

BOARD OF FINANCE joint meeting with Board of Selectmen

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Tuesday, October 24, 2023
Held via ZOOM - meeting ID 856 3622 1099

Regular Members	Others
✓ Joe Pryor (CHM)	✓ Gordon M Ridgway, 1st Selectman
N Lisa Lansing	✓ Barbara Herbst, BoF Clerk
✓ David Hubbard	✓ Richard Bramley, Treasurer
✓ Zejke Hermann	✓ Steve McDonnell, WMC engineer
✓ Simon Hewett	Members of the Press
✓ Rocco Botto	

Call to Order

7:00 p.m.

1 - Bid Review

First Selectman Ridgway gave an overview of the bid process and a summary of the findings for the replacement / repair of the retaining wall on River Road @ Mill Brook.

Discussion was contemporaneous with the overview and summary and covered the following topics.

- Damage resulted from the July 2023 storm event, no FEMA funding available.
- Engineering firm WMC did an initial assessment and created Bid Packages.
- A pre construction meeting was held, and bid packages were opened on 10.23.23. All the bids came in higher than anticipated.
- After the bid opening, one contractor suggested a different solution to the repair by using precast concrete. This solution was considered and the path forward would be to reject all the bids and issue a new bid package using the precast concrete to facilitate the repair.
- WMC is working on new bid package.
- The precast concrete option is convenient, safe and can reduced construction time.
- A Town meeting to be held on 11.3.23 to appropriate funding to complete this repair.
- DEEP and DOT considerations and influence or input on this repair.

2 - Funding

The Board of Selectmen made and passed four motions, see BoS minutes.

- Motion to reject all the current bids.
- Motion to reissue bid package with bids due back in two weeks.
- Motion to appropriate \$500,000 to repair the retaining wall on River Road at Mill Brook.
- Motion to hold a Town Meeting on 11.3.23 @ 7:30 in the CCS gathering room.

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Motion	David Hubbard	Made a motion to appropriate \$500,000 and to recommend approval of said appropriation to the taxpayers and citizens.
	Rocco Botto	Seconded the motion.
Discussion		Discussion covered the following topics. <ol style="list-style-type: none">Fabrication timeframe / schedule.Structural differences (if any) between poured concrete and the precast option.Time it takes concrete to cure.Extension of daily work hours to shorten the length of road disruption.

Motion passed unanimously.

Barbara E. Herbst, Board Clerk

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