

DRAFT 10/2/2012  
APPROVED 11/20/2012

CLASS V ROADS STUDY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 2, 2012

Members Present: C. Jay Smith, Fred Stearns, Jim Jenks, Morty Bailey.

Jay opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

1. Fred brought up the need for drainage on Acorn Hill Road. Jay suggested Fred come up with a cost for this and put it into the roads maintenance budget.
2. Discussed having a Town Ordinance to deal with weight limits on Town Roads. Reviewed Hanover's "No Through Trucking" ordinance as a guideline. This would not accomplish anything in Lyme since very few of the trucks are passing through on local roads with the possible exception of the Grafton Turnpike. Most of the heavy trucking done on Lyme's roads is either contractors doing work for a resident, trucks hauling wood from a local logging site or for purposes which are explicitly exempt under State RSA's. Additionally if a bond is required should the person contracting the work be forced to put up the bond or the contractor who would be forced to pass this expense on to the customer. This would also affect contractors in Lyme and would be difficult to interpret what constituted "through trucking" in some cases. It appears the main purpose of Hanover and Lebanon's ordinance is to keep trucks out of certain parts of the town. Since that does not appear to be the purpose of having an ordinance in Lyme, but rather to prevent damage to fragile dirt roads, the temporary postings when roads are soft and susceptible to damage appears to be sufficient and the Committee feels that posting "through trucking" limits would not accomplish any real purpose.
3. Minutes of the September 18, 2012 meeting were approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, /s/C. Jay Smith