

Agenda Summary
April 30, 2025

Agenda Item No. A-3

Equipment Fund Amendment and Parks ATV Bid Award

Summary: The Parks Department had a Kubota utility vehicle which broke down last fall and was determined to be non-repairable. The dealership offered to pay the Town \$2,000.00 for it. The vehicle is currently budgeted for replacement in FY27 for \$26,000.00. This vehicle is necessary for Spring, Summer, and Fall operations and is primarily used to transport water for the watering of flowers and gardens throughout the Town. The Parks Department typically has three utility vehicles, but is currently down to just one due to the Kubota breaking down and a Cub Cadet in need of repairs.

The Parks Department has historically removed/un-installed dog waste stations on the Quiet Path for the Winter season because they do not have vehicles which can access and service the stations during that time. If there is a desire to keep the dog waste stations open on the Quiet Path in the Winter, the Town could purchase a Utility Vehicle with tracks.

The Kubota currently listed in the Equipment Fund does not meet the horsepower requirements to operate with tracks. A utility vehicle would not fit across Rec Path bridges with the tracks installed, but it would allow vehicle access to all dog waste stations on the Quiet Path and all except for one on the Rec Path.

Prices are expected to increase by 15%+/- after May 30 due to tariffs.

Purchase options:

1. Purchase a Kubota RTVX2C and continue with current practice of removing dog waste stations from the Quiet Path which cannot be accessed by vehicle during winter months.

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Champlain Equipment | \$26,580.00 | (Available immediately) |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|

Champlain Equipment is the only Kubota dealer in the region.

1. Purchase a Polaris Ranger XP 1000 Northstar with a track system, which would enable staff to access and service dog waste stations during the winter months.

| | | |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Champlain Equipment: | \$34,983.04 | (Available immediately) |
| Laquerre's: | \$35,623.97 | (Available in four weeks) |
| All Around Power: | \$37,268.97 | (Available in four weeks) |

Staff researched options for electric, but were advised not to purchase one due to the current Stop Sale Recall for faulty charging system. Chris Gibson, Manager Champlain Valley Equipment stated, "Currently the Kinetic is not offered with AC, the tracks reduce the run time to 1/3 of normal run time. They also have a stop sale currently on them as they are having charging issues which can causing catastrophic failure. They are saying a minimum of 6 months on that issue." Electric versions are also more expensive, see attached quote for \$49,443.97.

Town Plan & Policy Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact & HR Impact: \$26,000.00 is budgeted in the Equipment Fund in FY27. The Kubota would cost \$24,580.00 after selling used machine. The Polaris with tracks from Champlain Vally Equipment would cost \$32,983.04 after selling used machine.

Recommendation: Move to amend the Equipment Fund and award the purchase of a Polaris Ranger XP 1000 Northstar with a track system to Champlain Equipment for \$34,983.04.