

CLASS V ROADS STUDY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 5, 2017
08:30 AM
TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
Approved

Present: Mike Smith, Bill Malcolm (arrived 845 am), Sue MacKenzie, Kevin Sahr, Karen Henry

Agenda

River Road Bridge over Hewes Brook
Grant Brook Area
Baker 1
NEXT steps and priorities.
Warrant articles

Meeting called to order at 08:30.

Minutes from 11-7-17 approved as amended (to spell out names of acronyms).

Sue MacKenzie gave updates of the status of the following projects:

RIVER ROAD BYPASS EMINENT DOMAIN - Sue MacKenzie reported that the Town is waiting on a court date (for a hearing on the status of eminent domain on the Tensen property required for the re-routing of River Road?), which will be set this month. Further, the Selectboard wants to assured that our legal counsel represents the Town's interests accurately, so that Sue will ask to sit above the bar - at the table with our attorney when the hearing is held.

GRANT BROOK REPAIRS- CLD Engineering has not yet advertised the request for bids to construct yet. (There was a misunderstanding as we had planned to have bids back in December 2017). The will l now be advertising for bids to be returned by 4 January.

Some discussion of culvert headwalls - the Town has a lot of waste block.

RIVER ROAD BRIDGE OVER HEWES BROOK - Trees have been cut to prepare for moving the utilities to the east side of the bridge. Right Angle Engineering (Erin Darrow) has been notified that we are ready to move the utilities. We will also need Upper Valley Land Trust (UVLT) approval to proceed.

Hidden Valley tree hazard: The Society of Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF)has been notified in writing that they need to remove trees as soon as possible.

BAKER 1 TEST PITS have been completed - all fill was found. This is good news with regard to construction costs - material can be reused for construction at this site. Right Angle Engineering is proposing a 12 foot equivalent diameter squashed culvert to be installed at an angle to better be aligned with the river than the present culvert and to reduce the height of the headwall needed.

NEXT STEPS AND PRIORITIES -

DORCHESTER 393 - Sue MacKenzie introduced the Silver Jackets program to the Committee (see <https://silverjackets.nfrmp.us>). They are an interagency committee focused on flood risk reduction. She has summarized Lyme's upcoming flood control projects (related to cul-

vert sizing and repair) for them. Shane Csiki (NH DES) has suggested to consider rerouting stream (not the culvert) at this Dorchester 393 location. The Silver Jackets will meet on Dec 12th to choose a NH project for design and potential funding.

LYME CULVERT INVENTORY - Pending Town Meeting approval, we will have the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) do an inventory of all Lyme culverts. We will ask the RPC to participate in the State's QA/QC program to help increase our chances for obtaining additional funding.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - We are now fully staffed in our highway department. Cole Williams has been hired - will need to obtain his CDL. David Taylor (former NHDOT employees) has also been hired - we now have three staff members people capable of driving the big snow plows.

THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE) called the Town REGARDING BANK STABILIZATION IN FRONT FOR CAROLA LEA'S HOUSE- Engineer Chris Hatfield, will look into Geostabilization International (GSI) as one alternative for stabilizing this area (per Selectboard request). He has asked for information about the toe stabilization at the BERWAY farm. The timeline for USACE - initial design by March. For clarification - USACE has elected to assist Lyme in stabilizing the Connecticut River Bank on the area immediately south of the North Thetford Road - engineering, permitting and design and 65% funding of construction costs. Karen asked to see borings for this area.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON LITTLE TOWN MEETING AND RIVER ROAD STRATEGY - Kevin recommended that we try to push up the date of obtaining more detailed estimates of the feasibility and costs of stabilization of the closed portion of River Road as well as River Road in general before the 2018 Little Town Meeting. The Committee agreed that this is a good idea and Karen will contact GSI's Parry Kairis about this possibility and will report back to the committee and the Selectboard before the next meeting.

Considerable discussion of River back stabilization ensued, and the following topics were discussed:

- DAM PERMITTING - FERC has accepted Rusty's letter - no comments back yet.
- The Committee agreed to make an effort to learn as much as possible about the long term options for the repair/re routing of River Road in Lyme. It will be worthwhile to consider several options, possibly including moving homes to Rte 10 (vs. River Road), stabilizing the bank, closing portions and using Shoestrap Road (which would probably require rerouting).
- A presentation at Little Town Meeting was proposed to inform citizens of what we learn. The Committee agreed that this was a good idea.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:00 am.

Next meeting January 2, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Karen Henry

CLASS V ROADS STUDY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 7, 2017
08:30 AM
TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
Approved

Present: Mike Smith, Dan Brand, Bill Malcolm, Frank Bowles, Sue MacKenzie. Guest Margaret Caudill-Slosberg.

Meeting called to order at 08:30.

Minutes from 10-7-17 approved.

1. Eminent Domain- still waiting for a court date.
2. Grant Brook Area: plans for temporary stabilization for the winter, to be completed soon.
3. River road Bridge over Hewes Brook: Plans to cut trees in order to move utilities ASAP. Car Top Boat Launch has easement by the Upper Valley Land Trust (UVLT). Will need to keep them informed about plans.
4. Hidden Valley tree Hazard. Notified Society of the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF). State they are unable to do anything about it at this time. Will have letter sent by the Select Board asking for some mitigation.
5. Baker 1: Test Pits will be done by Highway Dept. Jersey Barriers will be placed by the state.
6. Review slide presentation for the Public Meeting this evening.

Meeting adjourned at 09:37 AM.

Next meeting December 7 at 08:30 AM

Respectfully submitted
/s/ Susan MacKenzie