

## **Rick Bailey**

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**From:** Rick Bailey  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 28, 2017 2:50 PM  
**To:** Joe Shank  
**Subject:** Re: Tow Bid

Thanks Joe, I appreciate you taking that all. I will let our officers know.

Hope you have a good new years weekends.

Chief

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## James Kreidler

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**From:** James Kreidler <jkreidler@townsend.ma.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 2:52 PM  
**To:** 'Joe Shank'  
**Cc:** 'Cindy King'; 'gnclark613@gmail.com'; 'sml412@comcast.net'; 'Hailer, George'; 'Carolyn Smart'  
**Subject:** RE: Public Authority Towing Quotations

Mr. Shank,

I appreciate your prompt response.

I am not interested in starting rumors, quite to the contrary, I am interested in running them to ground when I hear them. That is the reason I asked you the question. I'm in no way am suggesting that you are lying.

Regards,

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**From:** Joe Shank [mailto:joe@harborautobody.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 2:29 PM  
**To:** James Kreidler  
**Cc:** Cindy King; gnclark613@gmail.com; sml412@comcast.net; Hailer, George; Carolyn Smart  
**Subject:** Re: Public Authority Towing Quotations

Mr. Kreidler  
Absolutely not only thing I have said is Mr. Shepherd told me he quit plain and simple

Please let's not start any more rumors about me and why would I lie about something like that as I tried to get them to stay on

Sent from Joseph Shank

On Dec 21, 2017, at 1:24 PM, James Kreidler <[jkreidler@townsend.ma.us](mailto:jkreidler@townsend.ma.us)> wrote:

Mr. Shank,

I referenced a conversation between you and I on the day of the bid opening when you were clear in saying that you did not want to be the only public authority tow operator for the town. I cannot speak to what was said between you and the Chief as I was not a party to that/those discussions.

By the way, I'm trying to run down an issue I have been hearing about recently. Have you told people that the town fired Shepard's from the towing rotation? Please advise.

Regards,

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**From:** Joe Shank [<mailto:joe@harborautobody.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 9:02 AM  
**To:** James Kreidler  
**Cc:** Cindy King; [gnclark613@gmail.com](mailto:gnclark613@gmail.com); [sml412@comcast.net](mailto:sml412@comcast.net); Hailer, George; Carolyn Smart  
**Subject:** Re: Public Authority Towing Quotations

Mr. Kreidler

I would like to clarify something I heard you mention that I was not interested in helping the town or the Townsend police department out covering the weeks that Shepards was no longer available

To clarify your statement on December 4st I met with chief Bailey in my office for sometime i told him I would be willing to do what ever I could do to help outThe police department. However I told him that I needed sufficient notice in order to line up my guys. and I could not respond at the last minute he said he would get back to me and appreciated that however he called me on Friday night 12/15 to ask me to cover Monday morning as I was out of town I told him I did not know if I could pull that off for Monday morning as I was out of town till Sunday evening .With the holiday season and such a short notice I could not do it this week. However I did mention to him that I may be interested in doing the towing for the town of Townsend full-time.

I am looking to hear back from you in regards to this email.

Thank you very much Joe

Sent from Joseph Shank

On Dec 20, 2017, at 3:38 PM, James Kreidler <[jkreidler@townsend.ma.us](mailto:jkreidler@townsend.ma.us)> wrote:

Mr. Shank,

The matter of public authority towing is on the agenda for this evening. After speaking with the Chair it is my understanding that we will be continuing on the every other week cycle with Harbor Autobody taking one week and a company that the Chief has secured temporarily taking the other week. This will be the case until after a brief re-advertisement is placed and additional operators are able to be considered. It is my expectation that the matter of official awards will therefore not be addressed until the Board meeting in January.

Accordingly, while you are always welcome to attend, there will be no official action taken and neither the need nor the opportunity for you to speak to the issue.

If by chance you chose to not attend, I hope you have a peaceful Christmas.

Regards,

Jim

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**From:** Joe Shank [<mailto:joe@harborautobody.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 20, 2017 2:54 PM

**To:** Jim Kreidler; Cindy King; [gnclark613@gmail.com](mailto:gnclark613@gmail.com); [sml412@comcast.net](mailto:sml412@comcast.net); Hailer, George

**Subject:** Public Authority Towing Quotations

Dear Mr. Kreidler,

I am following up on our meeting in regards to the bid opening at Town Hall on December 1, 2017.

The follow up meeting for this matter was originally scheduled for December 12, 2017. However, the meeting was cancelled until this evening (December 20, 2017).

As we discussed that Friday (12/1/17), you were going to get back to me and let me know if the meeting would be open for discussion. As of this writing, I have not heard of any updates. Does the Board of Selectmen plan to finalize and sign my contract for the police department towing this evening and should I be attending the meeting?

I followed up in regards to our discussion about trying to find people that would be able to assist and help out until a decision was made on the second tow company. You did return a call to me and left a message with my secretary. Within an hour after the call was received, I returned your call and left a message on the voicemail of Carolyn Smart to please return my call. However, no call back was ever received by you.

I have been in contact with the Police Chief for the past several weeks and asked if he could let me know, as soon as possible, if there was anything that I could do for the start of 12/18/17 (date when Shepherd's was no longer on tow call). I also requested to not be put under pressure at the last minute.

The Police Chief contacted me Friday evening (12/15/17) and asked if I would be able to cover Shepherd's tow weeks. I told him that was not enough time for me to put my personnel together to accommodate the Townsend Police Department. I also asked if he knew the name of the company that would be

towing in Shepherd's place, as I may need to use their assistance on my tow weeks, but no name would be released to me. Is there another company the Police Department is using that I could contact for our backup if need be or additional trucks at an accident? That has always been common practice between Shepherd's and myself.

I look forward to a timely response as the meeting is this evening.

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