

CLASS V ROADS STUDY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 4, 2015
MINUTES
APPROVED

Present: Jim Jenks, Mike Smith, Bill Malcolm, Dan Brand, Sue MacKenzie

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM

1. Update on River Road Bridge over Hewes Brook, New AIT proposal to meet DES requirements is 48 feet wide and much more expensive. Sue Met with CLD and had a phone conference with AIT to discuss possible options to lower cost. One possibility is to raise the road by one foot to decrease the span and still meet the DES opening requirements. AIT will get back to us, hopefully soon. In the meantime we will begin to explore other options.
2. River Road Settlement problem. Sue and CLD and future landowner walked a possible alternate route for the road. It is inland and on the east side of the ledge meaning the River would never pose a problem to this section again. A feasibility study would be approx \$13,000. We are waiting for a formal proposal from CLD.
3. Bids For the Goose Pond Road Project: L&M was the low bidder at \$358,559.64. It was initially thought that we did not have this amount left in the budget. However there was an accounting oversight and we do have enough funds. We discussed not paving the project this year as a cost saving measure and pave the whole mile when the entire project is complete. This would cover the supplemental cost for compaction testing and supervision. It is important to keep some funds in reserve for contingencies and other unanticipated problems. We will meet with CLD tomorrow and discuss changes in the proposal.
4. Park and Ride final cost to the Town of Lyme was \$22,343.21.
5. Will send out the Pathways Proposal for the South end of River Road for everyone's review.
6. "How do we pay for all of this". It was decided after some discussion that it was not realistic to expect to get a bond to cover the initial cost of upgrading all paved roads at a reasonable cost to the taxpayer. We are so far behind it is extremely difficult to see how we can afford to do what needs to be done. We will continue to plan and work to find the most cost effective and practical way to accomplish our goals.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted

/s/ Susan MacKenzie

