

**ENFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 24, 2022**

TIME: 4:00 PM
LOCATION: Public Works Facility
74 Lockehaven Road, Enfield

PRESENT

Board of Selectmen: Meredith Smith, Katherine D.P. Stewart, John W. Kluge

Administrative Staff: Ed Morris, Town Manager; Alisa Bonnette, Assistant Town Manager (recording secretary); Jim Taylor, Director of Public Works

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Smith called the special meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 4:00 pm.

BUSINESS

The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss borrowing for the Oak Hill Road Bridge project. The Public Works Department opened bids for the Oak Hill Road Bridge replacement on February 16, 2022. Only one bid was received from Hansen Bridge, the same contractor that replaced the Boys' Camp Road Bridge and the Lovejoy Brook Road Bridge. The project, approved at the 2020 Town Meeting, was postponed last year when the bid, also from Hansen Bridge, was too high for the approved funding at \$210,000 versus the approved \$150,000. This year's bid is \$189,500 which would allow a reduction of the amount requested in Article 9 on this year's warrant.

Due to supply chain issues and in order to lock in this price, and more importantly the timetable, the town must make a down payment of half the total bid price by February 25, 2022, so the bridge can be ordered. Because this is new borrowing, the Town Attorney needs authorization from the Board of Selectmen to enter into the loan.

Ms. Stewart moved to authorize the Town Manager to borrow up to, but not exceeding, \$150,000 for the repair and replacement of the Oak Hill Road Bridge, as approved by the voters of Enfield on July 11, 2020 and hereby authorize the Town Manager or his designees to take such actions and execute all documents that may be necessary. Mrs. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous in favor of the motion (3-0).

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Stewart moved to adjourn at 4:07 pm. Mr. Kluge seconded. Vote unanimous in favor of the motion (3-0).
The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 PM.

Meredith C. Smith, Chair

John W. Kluge

Katherine D. P. Stewart
Enfield Board of Selectmen