

Monday, May 1, 2023 6:30 PM
Public Hearing
Acceptance of Unanticipated Funds

Call to order at 6:30 pm by Jo Beth Dudley. Select Board members Jo Beth Dudley, Thomas Dubreuil, and Carol Sheltry were present. Town Admin, Jeanette Charon present and note taking.

Public attendees: Terri Parks, Eric Pilotte, Robin Pilotte, Warren Green, Christine Ordinetz, Vic St. Cyr, Cathleen Fountain and Bob Fountain as well as others who chose not to sign in and could not be identified.

Jo Beth called the hearing to order at 6:30 pm.

Jo Beth explained the purpose of the hearing was to publicly review and accept unanticipated funds being awarded to the Town of Dalton via the New Hampshire Clean Diesel Grant submitted by Jeanette Charon. The funding is in support of the purchase of the new Highway Department vehicle approved by the voters at the March 2023 Town Meeting. The possibility of this grant funding has been discussed in multiple public meetings. However, the town is required to hold a properly noticed Public Hearing in order to accept a grant, as it is considered unanticipated revenue. The funding is pending Executive Council and Governor approval. However, Jeanette noted that such approval and funding is likely, as the Dalton grant application was recommended for funding. Formal ability to accept the grant funding is necessary to proceed to the next step in the award process.

Jo Beth motioned to approve accepting the funds if awarded. Carol second. Approval via unanimous roll call vote.

Jeanette explained the process we needed to follow for receiving the funds which will be paid by the State on a reimbursement basis.

The amount awarded to the Town is not to exceed \$61,045.00 or 25% of the Town's covered expenses.

Jeanette listed the items required to complete the process for acceptance. Items required are the executed Grant Agreement, Certificate of Vote of Authorization, and Insurance Certificate with NH DES listed as the policyholder.

Christine Ordinetz asked if there was any chance of the awarded being rescinded. Jeanette stated that we had made it through the most comprehensive review of the application process so it'd be unlikely that would happen. However, it's important to keep in mind that until the award is executed by Governor Sununu and the Executive Council, it is not final.

Terri Parks asked if we wouldn't receive the money until we took out the loan. Jeanette wasn't sure about the specifics but would find out once the document was thoroughly reviewed and executed.

Christine Ordinetz asked if the Grant Agreement would be made public and formally requested a copy be posted online with the minutes. Jo Beth voiced there were no issues sharing the document but that most people wouldn't be interested in the legalities of the agreement. Jeanette mentioned that it may be better to provide access to the document on a more controlled basis per conversations with CISA on document control and security (discussed during the cyber security assessment in February). Christine agreed this would be acceptable but wanted to ensure there was access to ensure transparency in the process since it was a lot of money.

Jo Beth made a motion for Jeanette Charon to be made the duly authorized agent to enter into the agreement on behalf of the Town of Dalton. Tom questioned the motion stating he wanted to see the agreement prior to signing by Jeanette. Jeanette confirmed that according to the NH DES Grant Coordinator, the only change could be the highlighted sentence regarding a time extension on the completion of the project (currently 9/30/2024), and if there was anything else changed, she would inform the Select Board. Jo Beth noted that the agreement is a

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standard award acceptance agreement and is not subject to negotiation. Jo Beth repeated the motion. Carol second with approval via unanimous roll call vote.

No additional comments or questions were made.

Jo Beth made a motion with a second by Tom to adjourn the hearing at 6:48 pm. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Charon.

Minutes Approved On: 5/15/2023 (date)

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