

# Memo

To: Board of Selectmen  
Tom Gaydos, Town Administrator  
From: Don Foss, Highway Agent  
CC: File  
Date: January 21, 2010  
Re: 2010 Highway Department Bids

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The following are my recommendations for the Highway Bid Awards:

1. Signs and Related Items:

**Highway Safety Systems Inc.** is the overall low bidder who bid on all the items. The price is about the same as 2009 prices on all the items.

2. High Density Polyethylene Smooth Wall Culvert Pipe:

**JAF Industries** is the only bidder that quotes prices for the entire year. The other bidders prices are good for 30 days. The prices are .43¢ to \$1.40 per foot less than the 2009 prices.

3. Calcium Chloride:

**A.H. Harris and Sons** at \$573.00 per ton which is an increase of \$33.00 per ton. This is the low bid.

4. Plow Blades:

**Jordan Equipment Co.** is the low bidder on these items. Steel blade prices have decreased between \$8.18 and \$5.92 per blade depending on the length. Carbide blades have decreased \$13.80 per ft.

5. Hot Top:

**P.J. Keating Co.** at \$62.00 per ton which is the low bid. This is a decrease of \$4.00 per ton over 2009 prices.

6. Cold Patch:

**P.J. Keating Co.** at \$85.00 per ton for regular patch and \$100.00 per ton for high performance cold patch which are the low bids. The price for the regular patch is the same as in 2009 but the high performance patch has increased \$1.00 per ton.

7. Sand:

**Brox Industries, Inc.** picked up at the plant at \$8.50 per ton which is a .25 cent per ton increase over last year. This is not the low bid however the low bid would require us to truck the sand from Pembroke. **F.L. Merrill Construction** at \$10.00 per ton delivered.

8. 2" Crushed Stone:

**P.J. Keating Co.** is the low bidder on this item at \$10.75 per ton picked up at the plant which is an increase of .25¢ per ton over 2009. This is not the low bid however, the low bid would require trucking from Pembroke, N.H. which the company would charge an additional \$6.50 per ton.

9. 1 ½ " Crushed Stone:

**Brox Industries, Inc.** at \$9.00 per ton picked up at the plant which is an increase of .50¢ per ton. This is not the low bid. The same trucking charge would apply as the 2" crushed stone at \$6.50 per ton.

10. ¾ " Crushed Stone:

**Brox Industries, Inc.** at \$9.00 per ton picked up at the plant being a .50¢ per ton increase from 2009. This is not the low bid. The low bidder would charge an additional \$6.50 per ton to deliver.

11. 6" Erosion Stone:

**Brox Industries, Inc.** at \$10.50 per ton picked up at the plant which is an increase of .50¢ per ton increase over last year. This is not the low bid. The low bid would require trucking from Pembroke N.H. or paying an additional trucking fee of \$6.50 per ton.

12. Stone Dust:

**P.J. Keating, Co.** at \$9.25 per ton picked up at the plant which is the low bid. This is a .25¢ per ton increase. This is not the low bid, however, the same reasons apply as the last item.

13. Bank Run Gravel:

**F.L. Merrill Construction** is the only bidder on this item at \$10.25 per ton delivered which is a decrease of \$2.45 per ton over last year.

14. Clean Fill:

**Brox Industries, Inc.** at \$3.50 per ton which is a 25¢ per ton decrease. This is not the low bid however the same reasons apply as item #11.

15. 1 ½ " Crushed Gravel:

**Brox Industries, Inc.** at \$7.00 per ton picked up at the plant which is the low bid and a .25 cent per ton increase from 2009. This is not the low bid however the same reasons for the recommendation apply as item #11.

16. ¾" Crushed Gravel:

**Brox Industries, Inc.** at \$6.75 per ton picked up at the plant which is the same price as the Town paid in 2009. This is not the low bid but the same reasons apply for the bid recommendation as item #11.

17. ¾ "Crushed Asphalt:

**Brox Industries, Inc.** at \$7.25 per ton picked up at the plant. This is not the low bid. The low bid would require us to truck it from Pembroke, N.H. or paying an additional fee of \$6.50 per ton for trucking.

18. Street Sweeper Rental:

**Immaculate Power Sweeping, LLC** is the low bidder at \$89.00 per hour which is an increase of \$4.00 per hour. Another bid of \$89.00 per hour was received but that sweeper doesn't dump into our dump truck which means we would have to use the backhoe to pick up the sand piles left by the sweeper.

19. Loader Rental:

**Avalanche Enterprises, LLC** is the low bidder at \$97.50 per hour which is \$2.50 per hour less than the 2009 bid.

20. Grader Rental:

**Richard Vinal Trucking, Inc.** at \$110.00 per hour is the only bidder on this item. This is the same hourly rate as in 2008 & 2009.

21. Bulldozer Rental:

**Avalanche Enterprises, LLC** is the low bidder at \$78.00 per hour and \$2.00 per hour less than the 2009 bid.

22. Ten Wheel Dump Truck Rental:

**Immaculate Power Sweeping, LLC** and **Richard Vinal Trucking, Inc.** at \$65.00 per hour. I will use one or the other if I need them.

23. Tree Removal:

**Rich's Tree Service** at \$200.00 per hour which is the only bid on this item. This is the same hourly rate as 2008 & 2009.

24. Excavator with Demolition Hammar Rental:

**Richard D. Vinal Trucking** at \$187.50 per hour which is the low bid on this item and the same price as last year.

25. Roadside Mowing:

**Rail Head Tractor** at \$6600.00 for 74 miles of mowing which covers all the mowing needed. The other bid was for \$80.00 per hour. It takes approximately 96 hours to do the mowing which would be a total of \$7,680 by the hour.

26. Traffic Line Painting:

**Sealtec Asphalt Coatings Inc.** is the low bidder on this item.

27. Catchbasin Cleaning:

**Leo Vigeant Co., Inc.** is the low bidder at \$9.25 per basin which is the same price as 2008 & 2009.

28. Rubber Tired Excavator Rental:

**Richard Vinal Trucking** is the low bidder on this item at \$115.00 per hour. This is the same price as 2008 & 2009.

29. Catchbasin Blocks:

**Arthur Whitcomb Co.** is the low bidder for the barrel blocks and 4"X 8"X 16" blocks. Corriveau-Routhier is the only bidder on the batter blocks and low bidder on the sewer bricks. The third bidder had a delivery charge of \$95.00 per load.