

Town of Milton  
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting  
Wednesday, October 29, 2015  
Milton Town Hall  
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Selectman Chair Tom F. Gray, Selectman Andrew O. Rawson, Town Administrator Elizabeth Dionne.

Excused: Selectman J. Michael Beaulieu.

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 4:00pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Transfer/Highway Loader:** Public Works Director Pat Smith explained that the 11 year old loader became mechanically impaired on a job site. It no longer works and a new engine is needed.

Mechanic Wade Foss explained when he got to the scene the engine pressure light was on and rapping noises were occurring. He camera-scoped it but couldn't see anything because the oil was coating the camera. It's an oil and bearing problem.

P. Smith advised he contacted Caterpillar and Nortrax regarding remanned and rebuilt motors. Caterpillar refused to do a rebuilt motor because the block is unsleeved. Nortrax advised it would be \$29,994.00 which includes a \$6,000 core charge on the books. Caterpillar advised it would be \$22,811.03 but didn't mention a core charge so it's unknown if there would be a core charge or not. Either company would be a one month turnaround. A rental would be needed for the month which would be an approximate cost of \$5,000.00. The cost of a new 2015 John Deere 544K from Nortrax is \$129,000.00.

Discussion ensued regarding replacing the engine versus purchasing a new loader. This loader is 11 years old and recently had \$21,000.00 of transmission work.

The Board's consensus was to have the Public Works Director look at the financial areas where money could be obtained to purchase a new loader without dipping into the budget and to see if the cost of the new loader could be lowered at all using a variety of options such as an outright purchase instead of a loan, free delivery, etc.

This issue will be discussed at the November 2, 2015 Selectmen's meeting.

T. Gray moved to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3,II,a. Seconded by A. Rawson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. Dionne, Town Administrator

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Chairman Tom F. Gray

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J. Michael Beaulieu

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Andrew O. Rawson