

BOARD OF SELECTMEN-PUBLIC MEETING
September 14, 2011 7:00 PM
Lyme Center Academy Building

RIVER ROAD REPAIR

Attending:

Selectmen: Charles Ragan, Chair, Simon Carr and Richard Vidal

Support Staff: Chief Shaun O'Keefe, Dina Cutting, Administrative Assistant, Patty Jenks Town Clerk, Bill Waste, Moderator

Holden Engineering: Peter Holden, Bill Rossignal

State of NH- DES: Collis Adams

Public: Approximately 150 people, including residents and non-residents

Moderator Bill Waste called the meeting to order at 7:00pm advising attendants this was an informational meeting and that no decision(s) would be made. He instructed that comments be respectful and non-repetitive and that people listen with an open mind and present their comments fairly and without intimidation.

Former Selectman Richard Jones presented information gathered from traffic pattern assessments he continues to do.

Peter Holden from Holden Engineering presented slides and explanations of findings upon assessment of the River Road area of current concern. His comments included history of damage, what's been done to date to deal with the situation, and suggested solutions. Solutions included six (6) options ranging in broad scope of repair to closing the road. Options ranged in price from \$1,008,386.00 to \$42,631.00 based on figures provided by current DOT materials/labor/machine pricing.

Charles Ragan introduced Collis Adams, NH-Department of Environmental Services (DES) representative.

Comments and questions were received by the following: Charles Ragan, Selectman, Simon Carr, Selectman, Bob Sanborn, Jim Argentati, Charles Hallett, Blake Allison, Harold Swartz, Rusty Estes, George Hartmann, Shirley Tullar, Greg Hanlon, Adair Mulligan, Bob Hall, Walter Wetherell, John Torret, Kevin Peterson, Sue Hanlon, John Mudge, John Andersen, Don Elder, Richard Jones, Freda Swan, Duncan MacIntosh, Helen North, Ross McIntyre, Scott Nichols, Lee Larson, Mike Smith, Dave Cullenberg, Marselis Parsons, Anne Hartmann, Arend Tensen, Charles McCrave, Linda Southworth, Hazel Sanborn and Chief of Police Shaun O'Keefe.

Subject matter included: River erosion (cause & effect), previous repair activity, estimated prices presented at this meeting, a comprehensive look at the entire River Road condition, local contractor involvement, one lane road issues, land conservation issues, current road status inconvenience to

residents and commuters, other New Hampshire towns who have/had issues and how they dealt with the trouble, River Road's part in the town's infrastructure, speed in which the road was closed and in which the matter should be dealt with, alternative measures not addressed by engineering proposal, safety issues and legal ramifications of proposed solutions.

After it was clear the subject matter had been well covered, upon inquiry by Moderator Waste, it was suggested and agreed that the meeting had provided information and opportunity to be heard and that it would be adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Submitted by,

Patty Jenks for the BOS