

**TOWN OF HARTLAND
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
February 2, 2017
Hartland Consolidated School
3:00 p.m.
Emergency Meeting**

Present: Shirley Humphrey, Hadley Buker, Judy Alton
Staff: Chris Littlefield, Town Manager
One Citizen
Weston and Keith Gould representing Double Diamond, LLC

1.) New Business

Hadley explained that he initiated the Emergency Meeting due to phone complaints he had been receiving.

Three main concerns:

- Getting onto roads quick enough when storm starts
- Ice buildup on the roads
- Width of lanes

Then the Selectmen reviewed select highlighted sections of the Snow Plow Contract with Weston and Keith

Contractor shall commence plow at a depth no more than 1”

All snow and ice shall be removed to the outside of the shoulder roadway immediately following a storm

The independent contractor definition

Hadley asked how many trucks they have on the road. Keith answered 5

Hadley asked if they were all legal. Keith answered yes

Hadley asked if they told the state police that they were Town employees.

Weston answered I have done this for 40 years and we fall under the exemption for municipalities we are bonded from October to May so we are Town employees for that time....Chris stated that the exemption is for Town employees for emergency situations when it comes to commercial driver's license and independent contractors don't meet the criteria. Chris also stated that Double Diamond, LLC is an independent contractor per the contract.

Hadley asked why they hadn't used the grader on the roads lately. Weston answered that Great Moose Drive was left open from changing culverts this

past summer and their grader would rip up the entire pavement. Keith asked if the Town would sign a waiver for damage to the road....Hadley said “no waiver” we expect you to follow your contract.

Hadley asked about why they hadn't scraped other roads? Weston replied I have done the for 40 years and you folks don't understand Morrill pond is rutted and you have to have a flat surface to scrape with a grader and we are concerned about ripping up pavement in all areas.

Hadley asked Weston if he had 40 years of experience why the Town had to have a meeting to discuss Town roads being unsafe with ice and many only wide enough for one way traffic. Blake Street, and Martin Street were discussed for one way traffic. Shirley pointed out that Water Street had issues a few weeks back with water in the road and the contractor did take care of it. Judy pointed out that there are ridges of snow in many places throughout town especially near mail boxes. Chris shared that Tim Emery the U. S. mail driver came into the office to complain about road conditions and was refusing to deliver mail on Moose Drive if it wasn't better sanded. Weston finally said he needed the Town's help. Hadley asked what was needed from the Town. Weston said another 100 ton of salt. Keith added that they need calcium too and Weston interjected that they did not need calcium as he has done this 40 years and never used calcium. Chris added that we have used more salt this year than ever before as we have purchased 11 loads already and look at the condition of the roads.

Weston assured the board if we bought more salt he could fix the roads.

The selectmen asked me to communicate with Michael Gould and allow the contractor to get more salt.

2). Other--NONE

Adjourned 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Chris Littlefield
Town Manager