

TOWN OF HIGHGATE EMERGENCY SPECIAL Selectboard Meeting

Friday, June 28, 2019 at 8:25am

Approved Minutes

A. Call To Order

Highgate Selectboard Members – Sharon Bousquet – Chair (via phone); Bruce Butler and Josh LaRocque. *Absent – Randy Connelly and Richard Flint*

Highgate Office Staff – Butch Brosseau, Public Works Director; Shelley Laroche – Treasurer / DTC; Heidi Britch-Valenta – Town Administrator

Public / Other – Richard Noel, Transportation Advisory (TAC) Committee Rep

B. Grader Failure

The meeting was called because the grader is non-functional with both 1st and 4th gear gone and the turbo lines leaking.

Butch has found two estimates for repair. Both sites were scheduling two weeks out and estimated two weeks for repair.

Milton CAT, Milton	\$21449
Ted Lane Equipment, Montpelier	\$18,500

There were several phone calls made to find a rental with two firms able to offer a rental.

Milton CAT, Milton	\$6,000 /month if they get the repair work \$9,000 /month if they don't get the repair work
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Winterset Construction, Lyndonville	\$4,500 /month
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A potential transport option is D&S Trucking, Gary Graham, of Highgate Springs.

Those present shared information on different options available through auctions, military surplus, auctions federal surplus. There were options ranging from \$7,500 to \$150,000. The town grader is a 1990 and probably not worth more than \$10,000 to \$15,000 so there was hesitation to invest the large amount into repairing it.

The consensus was to rent a machine to address our road issues and to spend more time evaluating the best option over the next few weeks. The issue will be discussed again at the next Selectboard Meeting on July 18th.

Bruce made a motion to expend the funds to rent a grader from Winterset Construction for \$4,500 for a month. Josh seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED.

C. Adjournment

Motion by Josh to adjourn the meeting @ 8:50am. The motion was seconded by Bruce –
APPROVED.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:



Heidi Britch-Valenta – Town Administrator

Minutes approved by:



Sharon Bousquet – Chair, Highgate Selectboard