many tons we used last year.

Mr. Brannan said they used 1,350 tons and they were 150 tons over.

Mr. Vachon said that's better than the 33% increase we saw last year.

Mr. Brannan said he has been in touch with a sweeping contractor that is going to get in touch with him the first of July and he says he can get in here fairly quickly.

He said they got one quote for crushing and he and Mr. Dickie discussed that with them. He said they definitely need to screen some sand and if it was his choice he would take some of the money from crushing and put it into cleaning up the pit before they can do a whole lot of work.

Mr. King asked how much sand they need to crush and how much crushed material they need based on their stockpiles.

Mr. Brannan said he thinks they had 3,500 tons of sand and he doesn't believe they need that much. He said the RFP actually had coarse crush and fine crush which the coarse crush ends up being around 1.5 inches and the fine was  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch and they don't need both. He said what they do need is some 4 inch base gravel to fill in the roads and then put the finer crush on top of it.

Mr. King asked what tonnage they need in those size materials.

Mr. Brannan said it was 2,500 and 2,000 (tons).

Mr. King said they ought to get a quote from Brox for the materials we need and compare it to the expenses that they've been putting out.

Mr. Brannan said they have been paying \$4.95 to crush.

Mr. King said they pay \$4.95 to crush, supplying all the materials and supplying the labor to get them set up and going and rearranging the pit that they don't even have.

Mr. Brannan said we have materials and if they buy it at Brox they are probably going to pay \$12-\$14 a ton so they are going to spend the better part of \$10 a ton more.

Mr. King said the materials we have don't crush that well as Mr. Brannan just told them because there is too much sand in it.

Mr. Brannan said he believes we have some material there but the pit needs to be organized.

He said it is like anything else in that sooner or later you have to do housekeeping in there.

Mr. King said he would meet up with him there and have him show him what they have to do.

Mr. Brannan said if they can manage to organize some things when they are out doing the ditching if they have decent material that can be mixed in with the gravel they should be stockpiling it not just pushing it over a banking.

Mr. Vachon read from his phone that the municipal price for crushed stone-fine and crushed stone-coarse is \$12 through Brox. That's picked up he said.

Mr. Brannan said if they hire a contractor they probably would pay \$100 a load.

Mr. Vachon read the municipal price is \$6.25 per ton for a trailer and \$6.75 per ton for a tri-axle delivered. He said if our material isn't suitable theirs is. Their gravel will pack he said.

Mr. King said sooner or later we would be buying material and there are areas where they can't put our materials in.

Mr. Brannan said they don't want to put it on the shoulders because it will wash away. He said we have to get some better gravel and he thinks they have some material in the pit.

Mr. King said but if we need some tomorrow and we need good stuff we're going to have to buy it by the sounds of it. He said if they need to get some good stuff to fix something in the short term he didn't have a problem with it like a couple of tri-axes of good materials to fill these areas that are problematic and get it in here tight.

He said they have to look at the pit because in the long term of that pit it has to be redeveloped not just dug a hole and there's a problem.

Mr. Brannan said that's part of housekeeping and as you go through you try to make it something useful when you're done.

Mr. King said he wasn't going to put it on the plate this year but next year he would be asking for a plan for the reclamation of this site and the development. He said its time they get a long term plan and if they need to pay somebody to survey it and say this is where you need to end up and you have this much time left then it is what it is. He said if they over mine that for 3 or 4 years you turn it into being useful and salable to you can't give it away.

Mr. Brannan said they are not at that point.

Mr. King said its at the back of the Sarah Greenfield Business Park which is pretty much built out, the Town owns it and it's in a good spot and if they do it right it will be a lot better for Farmington than if we just have a big pit that looks like every other pit that's not reclaimed around here.

Mr. Vachon said they might save on trucking if they use a local facility that's closer than Brox.

Mr. Brannan said he didn't know where to get good gravel that is closer.

Mr. Vachon said there are at least 3 businesses in town that sell gravel and if it is close enough to that price and they save on the trucking and wear and tear on the trucks then keep it local. He said but if they don't have the time at \$6 a ton to haul it in by DOT spec make 1 phone call and they deliver it. He said if they need gravel in a hurry something that's going to pack they have to get what they can get it's the cost of doing business. We have to maintain the roads and its going to cost us some money to maintain them he said.

Mr. Brannan said he has 2 prices for salt and gravel and they both are by the ton and one of them had gravel included. He said both prices are close to the same and they are from Brox.

Mr. Vachon asked if they were going to provide it, hand spread it and pack it for the same cost somebody is going to spread it and pack it and we provide it.

Mr. Brannan said yes. He asked if they wanted to put a limit on how much to spend.

Mr. King asked for the quote and what linear footage they need.

Mr. Brannan said its \$55 a ton and they have to pay for flaggers on top of that.

Mr. King asked for an estimate of what a ton would cover.

Mr. Brannan said he would not even take a guess because it depends on the thickness.

Mr. King asked if this contractor has worked for the Town before.

Mr. Brannan said yes and it's MBG.

Mr. King asked if he talked about any scope of work they need him for.

Mr. Brannan said pretty much every road in town needs to be done so it's not a matter of where they start it's a matter of where they stop. He said they would go after the worst areas first without making them jump around too much because if they start sending this way and that way they're going to balk and start charging us for it.

Mrs. Morin suggested making a map of the worst areas and have them hit those first.

Mr. Brannan said they would try to do as much as they can in one area, pick the worst road, do the road, look at a different road, do the road and they are only going to be able to go so far.

Mr. King said he said he had a couple of quotes and asked if they put out a formal RFP.

Mr. Brannan said they did not.

Mr. King said so they just asked around for quotes and then made the following motion:

**Motion:** (King, second Titus) to authorize up to \$5,000 for roadside gravel;

**Discussion:** Mr. King said that falls under the bid requirement and they will see how it goes from there. He said if they do a good job then maybe continue and they'll see what it looks like. After that we need to go out for a formal RFP or we can waive it. We have never contracted with them before to my knowledge and that's 5 tri-axels and we should know by then he said.

Mr. Brannan said that's probably going to be 2 days.

Mr. King said they should be able to estimate what the coverage is say if they did 3 linear miles.

Mr. Brannan said they would be able to get a rough idea of how far they could go with it but to put a number on it right now would be almost impossible because some spots it would be thick and some spots it will be thin.

Mr. Vachon asked if he has a budget line to pull that out of.

Mr. Brannan said he didn't think there was a specific spot for that but they have money in the road paving line and gravel roads line.

Mr. King said Mr. Dickie would determine what line that would go against.

**Vote:** the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Brannan said they sent out their paving quotes but before they do any paving on Cross Rd.

and Dick Dame Lane they have to be assessed, figure out what they need to do for repairs, culverts, ditching and if any sections of the road need to be dug up and rebuilt.

Mr. King said they sent out the request for quotes asked if the quotes have come back in yet.

Mr. Brannan said not yet and he didn't see the date they were due in. He said but they should definitely do the work before they pave them.

Mr. King said when they put these roads out to pave they must have done a cursory inspection of what they felt needed to be done.

Mr. Brannan said no. He said these roads were chosen last year and he hasn't had time to go out there and see what they might to do.

Mr. King said they have to do that before they consider awarding the bid.

Mr. Brannan said it definitely needs to be done before they spend \$350,000 on paving.

**Rec. Dept. Playground and Hay Day Update-** Mrs. Rogers said they had a couple of updates and a couple of things they wanted to talk to the board about.

Mrs. Titus asked if she could stop her for a second and announced that the Woman's Club and the Friends of Farmington will sponsor the magician show for the dept.

Mrs. Rogers thanked her and added the information to her notes. She said they had a dept. heads meeting and some volunteers that came in for a Hay Day meeting and one of the things they talked about and were hoping to get the board's blessing on is they would like to move Hay Day from downtown to the Summer St. ball fields for a couple of reasons. She said they have already talked to the 500 Club and they have permission to use those fields.

She said they have a talked about this a couple of times including last year and a lot of the reason it has been downtown is the downtown businesses. She said last year 3 businesses participated and the rest shut down for the day because they don't get any business and they're not actively participating in the event outdoors.

Mrs. Rogers said with moving it to Summer St. it's an enclosed area, they don't have to shut down the main streets, they don't have to get the permits and stuff from the state and they don't need the DPW to block streets so they could potentially save a good chunk of overtime there. She said it gives us a separation so they can do a lot of the kids' stuff-the bounce house, the dunk tanks, the magician and that kind of stuff in one field and put the vendors and stuff in the other field so that everybody is together but you also have that separation of where the kids' stuff is vs. the vendors and the food trucks out in the parking lot area.

Mr. Staples asked if they are going to put the vendors and stuff like that in the parking lot where everybody would park.

Mr. Dickie said there would be no parking at the 500 Club and they can park either at the old fire station lot or the bank and walk in. He said parking will not be allowed on Green or Summer Streets.

Mrs. Rogers said it opens up all of the downtown parking.

Mr. Staples asked what they would do about the elderly who are not going to walk or wheel

that far.

Mrs. Rogers right now even downtown they still have to walk there's no parking downtown so they have to park on the outer streets and walk in.

Mrs. Morin said they'd be able to park at the bank and walk straight across it's not like it's a hike where they have to take all of the side streets to get to Summer St.

Mrs. Titus asked if the vendors would be in the dirt area.

Mrs. Rogers said no and gave the board a photo and said they drew that out and they would probably switch the 2 fields based on the logistics.

Mr. King asked if there is enough space down there to have all of the vendors.

Mrs. Rogers said yes.

Mrs. Morin said she remembers fairs happening at the 500 Club on Summer St. with Ferris wheels and the whole shebang growing up.

Mr. Staples asked if they are going to do that why they wouldn't team up with the school district with their big event that they do up there.

Mrs. Rogers said as far as she knows they are not doing it this year. She said the problem with moving it to the school is that you run into some logistics of timing and where people can actually be because once the fireworks are on scene and loaded which is usually somewhere between 2 and 4 p.m. nobody can be past a certain point so it makes the logistics a little harder to figure out.

Mrs. Morin asked if they expect that the vendors and the businesses coming in will like that venue more.

Mrs. Rogers said she hopes so and that right now they are struggling for vendors and at this point they are actively reaching out and asking people to come because they are not getting very much interest at all.

Mrs. Titus asked if they tried home businesses or people who make soap or things like that.

Mrs. Rogers said that's what they're looking at and reaching out to now.

Ms. LaBombard joined Mrs. Rogers at the table and said they were hoping to liven it up and if they consolidate everything to one area it's going to draw in more of a crowd. She it would give that feel that there's actually something going on instead of just closing down streets and people not knowing exactly where to go or having stuff over here and stuff over there. She said they were trying to keep it all close together so the kids can hit everything. We're looking for more of a cluster but a cluster in a good way drawing a crowd to an area where people are going to want to be and not just scattered all over downtown she said.

Mr. King asked if they are still going to have the car show.

Mrs. Rogers said it's questionable but they are trying to work on that. She said it still would probably have to be at the old fire station lot and they would put signs out, put it on their flyer and still advertise that.

Mrs. Morin said then they wouldn't be able to use that parking lot for parking.

Mrs. Rogers said they did use some of it last year from the one side over and a lot of the vendors parked in there and it depends on how many cars sign up.

Mr. King said the parking for the car show has to be somewhat predetermined so they need to tell us how many cars they're expecting so that can be sectioned off to allow people to park in the back.

Mrs. Rogers said the gentleman who owns where the TD Bank was has said we can use the parking lot for Hay Day and they would consider asking him to use it for parking. She said Peasley's would be open potentially for parking and all of the downtown is still left open.

Mrs. Titus asked if the Rec. Dept. van could pick up these people that can't make that walk and bring them to the 500 Club.

Mrs. Morin said they would walk all around Hay Day up and down Main and Central Streets.

Mrs. Titus said some do and some find a spot and sit there. She said if it's 90 degrees out she didn't see a lot of people coming out and walking even though it's a short distance.

Ms. LaBombard said the issue with the van is the first two rows are the only rows that are comfortable for adults to get in. It's not adult friendly and it would be about 3 adults at time in the van she said.

Mrs. Morin said they did an event where she works recently and the bus company took a vendor spot so they could do a hiring event and they gave them the transportation for free.

Mrs. Rogers said she will have to talk to the Police Chief because that's going to be blocked off.

Mr. Staples asked about everybody that lives down there.

Mrs. Rogers said Summer St. would be open to local traffic only because they don't want people just driving back and forth when they have the crowds and the kids coming down. She said logistically they have to have somebody to do it as they're busy running all day and she can't pull one of them off to drive people every hour. It's something we can look into she said.

Mrs. Titus asked if they could park at the post office too.

Mrs. Rogers said usually after 12 once they're closed people can park there. She said people would still have to walk down and around because that short cut is no longer there.

Mr. Staples said it sounds like Hay Day is dead. He said they're supposed to be growing it back for the town and now they're saying they don't have vendors, nobody shows up, let's cram it in a little ball field.

Mr. King said he thought it's worth a try and they will see what happens. He said if it doesn't work they can go back to the same technique as last year.

Ms. LaBombard said they are trying the idea of more of a carnival and at a carnival everything is close together and its easy access and easily accessible. She said having it downtown it's just obscuring the businesses and it's not allowing access into the town unless you're already there. I guess that's why we're trying to see if maybe we can get a different take on it and if it works then we can move forward and do more she said.

She said we are getting food trucks this year which we haven't had a lot of before and they're

trying to work on the entertainment, the bands and a lot for the kids to have more things to do instead of just stopping at Hay Day how about we stay at Hay Day.

Mrs. Morin said like a day at the park.

Mrs. Rogers said they are doing a lot of reaching out and researching and they threw out a lot of ideas at the meeting the other day but they need to figure out this logistic piece first.

Ms. LaBombard said and networking events for the community as well. She said they are bringing in the Cub Scouts, the Boy Scouts and the 4-H because we don't have a lot of activity in Farmington so those networking people instead of going all the way down here and all the way down there will be able to mingle too and bring that community feel.

Mr. Staples said they are going to bring in more vendors and food trucks and cram them in a little area.

Mrs. Rogers said it's a pretty good sized area.

Ms. LaBombard said they're not doing a ton of food trucks because they want them to make enough money and enjoy it to where they want to come back next year. She said there's no charge to come to Hay Day because this is an event for the community but there is a \$50 refundable deposit because we want your word that you're going to show up and you're going to clean up. We don't make any money it's there for everybody so our food trucks are coming just to do more of a presence in Farmington so we want them to want to come back. We may only have 3 trucks but they're specifically picked so they're not competing with each other (i.e. 3 trucks selling hamburgers and hot dogs) she said.

Mrs. Morin asked if Fernald Park is just not big enough.

Mrs. Rogers said she didn't think so and they don't want to plan too much for the park right now.

Mr. Vachon asked if anyone has talked to Primex because it's not on Town property anymore.

Mrs. Rogers said not yet.

Mr. King said they may need to have them as additionally insured.

Mrs. Rogers said she would reach out to them she just wanted to have this conversation first. She said generally what they have told her like when she does something at the schools that it's insured as a Rec. Dept. event as it is being sponsored by the Rec. Dept. and falls under the Town's insurance. She said they may need to get the COI but it's still covered.

Mr. Dickie said they need a facility use agreement between the Town and the 500 Club and he asked to have something drawn up for us.

Mr. Staples said going back to the elderly and people in wheelchairs another thing to consider is now they are going from pavement to dirt and grass.

Mr. King said they already have that condition on that site.

Ms. LaBombard said she didn't know if it is ADA compliant but the width of how the fences work out it is and it is well maintained.

Mr. King said based on there being events there all the time the access for handicapped



people...

Mr. Staples said walking all day on that or walking all day on pavement he would rather be walking on pavement.

Mrs. Morin said it's great to try something different and we need to spice it up and get some excitement.

Mrs. Rogers said what we have been doing isn't working and from the one being on the logistics side of trying to pull it together and last year with the hoops they had to jump through. She said they try something different and if it doesn't work then maybe next year they consider going back to how it's always been.

Mrs. Titus asked about some of the things they used to do many years ago like the log cutting, corn hole and the bed race or if those are gone.

Mrs. Rogers said they've asked and talked to some businesses and some people but there's no interest in it. She said people want these things to happen but they don't want to participate in helping to make it happen.

Mr. Staples said a lot of the businesses are saying Hay Day is a joke and show them why they should invest in it.

Ms. LaBombard said that is what they are trying to bring back they want the community involved and people to be excited about it.

Mr. Staples said they are going to have to "knock it out of the park" to get the local businesses to throw money into it.

Mrs. Rogers and Ms. LaBombard said that's what they are trying to do.

Mr. King said the local businesses that may have closed before could stay open and get some overflow from additional people downtown so they might be more inclined to participate in or be supportive of this format.

Mrs. Titus asked if the Police Dept., Fire Dept., Mr. Dickie and their committee are on board with this.

Mrs. Rogers said yes.

Mrs. Titus then asked if the fireworks would stay at the school.

Mrs. Rogers said the fireworks will stay as is.

**Motion:** (Morin, second King) that we move Hay Day to Summer Street;

**Amendment:** by Mrs. Titus: if Primex agrees to this;

**Discussion:** Mr. King said it has to go by the insurance company and its just going to be some paperwork that has to get done to satisfy them.

Mrs. Rogers said she wanted to get the board's blessing first because they didn't want to put a ton of work into this and then have to do it all over again.

**Vote:** the motion passed 4-1 (Staples opposed).

**Fernald Park Playground-** Mrs. Rogers said they have an estimated shipping date of July 14 from NJ so it would be here the beginning of the following week. She said the board asked for a

quote on them doing the poles and the platform.

Mr. Vachon said because that is the backbone of it and to have them set the backbone and have the volunteers bolt things together not dig holes and set things.

Mrs. Rogers said the quote is \$11,000 for them to come and do that.

Mr. Dickie said that's including the Supervisor for one day.

Mrs. Rogers said they would come, do the poles and the platforms and then they would send the Supervisor for that one day for us to do the rest of it.

Mr. King asked what the prior quote was for them to do the entire thing.

Mrs. Rogers said the whole thing is \$28,000 and that's for them to come in, excavate, put the whole thing in, set it all up and be done with it.

Mr. Dickie said they can't use the Highway Dept. because they're too "slim".

Mrs. Rogers said they are trying to figure out what the best way to proceed with this is.

Mr. King said he thinks that is a good option and he agrees with Mr. Vachon that they should have them do the stuff that has to be right and we can put bolts in holes and tighten them up.

Mrs. Rogers said that \$11,000 includes the Supervisor for the day for us to do that and that way it still falls under the warranty of it.

Mr. Vachon asked if they were going to use the Highway Dept. to take the old playground down.

Mr. Dickie said the 500 Club is going to use MGB to disassemble it, haul it to the 500 Club and set it back up.

Mrs. Rogers said they are going to take out the old mulch as well. She said we are responsible for having it excavated 9 inches in depth and leveled prior to them coming.

Mr. Dickie said he has a call into MGB to see what their price would be and he has to try to think of some other small excavation companies that might be willing to do that because it's a 48 x 80 area.

Mr. Staples asked why they wanted it down that low.

Mrs. Rogers said they have to put the filter fabric down and then fill it back in with chips.

Ms. LaBombard said the depth of the wood chips has to be compliance with the height of the structure.

Mrs. Rogers said the fall height is 7.5 ft.

Ms. LaBombard said the wood chips are rated for 10 ft.

Mrs. Rogers said she has started getting prices for mulch and they need 103 cubic yards and everyone she has talked to has said to go with at 110 cy because there is always some wiggle room and it's better to have a little bit more than not enough so what she priced was at 110 cy. She said the cheapest place she found was Greymont Earth Materials in Alton and that's \$32 per cubic yard and there is a delivery fee so the total would be \$4,030. He said it would take them 6 trips but they may be able to waive some of the delivery fee she said.

Mrs. Titus asked if she looked into anyone local that has mulch.

Mrs. Rogers said Huckins and Barron Brothers don't do playground mulch and she got these names from them because that's who they send people to because it has to be specific mulch. Mr. Vachon said it has to be certified and then we have to get a letter stating it was certified mulch to keep on file in case somebody falls.

Mrs. Rogers said Alton was the most local and the other place she got a quote from was Bob Sherwood's Landscaping in Dover but they were \$44 per cubic yard which makes a significant difference when you're ordering that much.

**Motion:** (Morin, second Titus) to go with Greymont;

**Discussion:** Mr. Staples asked if those were the only she reached out to.

Mrs. Rogers said those are the only 2 that she has spoken to and gotten quotes from.

Mr. Staples asked if there was anybody else on that list that she could contact because they are supposed to have 3 quotes.

Mrs. Rogers said she hasn't found anybody else yet and she can keep reaching out.

Mr. Staples said they could waive the policy.

Friendly Amendment: by Mr. King: to waive the bid policy

Mrs. Morin accepted the amendment to her motion.

Mr. Vachon said he has 3 companies that deal in mulch and have playground chips but that's fine.

Mr. King said he would withdraw that if they have one more they can reach out to.

Mr. Vachon said he has 3 that they call and it isn't any one of them and they haul it by the tractor trailer so delivery is cheaper.

Mrs. Morin rescinded her motion.

Mr. Vachon asked Mrs. Rogers or Mr. Dickie to e-mail him as a reminder because their contact information is on his work computer.

Mr. King asked about their prices in the past.

Mr. Vachon said it was cheaper because it comes by the tractor trailer so instead of 6 trips this would be 2. He said they have a month before the stuff ships so if he gets her the names and she can call around next week and if they have better pricing for next Monday one week isn't going to kill us on mulch.

Mr. King asked what they would do with the \$11,000 quote on the assistance on the erection and if they would have a motion on that.

**Motion:** (Vachon, second Staples) to approve the \$11,000 for the initial install of the intricate pieces of the playground passed 5-0.

Mr. King said ideally Mrs. Rogers might want to start working on the posting for Hay Day with the new format to get that out sooner than later and put people on notice because its different and she may get some assistance or some thoughts that may help.

Mrs. Rogers said she will put out a Face book post and as soon as they start taking the old playground down they are going to have to post it and rope it off to keep kids off of it because

it's not going to be done in a day.

Mr. King asked her to notify the Police Dept. and to get a copy of the posting to the Cable TV Coordinator so he can post it on the cable TV channel that that's temporarily shut down so maybe parents will see that also.

Mr. Vachon asked if they gave her an installation date when they can be here to do the poles.

Mrs. Rogers said no and she can call them tomorrow and let them know and then it's usually within a couple of days of when she says we want to do it.

Mr. Vachon said it's the coordination aspect of it and obviously it can't come before the equipment gets here, so we're looking at July 20 at the earliest just so MGB has advanced notice and can get in there and get it done.

**New Boston Transfer Station Visit-** Mr. Dickie said he had the pleasure of going to visit the New Boston transfer station and it is a very nice facility. He said the gentleman running it is very educated in recycling and transfer stations. He said he brought them thru his facility and he is using a revolving fund that is all self funded and he has reduced his budget each year that he has been there.

He said he found it very interesting on how he handles it as they walked thru his facility and then they went into his office area and he is very in tune with his finances and wants the day to day up front funding squared away quickly. He said he got a visual of that and then he talked to him about what we're trying to start up and got Pete Spencer involved in that conversation.

Mr. Dickie said the guy asked for the population in Farmington and he told him there are approx. 7,200 people in town and he said his town has about 6,000 and his facility is 40' x 60' and he is looking to expand because they are cramped for space at this point. He said let's pretend that you're in an open lot and asked him what he would look to stand up if he was in Farmington. He said the guy said if he were us he said he wouldn't go less than a 100 ft. building because you need room for expansion.

Mr. Dickie said he replied he didn't know about 100 ft. and he was looking at 80 ft. but we'll cross that bridge when we get there. He said that he said it's going to cost you a little more up front but in the long run for expansion you're already there and it's not going to cost you more as you go down the road. He said he then asked where we were looking to put it and he described where we are thinking of where the shed is located now and that is why he passed out the paperwork in front of the board.

He said he had thoughts of putting it down where we have some canisters that sit next to an 8 ft. wall and people drive up and they throw their stuff in. He said his thought was to put the building down there with the wall high enough so that the people can have trap doors or an opening where they can throw it in and it goes down to a bin because his bin area is like a cement partition where the people just throw them in and they use a small Bobcat with a handmade bucket on it to scoop the stuff once its cycled through and they've looked at it and made sure the quality is good and they put that into the baler and bale that up.

He said the guy said that gravity is your best friend and it needs to be ergonomically sound so the more people can just drop it in and it falls down in that is what he has seen for state of the art facilities. He said that lines up with what he was thinking so on their paper they see a yellow rectangular area that he was looking at to try to keep the traffic flow and not jam things up.

Mr. Dickie said the 2 garbage balers would move down onto the end and then that building would be situated there as a possibility and that way the walls could extend up over the existing cement walls by 6 or 8 ft. so people could get under and drop their stuff in and have our workers down in there working and they're out of the people's way. He said they would have one up on top to make sure they are putting their recyclables in the right areas.

He said the other possibility is up where the salt shed or the other shed is located and that's why he made it a topographical photo trying to show everything. He said the salt shed is going to give us about one more year and then its reached its life. He aid that's the other possibility that they could locate it so they don't disrupt the current flow that they have there now.

Mr. King said on the salt shed the discussion was to move it down here. He asked if he was saying one option was to put it up there but that doesn't work with the current traffic flow. He asked if that is on top of any of the landfill.

Mr. Dickie said not that he is aware of and Mr. Brannan said he has some of the plans for this and he is going to get a set of the plans and look at them. He said he only has the plans where they put the cement walls in for the canisters and he will contact the engineering firm and see if they have the designs for the whole thing.

Mr. King asked if in this scenario they're taking out the existing concrete to place the building.

Mr. Dickie said they'd be taking out 2 sections of the concrete walls and digging into the parking lot by about 10 to 15 ft.

Mrs. Morin asked if he kept it at a 100 ft. building or if he did an 80 ft. building.

Mr. Dickie said he stuck with 80 ft.

Mr. King asked if it would make sense to try to incorporate those 2 vertical walls in the building layout.

Mr. Staples said they would have to try to fill in the banking more towards the Cardinal landfill.

Mr. King asked about the slope behind it.

Mr. Staples said it slopes down to the fence that divides the transfer station from the Cardinal landfill. He said you can't move it forward where the metal and corrugated dumpsters are because you would have Waste Management trucking the trash dump bins thru the building.

Mr. Vachon asked where the baler is going.

Mr. Staples said it would be in that building.

Mr. Vachon asked where the stockpile of baled materials is going.

Mr. Dickie said for now they would have to put them in the building.

Mr. Vachon said the whole point of this building was to bale and stockpile because it has to be out of the weather and this footprint shows they are going to lose half of the building for

gravity which means we're going to lose space for stockpiling. He said the whole point of putting it where the old shed is was to bring the material in to bale it and stockpile in the same building.

Mr. King said by stockpiling it in the building you become limited on what you can stockpile so say if cardboard suddenly goes to zero if we have room we can just sit on it but instead of in the building we can put it in a box trailer or a container.

Mr. Dickie said in New Boston they have a series of box trailers that they load and they weigh them the day they load it and again before they sell it because it has a tendency to lose weight as it dries out.

Mr. Staples said once you bale it you let it set for a couple of days to let all the moisture get out.

Mr. King said the layout needs to be the most conducive to reduced labor and wasted effort so if we need to have some storage there that's allowable and other storage that has to be someplace else. He said he didn't want to say they need a 120 ft. building just for storage because they're not storing anything that has to be kept warm or from freezing and we may not have any real storage most of the time. He asked how many box trailers they are using for storage in New Boston.

Mr. Dickie said four.

Mr. King said that equates to 30 x 50 and that's a lot of space and you can't add that to this building.

Mr. Dickie said he has a loading dock with the trailers backed up to it so they come out of his building and go right up onto the loading dock and into the trailer.

Mr. King asked if they are going to incorporate that into this layout or use ground storage containers and they have to work their way through what that looks like. He asked what they are using to maneuver this material around now.

Mr. Dickie said it's a Bobcat with the forks and they may have to get a fork truck depending on the weight.

Mr. King said if we are going to do this on a regular basis they're going to need one for just general safety. He said they need to have the right equipment for the job and he didn't think our Bobcat has automatic leveling on it so when going up and down the person has to maintain that level and that's a big safety concern.

Mr. Staples said when it comes to storing a lot of material when it's baled you can store it outside and he doesn't like to because it doesn't look clean. He said you can set the aluminum bales outside because it has no affect on them and he doesn't like stuff outside because it makes his yard look messy.

Mr. Dickie said Mr. Staples was right but he is getting top dollar for his product too.

Mr. Staples said he sells a very clean product and he and Mr. Spencer were going over what to keep out. He said there is a brand new building in Gilford that the NRA just put up that is separated baled recycling and they're doing their storing outside now so he told Mr. Dickie he

would take him up there so he can see how theirs is set up.

Mr. King said in the long term whether they went with a pole barn for storage or trailers they can't be driving them up to the salt shed area that's just a waste of time and we need something that's readily accessible. In the short term maybe we can store it outside and maybe that's the answer he said.

Mr. Staples said he told Mr. Dickie they should get the recycling going and then get the revolving fund going and let it pay for itself.

Mr. King said if they have some inside storage the stuff you want to store inside which is cardboard and the plastics and cans can go outside in the interim and work towards some other storage but at this rate it sounds like we're back to the 40' x 80' and it's going to be a drop in building. He asked how they would get the material down into those pit areas and separating the environments especially if it's going to be a heated building. He asked if people would open a swinging door and dump it in or if its open at a certain time of the day.

Mr. Dickie said they would probably have to put up those plastic flaps like you see between cooler and heated areas and people could push it through and recycle it.

Mr. King said if they have a chute and a door that's on a spring the door is shut and when the material goes in the door is opened and that works on heavy materials but it may not work on light materials.

Mr. Vachon asked if they would use 40 x 80 for pricing.

Mr. King said they have the pricing on that and they need to firm it up with a site visit and the conceptual layout whether its Jeff Greenhalgh or Bidell Construction and they may come up with some reasons why you don't want to do that. He said they want to get them out on a site visit saying this is what we want to do and they need to be able to understand what the access is for the recyclables into the side of the building and the more clear that is the better the price will be. He asked how many chutes the New Boston facility has.

Mr. Dickie said he has 3, one for aluminum, one for plastic and one for cardboard. He said he stressed not to let the public load the balers in other words don't have a baler sitting beneath the door have your work crews go through it so you can guarantee the quality of the product.

Mr. King said we need to take in glass and we can say to the contractor we're going to have 5 openings on this side of the building at this size and at this level and we'll take care of the rest of it whether it's the doors or plastic strips. He said there has to be some consideration of how the cement work is in that area and asked what the current drop is now.

Mr. Dickie said the drop now is about 8 ft.

Mr. King said in this case that's going to go to 12 ft. so that's going to be 4 ft. higher.

Mr. Dickie said so people could push it straight in.

Mr. King said either that or the cement is going to stop at 6 inches above that and frame in the rest and this is something that would be feedback from the contractor.

Mr. Dickie said he would contact Jeff Greenhalgh and have him walk the site with him.

Mr. King said somebody needs to come down with a 2 dimensional footprint showing the size, the location of the doors, where the office is going to be, where the drop bays are going to be, where we're going to store the materials. Somebody needs to sketch this layout so people can see how this is going to work and say that makes sense he said.

He then asked for the location of the current septic system.

Mr. Staples said the trailer.

Mr. King asked where the leach field is.

Mr. Staples said it's on Town sewer.

Mr. King asked at this lower elevation if it is going to be gravity fed or if they are going to have to pump up to it. He said they just dropped the building 8 ft. in the ground on the downhill side.

Mr. Dickie said they might have to have a pump.

Mr. King said they also have to bring the power and the water in.

Mr. Dickie said he believes the leach field is on the other side over towards the salt shed.

Mrs. Morin asked if the scales and the scale house are going to stay.

Mr. Staples said yes.

Mrs. Morin asked if there is a reason they can't keep the bathroom facilities in that trailer.

Mr. Dickie said they can but it freezes in cold weather and he didn't know how many floods they have had in that trailer already. He said they can take it out of there and stick build something so that the cold can't get up in there or they can move it over to the new facility that will be heated and they don't have to worry about it anymore. He recommended to me to get your sewer, water and electrical in that building he said.

Mr. King said they just have to keep working through it and come with a plan and get some contractor input on this layout location because they may make suggestions that will be a lot better and maybe keep the cost down if that's possible.

**Lease Agreement for Well #6-** Mr. Dickie said Attorney Keriann Roman gave them some input on some potential liens that might be on the different lots they're looking into. He asked if she contacted Mr. King on this matter.

Mr. King said he did not speak with her but she had indicated that there was a lien at one time of \$1.4 million but that spanned across 5 parcels because he did look that up on lots 12, 13, R3, lot 2, R3, Lot 6 and R3, Lot 9. He said there was a release in 2023 but that was for a line of credit of \$100,000 and he did not see a release so that's something they have to address with the auctioneer because of the sale that lien has either been paid or will be paid from the proceeds from the auction not put on to the people that are buying it.

He said it was a group lien it wasn't like it was for the one parcel that we have so he thinks they have to discharge that because if they were to buy the top parcels but the lien was spread across the 5, it actually could have been a 6<sup>th</sup> one in Rochester also that that would be taken care of as part of the auction so she needs to reach out for that.

He said he knew she has somebody that was going to do the title search to find that maybe that



lien has been paid off or has been dispersed and we just didn't come across it. He said he did a quick search of the registry and he came up with that lien and it listed pretty much every parcel not just the ones they are interested in. There is some work left to be done before we feel we're ready to bid he said.

Mr. King then asked if this was going to be an in-person auction or online. He said they need to find out and that he spoke to an abutter they thought it was going to be online.

Mr. Dickie said he didn't see that in the advertisement and he would have to find out.

Mr. King said that would make the bidding different for us as they would be blind as to who is standing there and asked how this is going to start if he is willing to tell us. He said the land we're interested in is first on the auction and then there's combination bidding at the end for some or all the parcels. He said asking around he got some feedback that it's unlikely that the combination bidding will be effective because it doesn't work the way they think it could work because you end up giving a higher price for every piece of land and people are interested in what they're interested in. He said the parcels are not all connected and lots 12, 13 and R3-3 are separated from the R3-6, the R3-9 and the lot in Rochester. He said there is ownership between the lots and there may be access easements across there and he didn't see anything but there possibly is.

Mr. Dickie said in response to one of her questions he received an e-mail today about the culvert bridge being on a different lot.

Mr. King said Mr. Staples indicated that is between the well head and the pump house and it's not a bridge its culverts.

Mr. Staples said there are 2 huge culverts.

Mr. King said Att. Roman asked who is maintaining that and it sounded like nobody.

Mr. Staples said it looks like nobody has but we do maintain it and they go down there with a bucket loader and push every time those culverts get flooded out. He said nobody has pulled anything out of there and both culverts are completely blocked now with wood debris the water is forcing through. He said when it comes over the bridge it looks like our guys plow it off to the side.

Mr. Dickie said Malcolm (Bradsher) and the Town maintain it predominantly the Town. He said Att. Roman is thinking the culverts are on a different lot and she said they are on lot 9.

Mr. King said the culverts are in the river and lots are separated by the river.

Mr. Staples said the snowmobile trail uses those bridges as well.

Mr. Dickie said he would keep working that side of it.

#### **9). New Business:**

**Green Street Power Partners LLC: Mark Croke Solar Proposal-** Mr. Croke introduced himself and handed out brochures to the board. He said Green St. Power Partners are in the solar business and they are developers and build, own and operate all their projects. He said they work with utility companies, private companies and non-profits and they own and operate all of

their stuff. He said they are in NH because there is some activity here and back in 2013 the state passed SB 98 which is a group net metering bill that has been amended since then and most recently they put together some enhancements allowing for larger projects and they've also opened this program up for municipalities.

Mr. Croke said he is calling on towns to introduce the program to see if there is any interest and if there is they can dig a little bit deeper. He said the way this program works is its with Eversource and the DOE so they will build, own and operate a project in the Eversource territory and the project will send power out to Eversource. He said the relationship is between them because they own the project and Eversource who is taking the power.

He said when that happens net metering credits are produced and these credits can be applied to an account and when you do that there is a 10% savings from the account holder. He said usually these projects were smaller and were community solar projects so if you had a house you could use it to offset some of your expenses at your house. With municipalities you've got fire, police, the Town Hall and all these different accounts and they're Eversource so we could take a project or 2 or 3 and use those dollars to offset the Town's account.

Mr. Croke said its 10% savings on your electric utility bill and you don't buy power from him, you don't own the project so in essence its really more of an accounting issue and a discount this project over here is allowing you to get. He said they are 20 year contracts and its guaranteed you're going to get 10% moving forward off your electric bill and it's all inclusive. Because it's a dollar that's produced, the dollar is going to offset a dollar that sits on your Eversource bill so taxes, misc. supplies, transmission, distribution all those aspects of your bill can be attacked with this dollar. You get a bill from Eversource and there's a number at the bottom that says pay this so it's that monthly bill where you are going to get relief from he said. Mr. King said we currently have a contract for buying power on the open market and asked how that affects this or are they intermingled.

Mr. Croke said the way these are structured or modeled is you have a town that uses "x" amount of power he can only put together a project that is 90% of that number so no matter what you do with your power and how you buy it's irrelevant here and if it goes up or down he is still going to create dollars that can offset the bill.

Mr. King said so even if we buy our power on the open market we're still going to get an additional 10% off of that.

Mr. Croke said you're going to get 10% off the dollars this will produce that can be used against your bill. He said for example if you tripled your power usage if he has a project here that was set up to handle this amount but now you're this he is either going to have to build a couple more projects so he can offset it or he keeps this project and they attack what was.

Mrs. Morin asked where the funding comes from for the project.

Mr. Croke said they build, own and operate the project so they are the owners and they take advantage of any of the federal, state local incentives available. He said Eversource is going to

pay them for the power so there is money flowing between Eversource and Green St. He said they know what they need to make and the returns they need to hit so as long as they can make that happen with Eversource and offer something to a town that's compelling then they're good. He said 10% is the number they start with and generally that's where it ends but there are possibilities for a little more discount if you were to do a project in town. If it was done on Town property then the discount would be greater he said.

Mr. Croke said doing a project thru a town is a long process and it takes 2 years to get a project done because a lot of bodies get involved and decisions take a long time where as if he goes to an individual who owns 20 acres he can make a decision like that. He said he still needs to get a permit but it's a lot quicker and easier. We look for both land and off takers at the same time so we've got developers and realtors looking for land throughout NH as well he said.

Mrs. Morin said one of the rules they've heard in the past is you can only have so much solar power in an area and asked if that was still true.

Mr. Croke said there are a lot of hurdles in any solar project it has to be near power, it has to be near a substation, it has to be 3 phase so the power needs to go someplace but that's not a concern here it's a concern with a project he's putting up in Keene. He said if he sites a project next to a substation in Keene that project is good to go.

Mr. Vachon said he is not looking to put a solar array in Farmington.

Mr. Croke said no but if they want them to they will. He said they do put solar on roof tops, they do ground mounts, they do carports and if they were to do it here in town ideally you would want it associated with the Town facilities. He said they would enter into a Power Purchase Agreement with the Town so they become the supplier and at that point it has to make sense financially for both of us to do that deal. We do them all the time and I'd be happy to look at something like that here in Farmington but that's not what this is he said.

Mr. Staples asked if he has looked at the capped landfill at the transfer station.

Mr. Croke said they talked about it briefly and there is a possibility that it could but he needs to get some engineering eyeballs on it. He said he loves the idea of landfills because it's just a chunk of dirt but the construction to build on landfills is not that easy and not that cheap so it can kill a deal. He said that's not always true because not all landfills are the same but if you have a big high crown you can only work with half of it and anything north facing is not going to work. A 10 acre landfill is 5 acres so that's 1 megawatt which is good and if the numbers can work then it's good for everyone he said.

He said he was not asking for money and what he would need to take a closer look at this is to find out what the Town's load is and how much power the Town's accounts use.

Mr. Dickie said the municipality of Farmington is around 1 million kilowatts-900,000 and something.

Mr. Croke said that's a MW so it's not that difficult.

Mrs. Morin asked why they would choose him over any other company.

Mr. Croke said they are well funded and they're smaller they have 55 people relatively young in age and some very talented folks with some great connections. He said they have a portfolio of close to 300 MW that they own, operate and in construction. For a small company that's a lot he said.

Mr. King asked how much of that is currently operating vs. under construction.

Mr. Croke said about 150 is producing and the other 150 will be on at the end of the year in construction and their pipeline for the fall is huge so maybe 25% might happen.

Mr. Staples asked if he ever sold any of these jobs.

Mr. Croke said NH has been a little late to come on the solar front so there's solar here but not a ton. He said they've done projects like this in NY, VT, MA and on net metering and community solar those terms are pretty much the same structure we're looking at here and they've done that everywhere. We've done carports at universities and hospitals too he said.

Mr. Staples asked how many jobs they've completed, ran then ended up selling.

Mr. Croke said they don't sell them they're long term owners. He said they self develop about half of them and they acquire the other half from developers that are more developed and they will bring a project up to notice to proceed and then they come to a company like them that has deeper pockets and wants to own it. It's a long term play for us he said.

Mrs. Morin said he mentioned a 20 year contract and asked what if they are not happy.

Mr. Croke said in the community solar space and the net metering solar space there are outs and he hasn't heard of any yet from this but he will find out. He said he has community solar and he has walked away without any penalties. He said the good thing about the credits is they are transferable and you're not tied to it because it sits on your roof.

Mr. King said he came to the board asking them to consider a proposal and they are going to have to "chew on it" and "kick it around" a little bit, ask some questions and talk to people that are more informed on this than they are as this is new to them.

Mr. Croke said he understood and that he appreciated the chance to say hello and this is part of the process.

Mr. Staples asked if he has worked with any of the towns around us.

Mr. Croke said he is calling on many towns and everything that's in Eversource he is calling on. He said the good thing about small towns it's easy to offset pretty much all of your accounts and for cities like Nashua it's only going to make a small dent. He said for small towns 10% is a lot and smaller towns with 1-6 MW load are good because you can do a lot of good work without a ton of effort.

Mrs. Morin said so he doesn't have a lot of references locally that they could check with on how they feel about their product.

Mr. Croke said they might have an account in NH but it's probably a behind the meter business account. He said he could give them plenty of accounts where he deals with utilities like this in NH maybe out of NY, CT or MA but he'd be happy to. He said he would stay in touch with Mr.

Dickie and he would send them a recap by e-mail and the board can take a look at it.

**Freshmen Class Car Wash 06/17/23 Request-** Mr. Dickie said the class advisor sent him an e-mail saying they would like to have a car wash on 06/17/23 with a rain date of 06/24/23.

**Motion:** (Titus, second King) to have Farmington High School Class of 2026 have their carwash on 06/17/23 with a rain date of 06/24/23;

**Discussion:** Mr. Dickie said he told him they would have to do a facility use request like the National Honor Society did.

**Vote:** the motion passed 5-0.

**Municipal Planning and Zoning Grant Program- Housing Opportunity Planning Grant-** Mr.

Dickie said part of the legal package the board received contains the grant agreement and the terms that Planning Director Kyle Pimental worked through and he notified him that we will be awarded \$135,740. He said the public hearing for the grant will be the same night they do the public hearing for purchasing the land for the well which is June 19.

Mr. King asked if this is a matching grant and what the match would be for the Town.

Mr. Dickie said it's not a matching grant.

Mr. King asked if at this point this was just informal and they don't have to make a motion to accept the money and go right to public hearing.

Mr. Dickie said that's right.

Mr. Morin asked if Mr. Pimental would be here to present it at the public hearing.

Mr. Dickie nodded yes.

**Phase II Assessment of the Old Fire Station Property-** Mr. Dickie said he was notified by Mr. Pimental that we're slated to get \$80,000 for the Phase II assessment for the former Fire Dept. property and they will start monitoring the property and looking for what is underneath. He said initially it was going to be \$60,000 but with the potential for fuel tanks still being in the ground they increased it to \$80,000. He said they wanted to do a presentation for the EPA coming to Farmington at the old fire station outside for this award and he will let them know when the presentation has been scheduled.

Mr. King said this is a reflection of the job Mr. Pimental is doing in the Planning Dept. and we've really been successful with the Level I Site Assessment and the Level II, the Housing Authority Grant and he is doing an excellent job for this community.

Mr. Dickie said that he is.

Mr. Staples asked if they do find fuel storage tanks in there if as a municipality if they are covered for DES' grant to pull them out. He said if you are a small business and you say you're never going to sell fuel again they would do all the excavation for free and asked if they would do that for the Town or we own them.

Mr. Dickie said he didn't know and in talking with the previous Fire Chief it sounds like he authorized them to be taken out. He said they were going to leave them in ground for the Fire Dept.'s use and the Chief said it was too high risk and he had them taken out.

Mr. King said this will answer any questions that a potential buyer might have and if there needs to be some remediation if we as a municipality can get that done and not put it on as a cost to an applicant that would be a plus. He asked when the RFP's would be coming in.

Mr. Dickie said Mr. Pimental said he wanted to pitch it before a couple of the boards and then he had a couple of changes to make and he would have to ask Mr. Pimental when that date is.

**DALC Graduation-** Mr. Vachon said he received notice that the Dover Adult Learning Center will hold its graduation on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at Dover High School and it lists Farmington as one of the communities with graduates.

Mr. King asked if that is a list of the communities they have serviced or do we actually have students that are graduating from there this year.

Mr. Vachon said he didn't know and he could find out.

Mr. King said if we do have students graduating from there this year he would like to acknowledge that and send them a congratulations letter from the Town.

Mr. Vachon said he would send an e-mail to the e-mail address listed and verify it.

**Vote Affirmation-**Mrs. Morin said they need to reaffirm their vote taken in non-public session.

**Motion:** (Morin, second Titus) that we reaffirm the wage increases for the Town Clerk, the Deputy Town Clerk and one employee at 2.5% passed 5-0.

**Community Power Energy Council-** Mr. Dickie said to continue on with the company we have our community power agreement with they need to start an Energy Council to work with them consisting of him, some citizens and whoever else would like to be on that to work on moving this forward. He then asked the board for comments or suggestions.

Mr. Vachon said he thought they were just gathering numbers.

Mr. Dickie said they signed a MOU with them that we can opt out of at any time.

Mr. King asked as part of that MOU if we have to form that community group.

Mr. Dickie said that is one of the steps and they need a minimum of 3 members but preferably it would have 5 or 6 members.

Mr. King suggested they post on the cable TV channel that they are looking for participants.

Mr. Dickie said he was first looking for their support and then he would have it posted on the Town website, on the cable TV channel and on the Face book Community Forum page so they could get some interested citizens and get this thing going.

Consensus of the board was to move forward with forming the committee.

**Dog Warrants-** Town Clerk Becky Dickie came forward with her list of dogs that have not been registered this year and said it has to be done before June 20 and then the warrant for the Police Dept. if these do not get completed. She said the warrant is to be signed on June 20 or within 20 days of June 20 whenever their next meeting is and they can let her know when it is signed and she can get it down to the Police Chief. She said that will create the civil forfeitures which is a \$25 fine and a \$7 certified letter fee per dog.

Mr. King said she said today there are approx. 150 dogs that haven't been registered or re-

registered out of about 1,800 and if they're not registered by June 20 when they post the warrant they will be subject to fines.

Mrs. Dickie said if those civil forfeitures are not paid within 72 hours they can be taken to court.

Mr. King advised everyone listening that hasn't registered their dog to please do so and then asked for the cost to register a dog.

Mrs. Dickie said it's \$10 or \$7.50 depending on whether they are altered or not.

Mr. King asked for the cost if it's not paid by a certain time.

Mrs. Dickie said the \$1 a month has already started being added and then there's going to be an extra \$32.

Mrs. Titus asked if there is a senior citizens price.

Mrs. Dickie said the cost for seniors is \$3.

Mr. King said June 26 would be the soonest they would post the warrant and after that day the fines would be \$32 per dog. He urged everybody at home to pass the word to make sure everybody is put on notice.

Mr. Staples said when you bring your dog to the vet to get a rabies shot the Town is notified that person has a dog and asked if they notify the Town when they put the dog down.

Mrs. Dickie said they do not unfortunately.

Mrs. Titus asked if that was something she could call and ask them to do.

Mrs. Dickie said there is privacy just like there is with motor vehicles and she has talked to a few vets and to the state vet asking him about that and there is one vet office that has started getting permission from the owners and one of them has started putting when they send us the updated rabies every month they've also been sending us a list of deceased dogs but it is very few and it's not a comfortable thing to call people about.

She said they are not notified when people move out of town either and they have sent postcards and made phone calls.

Mr. King said those 150 dogs could all be living in another town.

Mrs. Dickie said some could be and they went from 199 dogs down to 140 dogs since last Wednesday when Deb at the Police Dept. started making phone calls. She said they have sent postcards and her office made phone calls when they had 600 on the list and called every number they had and they also gave it to Deb to do last week so they have tried.

Mr. King asked if this is a requirement that some communities are opting out of saying they're just not going to do it (license all dogs).

Mrs. Dickie said you have to its state law-it's a "you shall" not a "you may".

Mr. King said it's a "you shall" so they are not doing this just to be mean people its state law.

Mr. Dickie said and the rabies shot has to be up to date and that's one of the most important reasons that they do license dogs so their rabies vaccinations are up to date. She asked the board when their next meeting is after June 20 to sign the original warrant then she will get it to the PD and when they tell her to produce the letters she'll get them to Deb so she can get

them out.

Mrs. Morin said this may not be the warrant going forward it may be less than that.

Mrs. Dickie said that is the warrant it's not the list of dogs because that can shrink every day.

She said they don't need an updated list with the warrant and she will give Deb an updated list.

She said she has to present the warrant to them before 6/20 and asked them to hold on to it.

**Out of State Vehicles-** Mrs. Morin said there are some vehicles in town that have been here for over a year and are registered in MA and asked if there is a law saying they need to register their vehicles in Farmington or can they register them anywhere.

Mrs. Dickie said the state law is if you claim NH as your residency either by voting or by purchasing a house and making it your primary residence or any kind of exemptions you apply for or if you have children in school then you have 60 days to change your driver's license to NH and get all of your vehicles registered in NH.

She said there people who can live here, have an out of state license and have a non-resident registration so they would have a NH vehicle here but out of state license if they have a summer home and are not here all the time. She said as long as they have a primary vehicle in their home state that is registered and insured and they have to sign an affidavit and show proof of that when they do their non-resident registrations. If you know that somebody has been here a long time and they have out of state plates you can report that to the local Police and they will educate them on the laws of NH she said.

Mr. Vachon said that could be a company vehicle that the person brings home every night.

Mrs. Dickie said it could be and there could be extenuating circumstances so you never know.

**10). Next Meeting:** Monday, June 19, 2023

**11). Non-Public Session C:**

**Motion:** (King, second Morin) to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) Reputation passed 5-0 by a roll call vote (Vachon, King, Staples, Titus, Morin-aye) at 8:36 p.m.

**Motion:** (Morin, second) to come out of non-public session passed 5-0 at 8:57 p.m.

**12). Non-Public Session D:**

**Motion:** (King, second Morin) to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a)

Compensation passed 5-0 by a roll call vote (Vachon, King, Titus, Staples, Morin-aye) at 8:57 p.m.

**Motion:** (Morin, second Staples) to come out of non-public session passed 5-0 at 9:26 p.m.

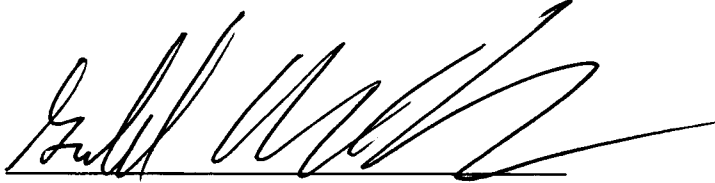
**13). Adjournment:**

**Motion:** (Morin, second Staples) to adjourn the meeting passed 5-0 at 9:26 p.m.

Kathleen Magoon

Recording secretary





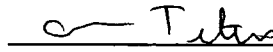
Gerry Vachon, Chairman

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Charlie King, Vice Chairman

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Penny Morin



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Douglas Staples