

CLASS V ROADS STUDY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
AUGUST 30, 2016
Approved

PRESENT: Frank Bowles, Kevin Sahr, Mike Smith, Steve Williams, Bill Malcolm, Dan Brand, Sue MacKenzie

Meeting called to order at 6 PM
Minutes from 8/16/16 were approved

Discussed the mid-term budget presentation. Discussed the need for a projector as visual presentations are more effective. We have held to a tight budget. We are limited by lack of funding to complete more work i.e. culverts.

- * Acorn Hill culvert is going to cost Approx \$15,000.
- * Frank has volunteered to loan a projector any time we need it.
- * The use of Mg Cl has cut the amount of grading in half. From 800 hours last year to 400 hours this year. It has worked very well particularly in this very dry year. Also, there has been less erosion with storms and minimal loss of material.
- * Reviewed 2016 budget and it seems we are on target.
- * Steve reviewed his plan to spot pave parts of River Road, the committee reluctantly accepted this plan because the road is unplowable at this time.
- * Steve feels that once started, we need to finish our projects.
- * Mike feels we need to have concrete numbers on paving vs returning to gravel. Lyme does not have the money to maintain all our currently paved roads in good condition.
- * The argument is doing it piecemeal at a higher cost for the sake of "finishing something" vs waiting until we can do it properly in a more cost effective manner.
- * For the future plan we need to prioritize which roads to focus on. We realize we cannot do all the roads at the same time. Putting resources evenly onto all roads means we will never be able to catch up.
- * The committee members reinforced the need to have the Road Agent involved in the long term planning.
- * The committee reinforced support of cutting trees in the ROW.
- * Army Corp of Engineers is coming on the 20th of Sept for a site visit to the Project area by Carola Lea's house. They have invited all regulatory agencies to come.
- * NH DOT East Thetford Road bridge borings are going to be done in the next couple of weeks, do we want to ask them to do some borings near the "slump" (Road Closure)? Our overwhelming feeling is that stabilizing the bank is not feasible and spending more money is not justified.
- * Permits for Berway and Hidden Valley went in at the same time. DES has 75 days to respond. This may mean we will not be able to do the Berway Farm Project this year.

Meeting adjourned 7 PM
Next meeting 9/6/16
Respectfully submitted,
Susan MacKenzie