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CLASS V ROADS STUDY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2012

Members Present: C. Jay Smith, Fred Stearns, Morty Bailey, Jim Jenks, Mike Smith, Frank Bowles, Sue Mackenzie.

The meeting was officially opened at 6:30 pm by Jay Smith.

1. Jay noted that he had received an e-mail from Sean Ross noting that he had a conflict with the meeting day/time and would not be able to help out.
2. Discussed building a spreadsheet with price of materials so that we can come up with a "cost per foot". This can then be put into cost of repairs/upgrades for sections of roads. We also discussed how to prioritize repairs/upgrades. Several options were brought up such as traffic counts, roads with one way in/out and roads necessary for emergency vehicles.
3. Mike brought up a study he had read that said most culverts were undersized. Rainfall events of an inch or more in a short period are becoming more common and smaller culverts are unable to handle this amount of water. The study also talked about development encroaching on wetlands, preventing them from absorbing the extra rainfall but it was felt that this is not a problem in Lyme since our zoning is designed to sufficiently protect wetlands.
4. We also discussed River Road. There appear to be some areas where the pavement on the river side is deteriorating.
5. Morty brought up the point of looking at cutting back some of the trees to let in more air and light. Trees overhanging the road do not let in sunlight and restrict air flow slowing the evaporation of moisture in the road. While several of our roads are designated as "Scenic Roads" there are still allowances for thinning of some trees. Jay will get a copy of the RSA and will try to get a list of the designated "Scenic Roads" in town.
6. We will try to have Karen Henry, CRREL road expert come to one of our meetings to talk about road building.
7. Elected Frank Bowles as recorder. Approved the minutes of the meeting on May 1, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 5th at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, /s/C. Jay Smith