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MINUTES
June 12, 2012

The meeting began at 7 p.m. In attendance were Chairman, Tom Dumont, Commissioners Mike Martin and Dave Crandall and Secretary, Terry Atwood.

The minutes of April 23, 2012 were accepted as written.

The Board reorganized. Dave Crandall voted as Chairman. Terry will inform the town clerk.

Board discussed the statewide public safety mutual aid law and voted against it.

McGovern's wall status was discussed. Mike stated he had attended the last NMCOG meeting and spoke with Sarah Bradbury regarding replacing the old and deteriorating water line from approximately Dumont's to Sargent's house. Mike expressed his concern of not replacing the line while the road is open due to the wall repairs. Tom and Dave agreed. The general consensus is that it is irresponsible not to replace it at the time of the project. This means that after the road is closed and repaved, the line may break at any time due to its age and condition thus forcing the town to reopen the newly paved road. Karl Huber of the Water Dept. gave a quote of about \$150-200 per linear foot to replace the line. Tom stated that it is even possible vibration from hammering the road while doing the wall repairs may break the line anyway. Mike noted that he has heard there is a leak by the cemetery at this time. Mike would like to leave the existing pipe and lay a new pipe adjacent to the old. Sarah will try and get us some information on possible grants.

It was also noted that the town engineer will receive final payments when the Board receives DOT approved copies of the McGovern's wall engineering plans.

Board briefly discussed personnel policy issues. Tom would like to implement a yearly performance review for every Highway employee. This way both the employee and the Board could bring up any issues of concern.

Tom stated that David will be going on vacation and will leave a list for George and Bob to work from.

The latest Salmon Brook bridge report was reviewed. No new action to be taken at this time.

The salt shed replacement engineering design was discussed. After July 1st, a bid will go out to solicit civil drawings for a new salt shed. Tom stated that the board needs to create a 'scope of



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work' to be included in the bid documents. Terry will ask Danice to put Highway on the agenda for the next Selectmen's meeting to discuss the engineering designs.

At 8:15 Dana Metzler entered the meeting. Discussion continued regarding bidding after July 1st for the salt shed replacement engineering design. The water line was also discussed again and the desire to replace it at the time McGovern's wall is repaired. Mike explained his frustration at how senseless it would be not to lay a new pipe down while the road is open. Tom remembers reading the specs that went to the Army Corps of Engineers that included the water line. The line was removed from future specs for unknown reasons. Dana agreed that it makes sense to replace it; however, the 400,000-500,000 cost makes it prohibitive right now. He suggested looking into instituting a betterment and having the Water Dept. kick in some funding. Mike explained that the project is now on the fast track, has already been advertised for bids, and may begin this fall. A town meeting vote would be needed for betterment. Tom stated that they need a scope of work the water line requires in addition to quotes.

Dana Metzler left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Chapter 90 was discussed. Brook St. project request has gone out to Mass Highway for approval. The fy2013 Ch. 90 funds have still not been released by the state.

The snow budget has enough money left in it to top off the Ice Ban and still have the \$80,000 passed at town meeting for salt shed engineering (\$30,000) and the savings account for a salt shed (\$50,000).

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

The next meeting is to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Atwood
Secretary