



# Town of Underhill

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## SELECTBOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES Monday August 17, 2020, 7:45 A.M. Underhill Town Hall - Remote Meeting

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**Selectboard:** Dan Steinbauer, Bob Stone, and Peter Duval

**Town Staff:** Jim Beebe-Woodard, Town Administrator; Kurt Johnson, Highway Infrastructure Committee Chair

**Public:** None

**7:49 A.M. Call to order, introductions, adjustments to agenda.**

**7:50 A.M. Public Comment Period.** No public present.

**7:51 A.M. Approval of Invoice #2754 for Dirt Tech, LLC.**

Dan Steinbauer made a motion to approve payment of Invoice #2754 from DirtTech, LLC to actualize 1% discount for payment within 10 days. Bob Stone seconded the motion. During discussion, Bob Stone asked if the work has been performed to our satisfaction – not only to the Highway Infrastructure Committee, but from the engineering firm as well. Kurt Johnson stated that East Engineering has confirmed that the work has been completed within specifications. Kurt stated that they have walked the road twice following completion of the work and test samples were taken to make sure the gravel depth was correct. Kurt acknowledged that there were workmanship issues on the project but the completed job is within specifications. Kurt expressed disappointment that DirtTech had not sent their “A team” and they did not complete the caliber of work we would have liked to have seen but they did meet specifications. Dan Steinbauer stated he understood that Kurt had managed to get some discounts for poor workmanship; Kurt clarified that the discount was for the traffic control line item that was in the initial costing. Since the Town allowed DirtTech to close the road, Kurt requested an adjustment to the bill given that DirtTech had not been required to spend money on traffic control. They agreed to a \$6550 reduction on the final invoice. Kurt stated that the workmanship issues arose from the bulldozer operator being inexperienced and learning how to operate the machine while on the Raven’s Hill component of the project. The inexperienced operator left windrows of base stone that, when the gravel was applied on top, were outside the 22’ box cut. When [road foreman] Nate [Sullivan] came through to grade, the base stone was dragged up into the road. Nate has since trimmed the road and there will be some re-ditching to avoid any further dragging of the base stone into the road during grading. Dan Steinbauer stated that he was glad Nate has been able to ameliorate the issues. Kurt stated that again, from a specification standpoint, DirtTech did everything they were required to do and the gravel depth in 15 separate test pits

indicated a gravel depth of 7-8" and only 6" was required. Peter Duval stated that there is a certificate of substantial completion in the packet provided to the Selectboard, and asked if this is the documentation [of satisfactory completion] and asked if there had been another inspection after that. Kurt stated no, that was the final completion of the project. Dan stated that he was glad the work got done. Kurt agreed and stated that he thinks that Poker Hill Rd. residents will be much happier come next mud season. With no further discussion, Dan called the question to approve the motion. 3-0, the motion passed.

**7:56 A.M. Adjournment.** Bob Stone made a motion to adjourn; Peter Duval seconded. Dan stated that he wanted to thank Kurt for picking up on the opportunity to save the 1% and also for his work to negotiate the reduction on the invoice.

Submitted by Jim Beebe-Woodard, Town Administrator

Read and Approved as submitted/amended.

  
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Dan Steinbauer, Chair

20 AUGUST 2020  
Date Approved

9/10/2026  
Date Signed