

TOWN OF WHEELLOCK
SELECTBOARD SPECIAL MEETING & BUDGET WORKSHOP
2024-11-26, 6:00pm
At Wheelock Town Hall
MINUTES

Present: Selectboard: Mike Richardson, Scott Lange, Ann Lawless (chair); Clerk/Treasurer: Carol Rossi

Ann opened the meeting at 6pm. Added to the agenda: Recovery Scoping Meeting (RSM) with FEMA.

Loader and possible rental Mike motioned, Scott seconded, to discuss the loader. Scott reported that the loader is still throwing codes even after Luke tried various measures. The John Deere agency, United Construction and Forestry, of Williston VT, has examined the loader. The solenoid, alternator, and something else are bad, and the pump is not working. The pump is warrantied but not the labor. If we use the machine other components could be damaged as well. Since we have been told this, any further damage would not be covered by the warranty.

Scott outlined two rental options.

- (1) Kingdom Gravel, \$1,250/week, \$5,000/month. They could drive it here.
- (2) John Deere: \$1,840/week, 4th week free; \$5,500/month. It would cost \$750 to deliver. Or \$1,050 to deliver the rental and take our loader back to Williston for repairs.

Mike motioned, Ann seconded: Approve the rental contract from United Construction and Forestry for a John Deere loader, at \$1,840/week, 4th week free, and pay \$1,050 transport fee to bring the rental and take back ours for repairs.

Discussion: Nice offer from Kingdom, but if anything goes wrong, that could be bad for us. United is in the rental business and the contract reflects that. The transport fee helps cover the cost of getting the machine there for service. United cannot say how long the repair will take but they are already searching for a pump.

All in favor; motion carried.

Ann motioned, second by Mike, to authorize Carol to sign the rental contract with United. So voted.

Recovery Scoping Meeting (RSM) - FEMA Ann reported we have a new FEMA PDMG, Hector Valero, and a new state contact, Grace Holt. Hector has been here since 2023 working in Windsor County. He is urging us to schedule the RSM, offering three dates next week. We will have 60 days from the RSM to complete the Damage Inventory. Ann and Scott plan to meet with him. Scott suggested Friday. Ann to confirm.

At 6:43pm Ann motioned, Scott seconded a **motion to adjourn** the Selectboard meeting. So voted.

The budget workshop followed.

Scribe:
Ann Lawless