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CLASS V ROADS STUDY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 17, 2012

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

Jay opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

1. Jim Jenks noted that he has gone over the notes on pricing from the last meeting and is troubled that the costs have risen so much in the last few years. He said that he kept hoping that there were errors in the pricing, but could not find them.
2. The rest of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the south section of River Road near the Hanover border. Mike noted that the condition of the road is an embarrassment for the town. There was general agreement that the issue of the surface breaking up is very difficult to solve because of all of the clay and water under the road. Jim noted that they had run into serious water problems when they replaced the culvert near the Hanover/Lyme border. We concluded that the only immediately viable solution would be to grind the existing pavement, put down geotextile and then top it off with 2"-minus stone, compact it and then top it with a gradable layer of smaller stone. We all agreed that the problem with this approach is that we would need to figure out some way to make the new surface come level with the area Hanover recently repaved. Also, eventually the road would need to be paved once it was found to be stable.
3. Jay and Fred noted that there was no money to do any work on the road right now.
4. Jay indicated that the selectmen are looking for possible grant money from NRCS to engineer and rebuild the whole low section of south River Road and to try and stabilize other areas of the road that also have problems.
5. Mike suggested getting Charlie Hirschberg's opinion about how to fix the road and he will also try to get Karen Henry, an engineer at CRREL to come and talk with us. She is an expert on difficult roads.
6. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 7 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, /s/Frank Bowles