

At 6:13 pm the meeting came to order in the main floor meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall. Present were Highway Study Committee members Mark Pitkin, Leon Holmes Jr, Steve Harms, Jack Downing, and Greta St Germain.

The agenda and talking points for the evening consisted of current updates and winter condition over view as the Committee had not meet for several months due to the demands of snow conditions.

Holmes made a motion to accept the minutes of October 25, 2010 and November 29, 2010 as written, seconded by Harms, approved by all members.

Pitkin and Holmes shared that it has been an extreme and challenging winter for both of them as well as the subcontractors hired for road plowing. Pitkin has budgetary concerns for the amount of plowing that has occurred in 2011, he is waiting for an update from the Town Administrator to keep a close check on funds spent. Committee members shared their truck repair costs as equipment has been pushed consistently.

St.Germain shared that she had received a number of calls praising the efforts of all the Highway workers for the great job of maintaining the roads during this extremely snowy season.

The Committee discussed possible frost band postings for South, North, Abbott, Scribner, Whittier and Shirkin Roads, as they believe Fremont's road suffer greatly with weighted vehicles traveling these roads. Pitkin plans to discuss this in length with the Selectmen, in effort to protect the current conditions of these roads from further damage.

All Committee members support this effort.

Pitkin discussed a conversation he had with a Raymond worker and the measuring of road miles. Raymond considers lane miles as opposed to actual road miles, therefore it should be noted for record that Fremont has 42 miles of measured road or recorded as 84 lane miles.

Holmes presented a list of Town-owned bridges requested from the November 29th meeting.

- Sandown Road at Rte. 107, Cross Exeter River, Built late 1990
- Sandown Road near Sandown Town Line
- Scribner Road (Exeter River Cross) Turner's Dam, Built early 1940?
- Levitt Road (cross Brown Brook) Built?
- Martin Road, Built?

Question concerning when these bridges where built remained the topic. St.Germain will confer with Heidi Carlson, TA to see if there is any documentation that would speak to these questions and the specific years built.

Holmes and Pitkin explained that the bridge of most concern would be the Leavitt Road Bridge.

The Committee discussed the possibility of having the Town engineer or another with the same expertise evaluate each bridge and submit a punch list report on their condition. The Committee discussed establishing a separate bridge fund to address any and all concerns and repair costs. Brentwood has done similar and it has worked well for them in planning for repairs and maintenance.

The Committee asked St.Germain if the previously discussed Winter Maintenance Procedure had made it to the website, additional descriptions and requirements were needed for clarity. The Committee spoke to the issues and would like to include the following;

Winter Maintenance Procedures

Winter parking ban goes into effect November 15th to April 15th. Any vehicle parked on the Towns right of way between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 7:00 am will be towed at the owner's expense.

The Fremont Highway Department asks all residents to stay home if and when possible to allow our Trucks time to clear and maintain the Roads. All storms are different and require different actions at various times.

Please do not plow, blow, or shovel snow into the Town's right of ways. It is costly to have crews make return trips to clean and treat. If snow is pushed across the right of way make sure it's cleaned up and not piled in the traveled way. If there is a problem it will be up to the homeowner to have it removed.

- Do not clean off vehicles in the Town roadways
- Do not snow blow, plow or push snow into the Town roads
- Do not sled into Town roads
- Do not allow children to play in or around snow banks on the side of road ways

Snow Markers: 4' to 6' reflective snow markers are acceptable in most cases

Unacceptable Snow Markers: Buried rebar, trash cans or other obstacles placed along the road edge. Homeowners may incur costs of Damage to plow equipment for failing to comply.

Please remove trash toters and recycling buckets from Town road ways prior to snow fall

The Town of Fremont and its contractors will not be responsible for any damage caused by slippery roads or road conditions.

Members will review further this policy "work in progress."

With no other order of business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

It is noted for the record that the meeting scheduled for December 27, 2010 had been cancelled and not rescheduled. The next meeting is posted for Monday February 28, 2011 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Greta St. Germain