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MINUTES
February 19, 2014

The meeting began at 7 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Mike Martin, Commissioner Tom Dumont, Town Engineer Jeff Rider, and Secretary, Terry Atwood. Absent was Commissioner Dana Kinne.

The Board discussed state storm water regulations and the effects the regulations will have regarding roads in town. The proposed Alexander Estates subdivision was discussed. The proposed subdivision's underground 'structures' are not desirable. The structures would require maintenance which would mean expensive repairs in addition to repaving the road. The structures would also need to be registered with DEP and the EPA as underground injection wells. Mike and Tom agree that they don't want any structures under the roads.

The deteriorating road condition on Main St. at the culvert across from the cemetery was discussed. Jeff explained that MassDOT can't help with the design because it's not considered big enough for a 'bridge', so the town will need to pay for the design. Jeff further stated that he and Bev Woods at NMCOG have talked about construction funding for the road project. There is a possibility that because it's a smaller project TIP money may be available.

The distance of the project on Main St. was discussed. Jeff and Mike think it affects about 600' of the road from the culvert back to Hardman's. Jeff stated it may require a temporary bypass during reconstruction. MassDOT will need to approve the final design. Tom asked what MassDOT is looking for, and Jeff stated that basically there needs to be 2 12' travel lanes and 2 4' shoulders. Jeff stated that MassDOT has become more strict about the shoulders and noted that a waiver was given on the McGovern's wall project. Jeff also stated the possibility of dropping precast then filling against them because of the difficulty of the project. He also suggests putting out an RFP to engineering firms to ask for conceptual designs with cost estimates and then have the selected firm present for town meeting. An article would need to be prepared for town meeting. The RFP would be qualification based using the 2 envelope system which includes 1 envelope with their qualifications and 1 envelope with their fee. Tom and Mike agreed that Jeff will prepare this RFP using a scope of 300-400', and then it would go to town meeting. Terry will find out when Articles are due for town meeting.

The salt shed was discussed. Tom asked Terry to verify with Tom Mahanna (Tighe and Bond) that they would like to be present when the surveying is done. The 39,000 sq. ft. given to Highway back in the 1980s is being delineated by Tighe and Bond on the salt shed site.

It was noted that the Quonset-like structure has collapsed over the sand.



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Jeff noted he will be in attendance at the Selectmen's meeting Monday night to discuss storm water regulations. Mike will also attend. Jeff noted that Dunstable was able to obtain a waiver with these regulations up until this year. The population in the Dunstable 'urbanized' area as designated by the state is now over 1,000 and the town will now need to comply with the regulations. Mapping a drainage system on GIS will need to be done. Jeff can obtain cost estimates from other towns. There are 6 criteria that need to be met with 5 years given to implement them. NMCOG and NRWA are 2 agencies that may be able to provide assistance.

At 8:10 p.m. Jeff Rider left the meeting.

Sky Top Lane was discussed. Because of the ongoing complicated road ownership issues, Tom and Mike agreed not to pursue street acceptance at this time.

The minutes of January 13 and January 21, 2014 were accepted as written.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Atwood
Highway Secretary