

Class V Roads Study Committee Meeting

July 15, 2014

Minutes

Approved 8/5/14

Present: Mimi Weinstein, Bill Malcolm, Mike Smith, Dan Brand, JimJenks, Fred Stearns, Sue MacKenzie

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM.

1. Reviewed challenge to bidding process and attempt to cancel out all bids. The bid proposal from CLD was approved. CLD will come to the Select Board meeting on 7/24/14 to have contract reviewed and approved.
2. Discussed process for obtaining bids for the contractors. Will invite all contractors to come to a bidders conference and walk the road at the same time.
3. Discussed what can be accomplished this year. Fred talked about ditching and culverts he plans to replace. Fred brought up the problem of driveway culverts, the town has always taken care of them to prevent the washout of roads. Jim pointed out all the culverts are within the "right of way". Bill pointed out it was sand and debris from the road that washes into ditches and culverts and plugs them up. Will refer to the Select Board for clarification. We discussed "crack sealing" and asked if it was worthwhile. Fred feels it is a waste of money. We will ask our engineer for his opinion on this topic. One suggestion is to do some shimming to fill in the voids in pavement and in the slumps of the road ways (Baker Hill and River road). Discussed what to do with Market street, Fred recommends "shimming" to fill the voids with 1 1/2 inches. Committee recommends having an engineer look at the road and evaluate plans. Discussed issue of trucking over the roads. Many suggested imposing weight limits on roads as Hanover does. Could we regulate through trucking as opposed to banning all trucking. Committee asks if this is something the UVLSRPC could help us with.
4. Logging. It has been observed that road washouts tend to follow logging operations. Committee suggests having the logging companies place a bond until an inspection can assure best practice in reseeded and other measures are taken to prevent erosion and road washouts.
5. Problem of speeding and its effect on the roads. Speed signs every mile on our roads would help. More police presence would also help. Speed is a factor in how fast roads will deteriorate.
6. Gravel roads and underdrains. Need to develop costs for Acorn Hill Road. Fred hopes to do Franklin Hill Road this year.

Meeting Adjourned at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted,
// Susan MacKenzie

