

**LAMSBD Board Meeting comments on Dam Mowing Bid for the record Monday
December 3, 2018**

During the September Board Meeting Trustee Petrucci stated he advised Groundworks they did not have to comply with the Bid Specs. At the time I wasn't sure what it meant until the discussion concerning Groundworks Auto Liability Limits of \$50,000 during the November Board Meeting heightened my curiosity.

I called Mr. Bees Landscape on November 7, 2018 (approx. 11:22 AM) and spoke with Kathryn, the Office Manager and later requested Bob Rumble, Lake Resident and Past LAMSBD Secretary to call and confirm the facts of my conversation with Kathryn. He spoke with her November 29, (approx. 10:30 AM).

I have sent copies our notes of the conversation to Wayne Flowers because of potential future circumstances.

It should be noted, at no time did Kathryn, Bob or myself mention any Trustee name.

My short summary below does not include all of Kathryn comments because it is not necessary. This report merely wants the Board to understand potential FL CH 287 problems left by the Dam Mow Bid Process.

1) Both bidders were spoken to before the bids were released to the Board in September.

2) Kathryn stated she and the Owner were visited at home twice by the LAMSBD Bid Manager and it was implied to them they had the contract. The Bid Manager stated he was not sure they needed to carry \$1,000,000 Auto Liability, but would get back to them after he spoke with the Board Attorney. In the interim, Mr. Bees obtained a quote from their insurance company for the \$1,000,000 limit of Auto Liability.

They heard nothing until hearing the Bid was extended. Then they again heard nothing. It should be noted that the winning bidder only had to provide \$50,000 Auto Liability. Mr. Bees was never notified of this change in writing.

Summary: I suggest only Wayne call them if anything needs to be confirmed because they are not happy, and feel they were set up. Bob and I both agree they would be extremely unhappy knowing about the \$50,000 Auto Liability Limit and the mere implication that a neighbor may have gotten the contract. Kathryn did state they would not respond to any future LAMSBD's RFP's if the same Bid Manger was involved.

I recommend the Board review and quickly vote to rebid the contract to relieve the Board of any possible future liability.

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