

**Minutes of August 1, 2011**  
Warren Selectboard  
Bid Review – Sugarbush Access Road  
8:30 AM

**Members Present:** Andrew Cunningham, Bob Ackland, Matt Groom, & Anson Montgomery.

**Members Absent:** Kirstin Reilly

**Others Present:** Barry Simpson, Mark Bannon, & Cindi Jones

**8:35 AM** – Meeting Called to order by Mr. Cunningham.

**8:37 AM – Discussion of Bids** – The bids were as follows: F.W. Whitcomb at \$567,792.22, S. T. Paving at \$722,756.90 and Pike at \$614,188.00. Mr. Cunningham asked Mr. Bannon about what he thought of the bids. He commented that Pike was more thorough and did more work on the bid. They came to the pre-bid meeting and called several times asking questions. There were various line items by all three companies that vastly differed between all three companies. The sub base of crushed gravel, fine graded differed by \$51,422.50 between F.W. Whitcomb and Pike. It is possible that Whitcomb hauls gravel from Colchester and Pike hauls from a pit in Barre. However, the gravel does have to meet specifications. The Town would do compaction testing at around the cost of \$5,000. Vermont Testing does this type of testing even though the contractor will perform his own testing. Mr. Montgomery inquired about start time and end times and if there was a penalty if they did not finish up by October 15. Mr. Bannon commented that there is a penalty clause in the contract; however, the end date would depend on when Dubois was finished with repairing the slump. Also discussed was road closure and that Mr. Simpson would contact all the emergency organizations: MRVAS, Warren Fire, VSP and the Sheriff's office and Sugarbush.

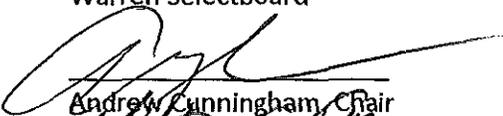
Motion by Mr. Montgomery to accept the bid from F. W. Whitcomb for \$567,792.22, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

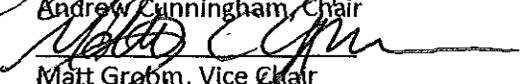
**Other Sugarbush Access item: Slump** – Mr. Simpson updated the board that the Dubois has cleared the trees and bush and were grubbing today. The Town's trucks were being used to remove the material to the pit. Mr. Bannon reiterated that his plans called for investigation work of the area as he was concerned about that the rock being hauled in that may or may not be needed. He was going up to the area after the meeting to do an assessment. Mr. Simpson commented that as of today, Dubois had about 600 yards of stone piled in the containment area. Dubois had the area contained to one way traffic and would start digging today to see what is under the area of the road and slump.

**9:30 AM** – Motion by Mr. Groom to adjourn, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,  
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

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