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At 6:00 pm the meeting came to order in the main floor meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall. Present this evening were Mark Pitkin, Steve Harms, Jack Downing, Greta St Germain, and Leon Holmes Jr.

**Review and approval of minutes:** March 28 minutes were moved for acceptance by Leon Holmes. Downing seconded, and the vote was approved 4-0-1 with St Germain abstaining.

Pitkin outline his meeting with Dean from the NH DOT Division 6 Garage in Kingston regarding Jackie Bernier Drive. Dean would be happy to place a catch basin, but we would need to discuss this with the State.

The Committee reviewed the past Through Trucking Ordinance adopted in May 2004. There was a long discussion about adding South Road to the Ordinance in order to preserve one of the only roads that still are in good shape, all agreed. Holmes abstained from the decision, as he lives on the road.

The Committee discussed NH RSA 31:39 which is the Power of Towns to enact Bylaws. This includes the provision of up to a \$1,000 fine. They discussed the question of who will be available for questions regarding the Frost Ban and when it is in place. The Committee felt it should be the Road Agent, and his number will be listed as a contact. The Selectmen's Office telephone number will be used as a back up. This information must also be posted at the Town Hall when the ban is in effect.

The Committee felt that a maximum of \$1,000 fine would be sufficient.

Bridges were discussed. Pitkin felt that it was paramount that the Town completes the RFQ to at least get on the list for bridge repair. The State will fund 80% of the repairs however the Town must pay the funds up front. The waiting list for State funding through the Bridge Aid Program is approximately 7 years out.

The Committee agreed that we would need to place a warrant article to begin the process for funding a bridge fund. The Committee will consult with the Board of Selectmen to determine a starting amount to fund the Bridge fund.

Pitkin will inquire with Nancy Mayville at the State to see the amount of funds that need to start you on the list. St Germain will follow up with Heidi Carlson to begin preparing an RFQ from the template forwarded onto her from Hoyle Tanner.

Holmes mentioned the RAS Tech Product that was presented to the Town to try. Both he and Pitkin agreed that the product seemed to be much more effective than cold patch. Holmes stated that the product is amazing and can be placed with a snow shovel and sets up quickly. Additionally the product held up during plow season and can be applied either by compacting or rolling the product.

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Pitkin is trying to resolve the current water problem at Beede Hill Road and Main Street. Pitkin was told there was a culvert there however he can not locate it. He is working with the State to find the culvert, to address the water issue.

There was discussion about the weight limit within the Frost Ban Ordinance. The Committee would like to consult with Chief Janvrin to determine if he is comfortable with the six ton limit rather than a ten ton limit.

Holmes suggested the Board of Selectmen adopt a no littering ordinance. He stated the trash on the side of the roads once the snow melts away, is substantial. He feels that if fines are imposed that it may minimize the amount of trash people litter onto our roads.

The Committee discussed the "Adopt a Highway" Program which involves people volunteering to clean up specific roads. Harms spoke to the program as Hampstead had adopted it to help beautify the Town. He stated that bags were issued imprinted with the "Town of Hampsted, Keep NH Beautiful." Hampstead had signs made with the individual company or individual's names on them. He stated that several people got involved during spring and fall clean up as well as on Earth Day.

Chief Janvrin will be asked about the prison volunteers available for road clean up. St Germain will inquire with the Chief if this is possible.

Turner's Dam has been posted with a weight limit, "Weight Restriction Ahead," is posted at the beginning of Scribner Road at Route 107 and at South Road. A 15 ton limit sign is posted on either side of the bridge, in advance of the bridge.

**Roadside Memorial Policy:** Downing would like the Planning Board to review the Roadside Memorial Policy. St Germain will print the RSA's that are stated and pass onto Hunter (Selectmen's Representative to the Planning Board) to inquire.

Holmes will research the areas of North and South Road where the OHRV Trail crosses the road. There was discussion about whether warning signage (such as TRAIL CROSSING AHEAD) is necessary. St Germain will inquire with Selectmen if this has ever been a concern in past.

Pitkin said he will be looking a crack sealing on Walker Lane, within Mast Tree Estates, and Copp Drive. Nicom estimated \$4,500.00 for the day to cover these roads. Pitkin will get a breakdown for each portion and the total amount of work will depend on cost.

Pitkin also stated that he plans to do reclamation on Sandown Road to the bottom of Sandown hill, and possibly the beginning of Chester Road. He plans to present this to the BOS on Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Holmes invited the Committee members to the May 26<sup>th</sup> Mountains of Demo Public Works Exposition. Holmes and Pitkin will be attending this event

With no other items up for discussion the Committee adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Greta St Germain  
Selectmen's Representative

Several days following the meeting, the next Highway Study Committee meeting was posted for 6:00 pm on Monday June 6, 2011.