

Town of Sherman  
Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Public Works

(Draft) Minutes of Meeting Held- September 13, 2011

Meeting Held at Town Garage  
Call to Order- 7:05 pm

Attendance: Andrea O'Connor, Bob Accosta, Tom Keane, Matt Heinz, Dave Schneiderbeck, Kevin Keenan. Guests : Cliff Palmer, Clay Cope  
Absent: Gene Fredlund, Jim Munch

Minutes from previous meeting were approved. Tim made the motion seconded by Matt, all approved.

1. Fleet Condition:

Dave led the evaluation of the truck fleet:

Truck #2 (Buckey's Truck) 1987 Ford – 70K miles- Fuel tank, frame and springs OK. The rest was considered bad. This is the truck slated for replacement.

Truck #3 1992 Ford L9000 Cummins Diesel (Ken's truck) - The sander was in place with a load (1/3?) of salt/sand. Dave noted the amount of rust and the effect on the frame and other critical parts; the dump body is inoperable. This truck was deemed to be in worse shape than Truck #2.

Truck #6 2000 International 4700 (Matt's truck) 48K miles GVW 25.5 Stainless steel bed. Purchased "off the shelf". Problems with the rear end. Undercoating the vehicle was recommended.

Truck #9 1998 Sterling Ten Wheeler 72K miles. Used to haul primarily sand for winter supply. Purchased based on specifications of Town needs. Seems to be in good shape.

Truck # (?) 2003 Ford 550 57K miles. 9' plow GVW 17,500. Used as utility vehicle; plows dirt / small roads.

Discussion ensued about replacing Trucks 2 & 3. Possibility of leasing to buy because of "nothing down" . The size and capability of Truck 6 was discussed.

Kevin reported on New Fairfield's truck washing facility which was nothing more than a floor drainage grate in one of the buildings similar to what exists in Sherman. New Fairfield uses "garden hoses to wash the trucks. The discussion continued about Sherman being able to use the drainage grates due to DEEP requirements for retention of the byproducts and the proximity to Naromi Brook. Should be looked into.

Discussion then focused on what to buy. Due to the need to have a replacement before the winter should two small trucks (Ford 550's) be purchased or one small truck and repair the better of the two worst trucks. The issue of type of sanders for the new trucks, specifically hydraulic operated versus gas engine sanders.

Most agreed that considering the time frame and the need for safe vehicles, two small trucks would be most expedient. Plow routes may have to be modified. Also when the new trucks are purchased a wash and maintenance plan should be established.

Tim Beatty agreed to contact Litchfield Ford to inquire about availability and what options, specifically hydraulic capabilities, are available.

A recommendation is needed for the Selectman by early October for public notice regarding vehicle replacement.

It was agreed to meet again on Tuesday September 27, 2011 at 7:00pm in the Town Garage.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin B. Keenan