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To: Brattleboro Selectboard
Via: Peter Elwell, Town Manager
From: Daniel Tyler, Highway/Utilities Superintendent
Subject: Utilities Division – Sewer Rodder
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The Department of Public Works is seeking approval to replace the 2000 SRECO sewer rodder. Historically, there were two manufactures of sewer rodders. SRECO no longer has a web presence, and no information about current models could be found through dealers. Sewer Equipment Co. of America appears to be the sole manufacture. J.F. McDermott Corporation, of Whitman Ma., serves as the Sewer Equipment Co. of America dealer to municipalities in our region. Public works would like to utilize the town's Sourcewell (formerly National Joint Powers Alliance or NJPA) membership as procurement to purchase a new sewer rodder from J.F. McDermott Corporation.

“Sourcewell has solicited bids on behalf of its members in the category of Sewer Vacuum, Hydro Excavation, and/or Street Sweeper Equipment with Related Accessories and Supplies. Twenty-eight respondents were graded on a 1000-point scale in categories such as price, warranty terms, product quality, eco-friendly practices, value added attributes, and product selection. Based on its point total, Sewer Equipment has been awarded contract 122017-SCA which includes all products in the following categories:”

- Mongoose and Sewer Equipment Truck Jets
- Mongoose and Sewer Equipment Trailer Jets
- Ram-Vac Catch Basin Cleaners
- Ram-Vac Hydro Excavation Trucks and Trailers
- Sewer Equipment of America Combination Machines
- Sewer Equipment of America Easement Machines
- Sewer Equipment of America Rodders and Bucket Machines
- Rental/rent to own of all equipment above
- Chassis for above equipment
- Sewer Equipment of America High Efficiency Sewer Cleaning Nozzles
- Sewer Equipment parts and accessories

The replacement cost of the sewer rodder is \$61,824.16. \$60,000 is budgeted for the purchase. Public works expected to receive a trade-in value for the existing unit. Due to a limited market for used sewer rodders, a trade was not offered.