

The meeting was called to order 6:04 pm in the main floor meeting room of the Fremont Town Hall. Present were Mark Pitkin Road Agent, Jack Downing, Greta St.Germain, Selectman's Re; and Steve Harms entered meeting at 6:10 pm.

Copies of the Bridge Engineering Request for Qualifications (RFQ) proposals were distributed for the Committee to review. Currently the Town Road Agent has requested a Bridge Repair Capital Reserve Fund to be established at the 2012 Town Meeting, to begin the process of getting the Town of Fremont onto the State of NH Municipal Bridge Aid Program. Currently the earliest Fremont would be eligible for funding is the State's fiscal year 2019.

Engineering firms who submitted a response to the RFQ include:

- CLD Consulting Engineers
- Holden Transportation Engineering
- Eckman Engineering LLC
- Hoyle, Tanner & Assoc
- Jacobs
- McFarland Johnson, Inc.
- CMA Engineers
- Stantec
- Dubois & King Inc
- H E Bergeron Engineers

There is State Bridge Aid funding of approximately 80% of the repair costs available from the State, the remaining 20% would need to be absorbed from Town funds. The Town must appropriate the total cost of the project, and the 80% is a reimbursement following the expenditure.

Currently two of the Town's bridges are on the State's Red list: Martin Road and Scribner Road at Turner's Dam.

The Committee determined the Martin Road Bridge should be the first bridge scheduled for repair.

It was decided to review these Bridge vendor proposals over the next several months as each packet was very detailed.

The Committee discussed the ongoing issue of the purchase of a Town-owned backhoe. The overall consensus was to have the backhoe purchase added onto the 2012 Town Budget and financed over the next 5-7 years. This will be presented to the Budget Committee for review. The overall cost including attachments came to \$114,500.

The Committee reviewed the remaining funds with the Highway Budget as of 10-28-2011. Pitkin felt that it may be possible to seal Abbott Road by the end of this year and possibly Scribner Road as well.

Pitkin is concerned with what is under Whittier Drive and would like to perform a core test to analyze the findings. This would dictate the direction he would need to proceed with that road. Pitkin mentioned that the State Division Shed # 6 has been shut down from lack of state funding.

With no other order of business the meeting concluded at 7:35 pm.

The next scheduled Highway Study Committee is set for Monday December 5, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Greta St.Germain