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**MINUTES  
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The meeting began at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Mike Martin, Commissioners Dana Kinne, Peter Gove and Secretary Terry Atwood. Also in attendance was Town Engineer, Jeff Rider.

Jeff discussed the draft RFP for the Main St. problem across from the cemetery by the culvert. Jeff stated that there are several problems including the culvert, cemetery retaining wall, wetlands and maintaining traffic flow while work is being done. He would like 2 conceptual plans to choose from. The process includes suppliers submitting proposals of which the road commissioners evaluate and then open the fee packet of the chosen proposal, negotiate and sign contract. The winning bidder typically bills the town monthly. This proposal will result with a finished design and then the town can go to the state to see if there will be any state funding. Ultimately the town will have a set of plans and specs ready to be put out to bid. Discussion followed. Jeff noted that one of the goals is to get pavement away from the cemetery. Mike commented that the Cemetery Commission and Conservation are supporting the project as approximately 3' of the road will be moved back from the cemetery. The next step is for Madonna to review the RFP draft he had emailed and talk about timing.

Dana noted that the salt shed is a priority and maybe this Main St. RFP could wait until spring. Discussion followed.

At 7:30 p.m., Brian Weilbrenner, resident at 20 Massapoag Way approached the board. He asked what could be done regarding the road condition of Massapoag Way. Every year the residents get a letter from Highway stating the need to keep the road graded if the residents want the town to sand the road. He noted that the road has a lot of traffic now and houses have been converted from seasonal to year round.

Discussion followed including the issue of deeds and lot lines running through other properties. Brian stated that drainage was also an issue that he learned of years ago when talking with former road commissioner, Jim Regan. Dana stated that the homeowner's association could probably deal with the deed issues. Another big issue is that the level of the road needs to be brought up for drainage purposes. The board stressed that the town does not want any catch basins because of storm water regulations. Dana and Mike stated that the road would need to be brought up to specs before the town could go through the process of accepting it.

Mike also stated that the letter requesting grading does get sent to the residents every year but there are usually holes too big for trucks to sand because of potential damage to the town trucks. Discussion followed regarding the filling of holes and how it's only a temporary fix. The width of the road required was also discussed. Dana stated that Planning Board would also need to get involved.

Mr. Weilbrenner left the meeting.



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The salt shed was discussed and it was noted that a temporary salt shed at the current garage is what the town is working toward now. Hopefully the shed could eventually be moved to a permanent location, should one be secured later.

The minutes of 7/22/14 were accepted as written.

At 8:35 p.m. Sue Psaledakis entered the meeting.

Sue discussed sidewalks and granite curbing in the town center. She is going forward with pathways initiative and would like a walking path between the center and the library. Some are opposed to sidewalks, but pathways would be on private property if the property owners would agree to give easements. They can also be paid for with CPA funds. She's talked with some neighbors who didn't have a problem with giving an easement. She has visited Carlisle and has seen examples of their pathways which include a sandy-type of surface. The area she wants to make a pathway in Dunstable is approximately 600-800'. She also would like to extend the granite curb up to David Wellington's driveway and fill in with bark mulch, not pavement.

Mike Martin expressed storm water concerns and how granite would channel the water. Sue said this would be a template for people to see if they like it or not. Peter asked if the residents involved would have to sign off and Sue said they would have to sign an easement for a pathway but not for a sidewalk. Peter suggested first getting the easements and then do the curbing. Sue would like either way and asked the road commissioners to think about it. She noted there was plenty of curbing behind the post office. Dana acknowledged that there was the old Century Way curbing behind the post office. Discussion followed.

Sue also brought up a second issue which was that curbing should be in front of the Convenient Mann parking area because it's a safety issue from cars backing up on to 113. She feels that now is the time to do it before the store opens again. Peter stated that the problem with that is plowing for the town and plowing for the business.

Board noted they are against maintaining sidewalks and paying for anything toward it. They will consider Sue's requests. Sue left the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

The next meeting is to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Atwood  
Highway Secretary