

Town of Milton  
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting  
Thursday, November 5, 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.

Public in attendance: Pat Smith, Pam Smith, Clarence Nason, Stan Nadeau, Wade Foss, Tammy Smith, Harry Smith, John Katwick, Eric Knapp, Richard Krauss, Bob Carrier, Dennis Wing, Larry Brown, Lue Snyder.

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Works Loader:** P. Smith, Public Works Director, explained that the loader for Public Works had a major problem in which it no longer works and the engine needs to be replaced in order to use it. It will cost \$25,000 to replace the motor plus \$5,000 rental per month.

W. Foss, Town Mechanic, explained the lower pins for the bucket will need to be replaced, new tires in a year, windshield replaced due to cracking, articulating pins replaced later, rust repair. Tires are \$3,200 each, pins are \$2,000.

T. Gray explained the Town has already replaced the transmission. Nortrax quote is \$29,994 for a remanned engine plus \$900 freight. Caterpillar \$22,811 remanned engine, \$800 to transport it to Hopkinton.

S. Nadeau asked who determined the engine was bad.

W. Foss stated he did after examining it, and with the tech rep on the phone from Caterpillar.

L. Brown questioned if you trust the previously done transmission work.

P. Smith and W. Foss advised they did and it's warranted.

L. Brown questioned which pins are worse.

W. Foss advised the bucket pins.

L. Brown stated it would cost \$46,000 to fix it with new tires coming out of the 2016 and 2017 budget.

E. Knapp questioned the hours on the engine, where the normal life span of 10,000 hours came from, and if the tech synchronization would be covered by the tech.

P. Smith advised the hours on the loader are 8,630. Average span of 10,000 per Caterpillar.

T. Gray answered the tech synchronization of the transmission that was replaced wouldn't be covered by the same tech for the engine.

E. Knapp questioned the funding sources that would be used to purchase a new loader.

T. Gray answered a check from FEMA, the Transfer Station Revolving Account, the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, and the Road Construction Fund.

P. Smith stated the Revolving fund pays for anything to do with the Transfer Station. The loader is used frequently at the Transfer Station.

T. Gray stated the Road Construction Fund can be used for anything to do with reconstruction of roads which includes equipment used for road construction. The FEMA money is a reimbursement from FEMA this past winter during a declared State of Emergency. The Capital Reserve Fund can only be used to purchase equipment, not repair equipment. The Revolving Account is for only the Solid Waste Department, not the Highway Department, which is why only a partial amount of the money could be used out of this account for this purchase.

S. Nadeau stated he has checked around and been informed a loader should be able to run more than 10,000 hours and should be 15,000 hours.

E. Knapp questioned the warrantee. T. Gray stated 36 months for structural.

J. Katwick stated we should allow the Selectmen to move forward with the authority they have.

L. Snyder questioned if any money was found in the budget for this.

T. Gray stated no money will be taken out of the budget for this.

S. Nadeau disagreed stating the FEMA money could've gone into the budget and the Road Construction Funds are in the budget.

T. Gray stated FEMA yes it could, but Road Construction no.

A Rawson stated the loader is used daily. We need a reliable piece of equipment. To put another \$50,000 into the 11-12 year old loader isn't putting the taxpayer's best interest first.

A Rawson moved to purchase the Nortrax 2015 John Deere 524K Loader for \$124,750.00. Said funds will be obtained from the following sources. \$15,773.00 from the leftover Road Construction funds, \$15,421.19 from the FEMA reimbursement check, \$49,000.00 out of the Highway Department Special Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, and \$44,555.81 out of the Transfer Station Revolving Account. T. Gray seconded. Motion carried.

A Rawson moved to place the 2004 Caterpillar 924G loader up for bid. Motion seconded by T. Gray. Motion carried.

A Rawson stated the money received from the bid will go into the general fund.

D. Wing questioned the oil changes.

W. Foss stated the oil is changed every six months.

J. Katwick thanked the Board for making the decision and trying to make the public understand the answers to the questions.

T. Smith asked if there was a tax savings on the annual filing of taxes with the depreciation each year of the piece of equipment.

T. Gray stated she would have to check with an accountant to see if that is done.

S. Nadeau stated the Town doesn't file annual taxes.

**MacKensen Company, Inc.:** T. Gray explained that the Town had received notice of a cease and desist order by the U.S. Securities Exchange Commission against the MacKensen Company in Hampton which is the same company the Town's Trustees of Trust Funds uses for all Town funds under their authority.

A Rawson moved that the Board sign a letter to be sent to the Trustees which agrees with Legal Counsel and the Town's Auditing firm that the Town's funds be transferred immediately to another source. Motion seconded by T. Gray. Motion carried.

T. Gray moved at 6:48pm to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3,II,a. Motion seconded by A. Rawson.

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