

**CLASS V ROADS STUDY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**APRIL 18, 2017 08:30 AM
Town Office Conference Room**

Approved

Present: Frank Bowles, Kevin Sahr, Dan Brand, Jim Jenks, Steve Williams, Bill Malcolm, Sue MacKenzie

Meeting Called to order at 08:30 AM

Minutes of 1-17-17, 2-21-17 and 3-21-17 Approved

1. Review Goose Pond Road (GPR) Phase 2
 - a. We are ready to cut trees, Steve has a logger ready to go and land owner permission.
 - b. Culverts and ditching next, need to crack ledge to manage water seeping through the ledge. Highway to excavate with backhoe to determine the extend. The ledge may need to be blasted.
 - c. stumps to be removed with excavator.
 - d. We do not believe any wetland or AOT permits will be needed.
2. Hidden Valley Culvert: need to visualize the culvert. There is a company that will inspect and give an opinion regarding lining the culvert. ? Eastern Co. Can be seen at the Road Agent Show at Sunapee. May 2017 Headwall is in good condition. Current culvert is acting as an equalizer. Size ? 15 or 18 inch. Is the culvert in danger of collapsing? Steve to contact company to evaluate and give us a proposal.
3. Status of "Bypass Road": Declaration of Taking registered on April 5th, 2017. CLD preparing DES permits.
4. Hewes Brook Bridge: Bridge engineer Erin Darrow will be coming to evaluate the bridge on Thursday 4-20-17 at 10 AM. She feels there may be a problem with the current design that we have. Erin is also familiar with temporary bridges and can recommend the best options for us. Dewatering the site will be a major issue.
5. Reviewed the stakeholders progress on getting a mitigation fund from Trans Canada.
6. Discussed the total cost of all projects and will problem areas last until we can afford to fix them or do we discuss an alternative plan?
7. Steve expressed the need to begin cutting trees in the ROW. This would open up the road and would decrease the need for more and more gravel. Steve would like to start with the Grafton TPKE. and do one mile from the Town line. Sue to get legal approval for cutting large trees in the in the ROW. Once we have the legal approval Steve to contact landowners to see if they want the would. There are places on this section of road that are only 12 feet wide. The whole road is 3.8 miles.
8. Berway Project: scheduled for May.
9. Bill expressed concern about culverts and ditches. Steve is aware that all ditches need to be cleared and is working on getting this done. Some ditches still have snow and ice in them. Highway crew working on recovering as much gravel as possible.
10. Grant Brook Area: CLD stated that both sides of the road are dropping. Also the water coming down the hill will require underdrains. Mike Willis will be doing more borings and CLD will be preparing permits.
11. Steve has been trying to get Fairpoint and Eversource to come to a meeting at the River Road Bridge over Hewes Brook. He's has job numbers for both.

12. Bank by Carola Lea's: Waiting on Congress to pass the Federal Budget so the ACE can continue to work on the solution.

13. Culvert Inventory: Kevin may be willing to work on this project. He volunteered Frank to help. We have approximately 400 culverts to be surveyed.

Adjourned at 9:35 AM

Next Meeting 5-16-17 at 08:30 AM

Action Items: Steve to contact Eastern Culvert.

Sue to get legal authority to cut the trees and clear the ROW on the Grafton TPKE.

Sue to work on Eversource and Fairpoint to arrange a meeting.

Respectfully submitted

/s/ Susan MacKenzie