

DRAFT 9/18/2012
APPROVED 10/2/2012

CLASS V ROADS STUDY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2012

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

Jay opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

1. The meeting centered on finalizing the Report to the Selectboard. Items were discussed and the one area of contention was the trimming of trees. Mike brought up that tree cutting was not consistent with the Master Plan or with the scenic highway designation of many of our roads. Jim Jenks stated that in some places trees needed to be cut so larger vehicles could pass. Jay said he understood the desire not to cut trees and that cutting back was not feasible nor was it his desire. He had used this as an example only to show how it had worked in other towns, allowing light and air to dry the roads. His goal was to trim the tops in some areas where the road was completely covered to allow some sun on the road to help dry the roads out and hopefully mitigate some of the problems caused by excessive moisture. The Draft report language was revised to reflect this and the Draft Report was approved.
2. Jay brought up that we need to start getting accurate measurements for the areas identified as “chronic failure areas” so we can come up some ideas for what is need and cost figures in order to develop a plan for funding these projects.
3. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, /s/C. Jay Smith