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**MINUTES
April 19, 2017**

Mike Martin called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Mike Martin, Commissioners Peter Gove and Mat Morton, Superintendent David Tully and Secretary Terry Atwood.

Omar Jauregui and Scott Cornett from Northpoint Construction Management, LLC were also in attendance to discuss the driveway at 1010 Main St.

Mike explained that because the house was razed and a new home is being built, which is requiring new building permits, the road commissioners want to control the water runoff going down the driveway onto the street with the goal of satisfying stormwater regulations.

Scott explained and showed plans that they want to revitalize the existing driveway and will overlay the entire driveway, but they aren't touching the existing driveway from the road up to about the 224 grade.

Peter stated there are 3 holes in the newly paved Main St. from their excavator. Scott asked if they can get through the construction and then possibly infrared the damage. David asked if they could possibly use hot rubberized filler. Scott stated that they'll do whatever is necessary to fix the road. The board explained that the town's paving budget is only 90k per year and this road was just resurfaced. Peter stated it was good that Scott and Omar acknowledge the road damage and are going to fix the runoff issue. Board discussed how to prevent water runoff. It was agreed that the new driveway pavement will be crowned in the middle and have stone along the edges for water to drain into before it hits the road. Mike stated he wants water kept up behind the rock wall that is approximately 60 or so feet back from the road. Scott stated that the homeowner may want something on top of the stone that is more aesthetically pleasing. Peter voiced concern that whatever Scott is thinking about placing on top of the stone may cause water runoff. Scott stated that 1' deep of stone on the edges with the crowned pavement (1-2") in the center of the pavement will help and agreed to provide a sketch of what the final plans will look like to the Board before the work is done. A driveway permit is required (Omar gave Terry the permit application and payment). Board decided no retainer is required as the driveway is existing where it meets the road. Mike signed the permit. Scott and Omar left the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Lauren Chaney joined the meeting at 7:19 p.m. She voiced her concern about a blocked culvert in the area of 240 Westford St. She showed the board pictures and said that on one side of the road the water is not flowing. Peter stated that Highway tried to fix it a year or so ago but it's an involved project and is going to take longer than a day or 2. Lauren stated that she was there when they tried to unblock it a year or so ago. Peter asked if there is water there year round and Lauren stated there is. Mike stated that it will eventually be taken care of but he's not sure exactly when. At 7:23 Lauren left the meeting.

At 7:24 Jeff Rider joined the meeting. The driveway at 1010 Main St. was discussed again. Jeff likes the plans of the whole driveway getting a finish coat with stone along the sides and a crown in the middle of the pavement. Discussion followed regarding how to get this in the rules and regs. Jeff feels it is a legal issue. He stated that the BRC is the clear authority of the Right-of-Way.



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Jeff left the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Peter made a motion to accept the minutes of 3/22/17 as written. Mat seconded, voted unanimous.

Board reviewed amendments to the Streets, Ways and Driveways rules and regulations. These rules and regulations will pertain to the Streets, Ways and Driveways bylaw that will be voted on at the town meeting in May. This bylaw will replace both the Street Excavation Bylaw and Driveway and Entrance Bylaw which will be repealed at the town meeting.

Peter made a motion to accept the driveway section recently added to the Streets, Ways and Driveways rules and regulations. Mat seconded, voted unanimous.

Peter made a motion to accept the whole document of the Streets, Ways and Driveways rules and regulations. Mat seconded, voted unanimous.

David briefly explained the GPS training he attended today with the town administrator.

Mike talked about replacing wooden guardrails if any money is left in the budget at the end of this fiscal year. Peter suggested getting another price other than Bartlett. Mike and Mat agreed.

Mike brought up logging projects. He feels that a driveway/entrance permit needs to be taken out to protect the edges and integrity of the road from the heavy equipment. Peter and Mat agreed. Terry will ask Jeff Rider about possibly adding these to the rules and regs. The Board wants the road to be kept clear of mud, dirt and debris at all times and the edges of the road to be protected at all times.

A street opening permit application was reviewed for 232 Kemp St. Mike signed it with the notation that the work must be done in accordance with his and Steve Dalbec's discussion regarding that opening. Peter asked Terry to send National Grid a copy of the newly approved Streets, Ways and Driveways rules and regulations.

Peter made a motion to adjourn at 8:30. Mike seconded, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Atwood
Highway Secretary