

**Select Board Meeting
Mount Holly Town Office
January 12, 2023
5:30 pm**

AGENDA

Present:

Select Board: Jeff Chase (via phone), Diana Garrow, Mark Turco (Chair)
Town Officials: Caitlin Boyle, Carol Garrow-Woolley, David Johnson, Clinton Woolley.
Members of the Public: Oliver Ellis

1. Call to Order
2. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda
 - a. Diana Garrow asked to add an item regarding the Cott System security breach.
3. Discuss and Select Bids for Branch Brook Road Slope Repair
 - a. Jeff Chase recused himself from the discussion and selection of bids.
 - b. Select Board Clerk Caitlin Boyle confirmed that the Town's Purchasing Policy does not require the Select Board to select the lowest bidder, but asks the Select Board to determine a selection based on multiple factors, including price, performance, experience, reputation, prior work with the Town, etc.
 - c. Road Foreman Clinton Woolley noted that he prefers the bids from Casella, Basen, or Daniels given that they are local, and noted that he met with Daniels, Casella, Weaver and Markowski during the bid process. In consideration of all bids, Mr. Woolley made a recommendation that the Town hire Casella Construction, given that they are local and can address problems quickly if they arise.
 - d. Ms. Boyle confirmed that all bid amounts would satisfy VTrans granting requirements and deductible calculations.
 - e. Mark Turco made a motion to accept the bid from Casella Construction; Diana Garrow seconded; Jeff Chase was recused; unanimously approved.
 - f. Mr. Turco noted that this is an impartial decision made based on full consideration of all bids, and unrelated to Mr. Chase's employment by the selected bidder; Diana Garrow and Clinton Woolley indicated that they shared this sentiment.
4. Approve Proposed FY24 Town Budget
 - a. The Select Board discussed adopting a pay scale for the Town Treasurer compensation, and asked Ms. Boyle to inquire with VLCT regarding comparable compensation scales.
 - b. Mark Turco made a motion to accept the proposed fiscal year 2024 General Fund budget of \$664,900 and Highway Fund budget of \$513,800 for a total of \$1,178,790, which requires \$856,790 to be raised by tax. The budget will be voted as Article 3A General Fund (\$471,890) and Article 3B Highway Fund (\$384,900); Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.
5. Diana Garrow noted that the Town had received further messaging from Cott Systems regarding a "cyber incident" that caused technical difficulties beginning December 26, 2022.
6. Adjourned at 6:24 pm.