

TOWN OF HIGHGATE EMERGENCY SELECTBOARD MEETING

Thursday, May 25, 2017 @ 7pm

Approved Minutes

NOTE: All actions taken are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

Highgate Selectboard Members – Sharon Bousquet, Chair; Josh LaRocque, Vice-Chair; Bruce Butler; Steve LaFar; *absent – Randy Connelly*
Others present – Patrick Loyer, Public Works Director

The meeting was called to order @ 7:00pm by Sharon Bousquet, Chair.

A. Selectboard Items

The Selectboard held an emergency Selectboard meeting to discuss a bid to repair and potentially reopen the B-25 Machia Road Bridge.

The Town has been working with the State and Jim Smith to come to a conclusion regarding potential fixes since an inspection letter indicated failure of the eastern abutment stringer support was failing. A site visit was held on May 19th at the site with Jim Cota, John Wilkins, Jim Smith, Pat Loyer, Sharon Bousquet, and Heidi Britch-Valenta. The State advised the Town to forgo the bid process and start calling bridge contractors in our area who could offer a potential fix. A site visit was coordinated with Jim Smith and St. Onge Construction on May 25th @ 8:00am. The Town received a bid for a temporary fix that would put beams on the abutment under the stringer to support the edge for a price of \$5,000. They are available immediately to do the work because they are unable to work at their other construction sites on a holiday.

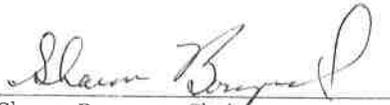
The repair design was forwarded to Jim Cota, AOT, and Pam Thurber, Bridge Inspector, but a response was not received by the meeting time.

An emergency meeting was coordinated for the Selectboard to discuss the bridge and decide if they want to move forward with a fix or not.

Motion by Bruce Butler to accept the St. Onge bid for a temporary bridge fix for \$5,000.00 with the following conditions; 1) obtain a state bridge inspection upon completion of repairs 2) funding for the repairs to come from the Bridge 25 reserve fund 3) repost the bridge weight restriction 4) Sheriff patrols for enforcement 5) bridge to be washed and holes patched before the barriers can be removed. The motion was seconded by Josh LaRocque – **APPROVED.** (*)

B. Adjournment

Motion by Josh LaRocque to adjourn the meeting @ 7:45pm. The motion was seconded by Steve LaFar – **APPROVED.**


Sharon Bousquet, Chair

6/8/17
Date

* Motion was amended at the
June 1, 2017 Selectboard Meeting