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**Special Meeting of the Eastford Board of Selectmen  
Wednesday, July 10, 2019, 9:00 AM  
Eastford Town Office Building  
16 Westford Road  
Eastford, CT 06242**

**Agenda**

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- 1. Call to Order**
  - 2. Citizens Comments (3-minute maximum per person)**
  - 3. Bid Opening for Shimming on Pifershire Rd.**
  - 4. Timber Harvest at Crystal Pond Park**
  - 5. Town Truck Purchase**
  - 6. Work Session**
  - 7. Citizens Comments (3-minute maximum per person)**
  - 8. Adjournment**

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**Present: Jacqueline Dubois/First Selectman, Terry Cote/Selectman, Robert  
Torcellini/Selectman**

- 1. Call to Order:**  
JD called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.
- 2. Citizens Comments:**  
None.
- 3. Bid Opening for Shimming on Pifershire Rd:**  
The Selectmen received two bids. These were opened, and the following information  
read aloud by RT.

**Contractor: P. Willis Construction for \$31,800  
Contractor: Pinecroft Paving and Landscape for \$35,785**

**TC/RT moved to award the work to P. Willis construction. Unanimous.**

- 4. Timber Harvest at Crystal Pond Park:**  
JD invited Jim Trowbridge as a representative of the Crystal Pond Park  
Commission to join in on the discussion and present materials.

**JT reported that the CPPC has proposed a timber harvest for the sake of safety for  
park visitors, due to trees that are dead or infected with the emerald ash borer  
(EAB), as well as to address the potential for liability issues concerning falling tree  
limbs.**

**JT read a letter from the Connecticut State Certified Forester.**

**The letter from the forester outlined that the proposed timber harvest is planned for  
approximately fifty acres of the property. The trees marked for removal due to  
safety concerns include hemlocks, ash, and black birch. Some red oaks are marked  
for timber stand improvement with regeneration in mind.**

**JT requested that the BOS review the information and materials provided by the  
certified forester and the CPPC. JT also explained that after review of the proposal,  
it is hoped the BOS will approve the proposal and assist with expediting the process  
within legal and ethical means. JT explained this proposal is of a time sensitive  
nature as the lot must be shown by the end of August/beginning of September, when**

the leaves are still on the trees, in order to show potential bidders that the ash trees are still alive. This request is being made to the Woodstock BOS as well.

TC expressed concerns regarding the importance of all processes procedures and purchase policies for both Woodstock and Eastford be held to impeccable standards from the CPPC.

Rick Torgeson explained that by ordinance the CPPC is to manage and maintain the park and act to ensure the processes and procedures are in the interest of each town. Hence, both information and material brought before the BOS today.

Due to the time sensitive nature of the timber harvest proposal and the concern for ensuring safety for park visitors, JD advised the Selectmen to save concerns over purchasing policies and procedures for a future time.

RT spoke on the need for an Intent to Harvest notification to be sent to the Inlands Wetlands and Watercourses Commission.

JD/RT moved to make approval for the Timber Harvest process. Unanimous.

**5. Town Truck Purchase:**

JD presented three estimates for a Ford truck from three Ford dealerships. As some of these estimates dated back to March 2019, it was decided that JD will ask the dealerships for updated quotes and report back to the Board of Selectmen in August.

**6. Work Session:**

**7. Citizens Comments:**

None.

**8. Adjournment:**

JD/RT moved to adjourn at 10:50 am. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emily John, Assistant

Approved, July 1, 2019: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Selectman, Jacqueline Dubois