

CLASS V ROADS STUDY COMMITTEE
MEETING JUNE 20, 2017
08:30 AM
TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
APPROVED

Present: Mike Smith, Dan Brand, Bill Malcolm, Frank Bowles, Kevin Sahr, Sue MacKenzie,
Guest: Don Graham

Meeting called to order at 08:35 AM
Minutes from May 16, 2017 were approved

1. Discussion of dust problems and broken sprayer. Highway department is shorthanded and working hard to keep all roads in good condition.
2. Wildlife erosion control for bank stabilization projects. Kevin has offered to assist with finding a affordable matt.
3. South end of River Road: we have preliminary plans without elevations. It is clear we will not have the money to do a full depth reconstruction here, so can we start with doing the 5 culverts. Very difficult until the other end of River Road is open. We will proceed with plans to do the culverts and rebuild the road and have them ready as soon as the road is reopened. The Roads committee will try to establish the elevations for the culverts and roads. We need to consider removing the Hidden Valley culvert even if it means dewatering in 3 directions. Getting the elevations is easy according to Frank, but he has not done this of a long time and does not have the equipment. It was felt it would be best to hire it out. ? not discussed in the meeting is will DES allow us to replace the culvert or will we need to do a box culvert? Also found and distributed the 1949 plans for the culvert.
4. The Alt Route: BTLA has given July 6 as the final date for appeals. Mr. Roby did come to the Select Board to discuss River Road. Instead he came with yet another engineer to go over the same ground we have covered a dozen times before. There are a lot of angry people on River Road about these delays. A recent episode with trees blocking the road in Hanover left residents without any way in or out.
5. Berway Farm project: Problem with the vegetation and getting the plants, planting and watering afterwards. Kevin has volunteered to assist with this aspect of the project. Frank has volunteered to assist.
6. Grant Brook Area: Whole Road is dropping, both sides. Preliminary proposal involves driving 12 inch poles into the ground 20 feet to stabilize the the ground. Will need under drains on the east side. Cannot move eastward as that further complicates the issue. Soil nailing was discussed but decided against. A lot more work needs to be done on this plan.
7. Discussed the shortage of manpower at the Highway Dept and the question of bidding out these very complex problems.
8. Goose Pond Road is ready to start as soon as Berway is done.
9. Roads Committee is very supportive of increasing highway salaries to retain the excellent crew that we have.

Meeting adjourned at 09:45 AM.
Next meeting July 25, 2017 at 08:30 AM
Respectfully submitted
/s/ Susan MacKenzie