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**TOWN OF WAITSFIELD SELECTBOARD
WATER PROJECT
SEPTEMBER 9, 2010**

Bid Review and Recommendations of Award

- See Attached Bid Review Worksheets
- Recommend the low bidder on all contracts:

Contract No. 1 – J.P. Sicard	\$1,440,472.00
Contract No. 2 – Munson Earth-Moving	\$1,178,560.00
Contract No. 3 – Natgun Corporation	\$ 640,420.00
Contract No. 4 – Kingsbury Companies	\$ 397,972.50
Contract No. 5 – NECCO	\$ 276,708.00

Sign Notices of Award

Project Cost Summary/Budget Status

- Reduce Construction Contingency to 5% of Contract Amounts (\$204,000)
- Remaining Project Contingency of Approximately \$1.4 million

Options for Addressing Budget Under-run

- Renegotiate the loan/grant award from Rural Development (RD) to allow for a lower loan amount. This may not be allowed per initial discussions with RD.
- Redirect some RD grant funding toward a revised wastewater project. Usually, water and wastewater projects are funded through different programs, so this option may not be viable.
- Provide water line extensions along Town roads to serve additional users. The “core” project focused on the Route 100 right-of-way, but there are other areas within the service area (and some just outside of the service area) with a potential user base to support extensions of service.
- Obtain easements from individual property owners in order for the Town to install the water service connections on private property to the building wall. This may encourage additional users to sign letters of commitment.

Next Steps

- Obtain concurrence with award of contracts from ANR and RD.
- Schedule Contract Signings and Pre-construction Meetings (tentatively September 21).
- Issue Notice to Proceed; all contractors except Natgun anticipate starting this fall.
- Receive and Review Construction Schedules.

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