

CLASS V ROADS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 18, 2014

TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
1 HIGH STREET
LYME, NH

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Present: Dan Brand, Bill Malcolm, Jim Jenks, Fred Stearns, Mike Smith, Sue MacKenzie, GUESTS: Nate Miller, UVLSRPC, Patty Jenks, Jay Smith

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM.
Minutes from 2/18/14 Approved as written.

1. Nate Miller discussed the Park and Ride acquisition from the state. The letter submitted by Lyme has been received by NHDOT, it is being sent to all departments for comments. Nate feels one of the states conditions will be to continue the Park and Ride. The town should expect a letter from DOT expressing their willingness transfer the property for a "fair market value" or some other form of compensation. Nate recommends looking at the possibility of finding a piece of property to swap for the Park and Ride as a means of compensation. The state is looking to rid itself of excess property as a means of generating revenues. The state would then own the exchanged property and could do whatever they wanted with it.

A discussion followed about either asking the state to improve the lot to increase parking spaces or allowing the town to improve the lot.

2. How can UVLSRPC help the town with engineering expertise. Nate felt that the Goose Pond Road project needed full depth reconstruction. Two other concerns are the 2 areas on South River Road just below the East Thetford bridge. Fred described what was done to the other sections of Goose Pond Road: under drains down four feet, and the road was essentially crushed gravel mixed with the ground pavement and overlaid with pavement. Nate recommends having the entire section engineered at one time and then implementing the improvements as the budget allows. The RPC is willing to help write the RFP (requests for proposals) to send out to engineering companies statewide. The estimate was given that the cost of an engineering would be \$50 - 60,000. This was considered to be an expense that the town could not afford. Sending out the RFP does not commit the town to anything, but would give us an idea of what it would take to do this study. The RPC has a master list of consulting firms that DOT considers creditable firms.

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3. River Road Culvert failure, reasonably inexpensive project to study.
4. The erosion and slumping problem 0.2 mile south of the bridge is a far more complex problem. Nate suggested sending out a split RFP for both projects so that work and projects could be handled separately. He also suggests looking into obtaining grants, Nate offered the services of the RPC in doing both the RFPs and grant writing. USDA and FEMA were mentioned. If FEMA had already paid for repairs, they may be more willing to pay for prevention of another large flood event. Similar problem in Charlestown, NH was protected by using a mat of some sort to stop the erosion. DES did the work for this project. RPC is willing to help with the RFPs and it would be very helpful if some members of this committee would be willing to work with them in the process. There is always room to negotiate with the firms to find ways to discuss decreasing cost. One way to decrease cost is to minimize the number of times the engineer needs to come to town to present the information.

Discussion: UNH study was brought up and discussed the value of the study as it applies to these projects. Not very helpful.

Dorchester road is felt to cost \$330,000 per mile to rebuild and that is on the best portion of the road. (Franklin Hill Road for one mile going west) This will be considered if the gas tax gets approved by the NH Legislature.

We can Google NHDOT Project, to see any plans from DOT projects already planned or completed. Click on LYME, Project status and design. Click on Archive all. North Thetford Road was \$415,000, started in 2010.

The roads committee voted to go ahead with the RFPs, with the exception of the culvert project. Nate will get examples of RFPs from other projects in NH and VT.

Culvert project: replace culvert and replace header, what is going to prevent a repeat of this failure?

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Goose Pond Road suggestion to grind pavement and leave as dirt until later. We need specs to put out to bid. ? hire the borings to be done at the town request.

Comment that this is a good effort to get the best information on how best to proceed and will help with informing the town of what is needed and why it cost so much. This effort will inform as to how best to spend the money.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM

Respectfully submitted,

//Susan MacKenzie