

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOS MEETING

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, March, 2020
Community Room
Chester Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectwoman Gister called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. In attendance included: First Selectwoman Gister, Selectwoman Janecek, and Selectman Englert and several audience members.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS - None

MAIN STREET PROJECT – VOTE TO SEND RECOMMENDED BIDDER TO CT DOT FOR APPROVAL TO AWARD

Lauren reported that 4 bids were received on Monday, March 2, 2020. The bidders were:

Colonna Concrete and Asphalt Paving Co.
De Rita Construction
Mizzy Construction
Arborio Corporation

It appeared at the bid opening that DeRita Construction was the low bidder; however, after further review by Jacobson, it was determined that DeRita miscalculated their figures and Colonna Concrete and Asphalt Paving Company was the lowest bidder. Colonna's bid was approximately 4% below the cost estimate developed by Jacobson and approved by the State.

Jacobson initiated the vetting process; i.e. checked references, confirmed appropriate licensing in place, checked for any lawsuits and checked with the State, etc. To date, not all references have returned calls; however, the City of New London was one of the references provided. Lauren spoke to Steven Fields, New London Chief Administrative Officer and he reported that Colonna Concrete and Asphalt Paving Co. has completed projects in New London in a timely manner, has been flexible and respectful of residents and merchants during construction and Colonna has done several projects in New London since 2014.

Laruen read a reward review letter submitted by Jacobson and Associates indicating that the BOS must vote to recommend that Colonna Concrete and Asphalt Paving Co. be awarded the project and forward the recommendation to the State and COG for permission to award the project. Once authorization from the State is received, the Town can the issue a Notice to Proceed. Substantial completion of the project is 110 days of the date of the Notice to Proceed. Colonna can start the project in April.

Once the bid is accepted, Colonna must submit an executed agreement, performance bond, certificate of insurance, and payment bond, within 15 days. The bid was included in the BOS packet and a bid comparison spreadsheet, developed by Jacobson was also included in the BOS packet.

The total Base Bid submitted by Colonna, not including contingency or non-participating items is \$1,689,000.00. The ad alternate total is \$100,000.00. Contingency would be 10% and incidentals would be 10%.

Note other bids received: \$1,807,365.00, \$1,947,000.00 and \$2,493,520.00 (highest bidder Arborio)

Charlene Janecek made a motion to accept the bid submitted by Colonna Concrete and Asphalt Paving Co. and forward to RiverCOG and the State of Connecticut. Tom Englert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Lauren will develop a recommendation for award of the project. It is expected that the Notice to Proceed can be issued by March 16, 2020.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS – None.

ADJOURNMENT

Charlene Janecek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 a.m. Tom Englert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski
Clerk