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To: Town of Brookline Selectboard

From: Everett Hammond, PE
Hammond Engineering

Re: Ellen Ware Culvert Recommendation from 03/30/2026 bid opening

Bids were sent out to numerous area contractors experienced with the installation of precast box culverts. The following bids were received with LEWCO, LLC being the low bidder:

1. **Lewco, LLC: \$146,000** (Addendum 1 & 2 acknowledged; EEO Cert., Debarment & Non-Collusion; Workers Classification Compliance Requirement – all signed)
2. Gurney Brothers Construction: \$170,480
3. Michelle Baillargeon: \$185,290
4. Saladino Property Maintenance: \$196,790
5. A.S. Clark & Sons: \$202,008
6. Hunter Excavating, Inc.: \$259,055 (intended bid: \$179,281)
7. Fitzpatrick Excavating: \$798,170 (intended bid: \$198,455)

I designed and oversaw the construction of an 8' diameter x 47' aluminized steel pipe that LEWCO, LLC installed in 2025 on Randall Hill Road in Springfield, VT. This is the same type of pipe that he will be installing on Ellen Ware Road in Brookline. Matt Lewis, owner of LEWCO was very professional and completed the Randall Hill Road project on time and on budget with excellent workmanship. LEWCO also completed the reconstruction of 300' of Randall Hill Road above the culvert that was beginning to slide over a very steep bank. LEWCO also installed a precast concrete box culvert on Eureka Road approximately 4 years ago that looks great and functions as designed.

I recommend moving forward with LEWCO, LLC with the installation of the 6' diameter x 40' long aluminized steel pipe on Ellen Ware Road with the selectboard authorizing the chairman of the board to sign the attached Notice to Proceed. I also recommend the board authorizing the selectboard chair to sign the Contractors Agreement upon receipt of the bonds and certificate of insurance.

The Town should make sure the temporary easements have been signed by the landowner prior to sending the Notice to Proceed to LEWCO, Inc.

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