

Class V Roads Study Committee Minutes

June 3, 2014

Approved 6/17/14

Present: Fred Stearns, Dan Brand, Sue MacKenzie, Jim Jenks, Mimi Weinstein, Mike Smith, Guests: Paul Hatch, Adam Ricker.

Meeting called to order at 6:07 PM

Approve minutes May 20, 2014 as amended.

1. We have had a good response to the RFP for the Goose Pond Road Project. To date we have had 4 engineers request and walk the road and one more call requesting a walk. They have all shared a lot of good ideas and a wide variety of suggestions.
2. Discussed Paved Road plan for 2014. Fred stated he planned to put 2 inches of asphalt on the Goose Pond Road from Pico through Baker Hill intersection instead of one because he felt the cracking was worse. This would impact the rest of the plan to protect the roads we planned to chip seal. It was recommended that Fred contact Bill Watson to ask for his advice on how much asphalt to apply to this section of road. The committee should drive the road before the next meeting.
3. Mimi discussed the upper section of Franklin Hill Road where it is getting very narrow do to encroaching ditches.
4. Dan informed the committee that DOT plans to repave the entire length of Dorchester to the Skiway.
5. Paul Hatch, Grafton County Representative, Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Hazard mitigation is about upgrading roads to prevent repeated failures. We are a step ahead with the engineering study done in 2013 as FEMA likes to see that we have made a significant investment already. This is a year long process and there is only \$63 million dollars available for the whole country. This is an electronic process. Applications will be evaluated at a state level first and then it gets sent to FEMA. FEMA will want to do site visits and may make recommendations for changes deletions or additions. While we are not obligated to do that it may be in our interest to adopt their suggestions. We have also reached out to DES and River committees for their input and suggestions. This is a 75/25% match. We need to come up with 25% at the same time or before. This will need to go before Town Meeting, most likely by getting a bond. The key to a successful bid process is a good cost to benefit ratio. Find ways to paint a picture that shows what it would cost to loose the road. History of loss/repair on this section road. IF we do get the award we would have 2 years to get the project completed.

Need to include low cost and high cost options.

Elizabeth Peck, State Hazard Mitigation Officer would also be willing to come up and help with the grant application.

FEMA is very political and it would be in our interests to enlist the support of our Senators and Representatives (Kuster and Sheheen)

We may hear about the award within 9 months to a year.

Grant Application due by July 18, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM      Next meeting June 17, 2014

Respectfully submitted by      //Susan MacKenzie

