

Strafford Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 3, 2022, at 4:00pm, by ZOOM

Members participating: Toni Pippy, Rett Emerson, Pat Kelly, Jeff Solsaa, Mary Linehan

Others participating: Lisa Bragg

Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm

1. To discuss and approve the purchase of a used tractor/snowblower.

Jeff presented the result of his search for a used snowblower for clearing the sidewalks in South Strafford. He found a Kubota 1991 diesel tractor with 1600 hours of use, well-maintained by Townline Equipment, with chains and a fully heated cab. Asking price was \$12,000, but Jeff explained that our budget allocated \$9,000, which was accepted by the seller. Discussion about the cost, which is the amount allocated for a subcontractor for the 2022 winter seasons; the equipment would be operated by the Road Crew, lasting over several years, thus reducing costs and the need find a subcontractor, which has proven to be very difficult. Last year our subcontractor went over budget, and total costs were \$14,000. Jeff reported that the Road Crew is in favor of the purchase, and happy to drive the machine; it is not expected to dramatically increase the number of hours they will be working and will be stored in the shed at the Park & Ride.

Motion unanimously passed to purchase the Kubota tractor with snowblower attachment for \$9,000.

Lisa will cut a check and the Selectboard will try to get delivery of the equipment over the weekend, in time to deal with the anticipated big snow fall.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Linehan
Recording Secretary