

**Monday, February 27, 2023 6:30 PM**  
**Highway Truck Bond/Note Public Hearing**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Hearing**  
**Dalton Select Board Working Session**

2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Hearing and Highway Truck Bond/Note Public Hearing

Call to order at 6:30 pm by Jo Beth Dudley. Select Board members Jo Beth Dudley, Carol Sheltry and Tamela Swan were present. Town Admin, Jeanette Charon present and note taking.

Public attendees: Terri Parks, Eric Politte, Robin Pilotte, Vic St. Cyr, Jon Swan, Christine Ordinatz, Nancy and Don Mooney, and others not identified.

Board reviewed change to original proposed budget with public audience. DRA requested Capital Outlay be removed from the budget; this was the only modification. Jo Beth motioned to move forward with the proposed budget of \$955,100 for Town Warrant Article #05. Tamela Swan second with approval via roll call.

Public questions/comments on Dump Truck Warrant included the following (answers in bold text):

Information on price of the truck, as it was more than Lancaster had published for their truck; Road Agent, **Bob Wentworth, received pricing from multiple sources on multiple models. This truck fits the needs of the town and is reasonably priced. The amount in the warrant article includes interest and fees for the total maximum cost of the vehicle's loan.**

Who would be driving the truck; **All the Highway Equipment Operators are licensed to operate the vehicle with a Class B CDL or higher.**

How much the monthly payments for the truck would be, and if the payments were in the current budget proposal; **the low end would be approx. \$2500 per month with the high end being approximately \$2800 per month; these payments are not figured into the current budget as the appropriation is required to be approved via separate bond/note warrant article instead of in the current budget. In addition, we don't know when the truck will be available or when we will close on the loan and collect the proceeds.**

A request for an explanation on how the bond/note would work and when this would all take place; **The bond/note would come from a bank (Woodsville Guaranty has the lowest rate currently) or from the State Bond pool. We cannot lock in the rate until the warrant article is approved, the truck is ordered, and we know the delivery date of the truck, which hasn't been ordered and needs to be fabricated. Once we know the date, we can determine the current rate and closing date of the loan. A 10-year term is likely to be chosen to keep payment reasonable and to be finished paying off the vehicle while it's still useable.**

What about the grant that was supposed to cover part of this truck's cost; **The grant will be applied for and will cover between 25-50% of the cost, if awarded. Should the grant be awarded, the funds would go towards paying down the principal of the loan/bond taken.**

Select Board Working Session began at 6:45pm.

Jo Beth motioned for approval of the February 20, 2023 Select Board Meeting Minutes. Carol second with approval via roll call.

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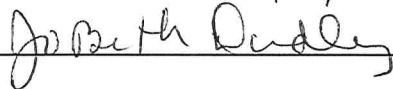
Jo Beth motion for the Board to execute the MS-636 with a second by Tamela and approval via roll call.

Jo Beth motion for the Board to execute the 2023 Warrant for Town Meeting and Warrant Articles with a second by Tamela and approval via roll call.

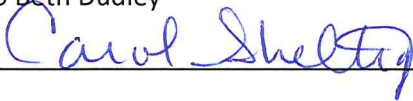
Jo Beth made a motion with a second by Tamela to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 pm. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Charon.

Minutes Approved On: 3/6/2023 (date)

  
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Jo Beth Dudley

  
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Carol Sheltry

  
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Tamela Swan