

Chairman Lou Gargiulo called an online meeting of the Town of Hampton Falls Board of Selectmen to order at 9:00 AM.

**PRESENT:** L.Gargiulo, Chairman; M. R. Lane, Vice Chairman; E. B. Beattie, Selectman; R. D. Webb, Town Secretary; R. Hilliard, Road Agent

**1. Review of Prices for Paving on King Street**

Russ Hilliard was present to address any questions or comments of the Board of Selectmen regarding the prices received for the paving proposed on King Street. There were two prices submitted for paving on King Street as follows: 1) New England Paving at \$13,000, and 2) Jamco Excavators at \$14,952.05.

R. Hilliard explained that New England Paving (NEP) has agreed to additionally pave over the “dip in the road” at no additional cost, if R. Hilliard prepares the area prior to NEP paving. R. Hilliard had budgeted a cost of \$1,600 to repair the “dip in the road”, and said that he would charge the Town \$600 to prepare the area for NEP, saving the town \$1,000.

**2. Review of Prices for Guardrails on both Curtis Road and King Street**

R. Hilliard was present to address any questions or comments of the Board of Selectmen regarding the prices received for the guardrails proposed on both Curtis Road and King Street. There were two prices submitted for guardrails on both Curtis Road and King Street. Curtis Road guardrail prices were as follows: 1) CWS Fence & Guardrail at \$12,850, and 2) Jamco Excavators at \$17,960.

King Street guardrail prices were as follows: 1) CWS Fence & Guardrail at \$14,350, and 2) Jamco Excavators at \$ 16,160.

R. Hilliard explained that if the Town agrees to reduce the speed limit on both King Street and also on Curtis Road from 30 mph to 25 mph, that this will result in a total savings of \$32,000 in guardrail specifications for the two locations. The two prices received for guardrails assumed a reduction in speed limit to 25 mph, so the \$32,000 is not included in the pricing received.

Additionally, R. Hilliard addressed the pricing issue of materials for the guardrails as anticipated to be increasing, since the written estimate was only guaranteed for seven (7) days, and also based on his conversation with the vendors. He recommended the Town purchase the guardrails for both locations simultaneously, to obtain the materials prior to any future price increases.

**3. Discussion**

M. Lane stated that he thought it was a good thing to reduce the speed limits from 30 mph to 25 mph on both Curtis Road and also on King Street, as he is aware of neighbors in the vicinity who had complained about the speed of cars.

E. Beattie stated that he is in support of NEP’s pricing for paving, as they did a good job for Hampton Falls last year on a similar project. He is also in support of R. Hilliard preparing the “dip in the road” on King Street, for the additional cost of \$600, and reducing the speed limits on both roads, and ordering the guardrails for both projects, as discussed.

**MOTION:** To authorize the Road Agent to sign the paving contract with New England Paving in the amount of \$13,000 for King Street, and, to authorize an additional payment of \$600 to R. Hilliard to prepare the “dip in the road” prior to the paving.

**MOTION:** M. LANE

**SECOND:** E. BEATTIE

**UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION:** To authorize the Road Agent to sign the guardrail contract with CWS Fence and Guardrail in the amount of \$12,850 for Curtis Road and in the amount of \$14,350 for King Street.

**MOTION:** E. BEATTIE

**SECOND:** M. LANE

**UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION:** To authorize the Town Administrator to start the process to reduce the speed limit from 30 miles per hour to 25 mph on both King Street and on Curtis Road, to enable the cost savings of \$32,000 on guardrail purchases for the same two streets.

**MOTION:** M. LANE

**SECOND:** E. BEATTIE

**UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION:** To amend the previous motion, regarding starting the process of reducing the speed limit from 30 miles per hour to 25 mph on both King Street and on Curtis Road, to additionally instruct the Road Agent to subsequently install Speed Limit signs on both roads with the new speeds posted.

**MOTION:** E. BEATTIE

**SECOND:** M. LANE

**UNANIMOUS**

R. Hilliard added that the paving contractor had specified a two-inch (2”) binder over the culverts, to be followed with an additional one-inch (1”) top-coat in the Spring 2022, to allow for any settling that may occur through the Winter. R. Hilliard wanted the Selectmen to be aware of this additional cost in the Spring to complete the paving on both projects.

L. Gargiulo inquired about when the paving at King Street was going to commence, and R. Hilliard responded that the vendor is waiting for this current rainy weather to pass, and then they will start paving right away. Once the paving is complete, then the guardrail installation can start. R. Hilliard estimated that the guardrail installation may be complete by the end of July.

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 9:15 AM.

**MOTION:** M. LANE

**SECOND:** E. BEATTIE

**UNANIMOUS**