

CLASS V ROADS COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION  
November 7, 2013, 7 p.m.  
Town Office Conference Room

Members present: Susan Mackenzie, Mike Smith, Fred Stearns, Bill Malcolm, Dan Brand, and Mimi Weinstein

1) Welcome

Sue welcomed all in attendance and described UNH 10 year plan, which is guiding and driving strategy for Road Agent. This plan examines repairs needed and aids in prioritizing according to three essential factors:

- Traffic Density
- School Bus Routes
- Emergency Vehicle Accessibility

2) Presentation

Sue narrated powerpoint presentation which showed photographs of specific roads in town with diminished integrity needing repair, and strategies such as chip sealing to restore integrity, maintain quality and extend the life of paved roads as suggested by the UNH plan.

Mike Smith circulated a handout of paved road inventory, priority of repair and estimated expense and reinforced the need for building a strong base in order to maximize repairs at the lowest cost.

Bill Malcom explained how UNH study played role in determining budget, but does not cover culverts or ditches.

Fred Stearns stated Lyme has more dirt roads than any town in NH and that must be considered with respect to extent of maintenance, cost.

3) Methods of road repair/ Pro-active mud season Strategies/Priorities were described:

- a. Calcium chloride versus magnesium chloride: insures sturdy surface, nontoxic to environment
  - b. Chip sealing (liquid asphalt along road) extends life of paved road for 10-12 years (estimated)
  - c. TRIAX triangular grid shaped mat, rolled out on road and gravel (6-8") spread on top which reduces amount of gravel to be purchased.
  - d. Increased traffic issues are a concern and safety issues remain a constant intention
  - e. Roads committee sees investing money in prevention and repairs constant aim.
- There is a certain point at which volume of traffic changes the way in which you maintain the road.

3) Public Remarks/Concerns

- a. Public thanks committee for their hard work.
- b. Public confirms that it is important to maintain roads, but residents who are directly affected with proposed changes should be alerted.
- c. Public wants to reconcile road maintenance with keeping Lyme charming and "the way it's always been".

4) Announcements-State mandates

- a. Owners are responsible for tree removal along road which present potential hazards.
- b. Owners are responsible for maintaining culverts.

Respectfully submitted,

