



**BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN OF DUNSTABLE  
TOWN HALL, 511 MAIN STREET  
DUNSTABLE, MA 01827-1313  
(978) 649-4514 X227  
FAX (978) 649-8893  
roads@dunstable-ma.gov**

MINUTES

November 4, 2013

The meeting began at 6 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Mike Martin, Commissioners Tom Dumont and Dana Kinne and Secretary, Terry Atwood.

Board reviewed salt shed plans from Tom Mahanna (Tighe and Bond). Tom Dumont feels this design would have to be tabled if trying to keep on the existing 39,000 sq ft portion of the land that was voted to be under Highway's control back in 1975 as it is too large and the footprint of the building will have to change. Tom Mahanna would need to show a 50 x 80 building onto 39,000 sq ft plan and then a minimal amount of land from the town forest parcel would be needed to be accessed in order to prepare the site and construct the shed. Upon completion the town forest land would be restored back to its original condition. The Town Forest committee would need to vote to allow Highway to access and use the land while the building is being constructed.

Mike stated that if the salt shed can't be built on Groton St., then River St. is another option --it is flat land and has room for future expansion. In his opinion, however, Groton St. is the best place for the salt shed.

Dana stated that Groton St. is only good for a salt shed and that, in his opinion, River St. is more desirable because of the room for future expansion. He also notes that the shed will be 40' tall on Groton St. which he feels makes for a very tall building to be placed on a hill. He also stated that the engineering for River St. will require a town meeting vote.

Mike noted that the road on River St. is only 14' wide by Patenaude's, which is close to the area where the salt shed would be located. This would make it difficult for plows, sanders and salt delivery trucks to travel to and from the salt shed especially with approaching oncoming vehicles, which is definitely a drawback.

Tom stated that he feels Groton St. is the preferable site for multiple reasons including financial.

The Main St. Bridge at Salmon Brook was discussed. Mike talked with the bridge abutters and they are all agreeable to granting necessary easements, whether permanent or temporary, although some abutters have questions that they will be able to ask at the December 4<sup>th</sup> public hearing to be held by the state at town hall. All abutters have been informed.



**BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN OF DUNSTABLE  
TOWN HALL, 511 MAIN STREET  
DUNSTABLE, MA 01827-1313  
(978) 649-4514 X227  
FAX (978) 649-8893  
[roads@dunstable-ma.gov](mailto:roads@dunstable-ma.gov)**

The Board discussed the Main St. culvert that needs repairing. The estimated cost by the state is approximately \$50,000. The state initially recommends a plan that would include extending the culvert, backfilling it and building a headwall.

The Board discussed McGovern's wall and noted that it looks great and a thank you email will go out to the DOT, MDR and D&R. All agreed.

The minutes of October 21, 2013 were accepted as written.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The next meeting is to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Atwood  
Highway Secretary