

CLASS V ROADS STUDY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 20 February, 2018
08:30 AM
TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
DRAFT

Present: Mike Smith, Bill Malcolm, Dan Brand, Sue MacKenzie, Kevin Sahr, Karen Henry, Frank Bowles

Agenda

Minutes from 1-23-18
Review: Grant Brook Area
Hewes Brook Bridge
Baker 1
Proposals for Dorchester #393

Meeting called to order at 08:30.

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

RIVER ROAD BYPASS project — Recent caveats by Mr. Tensen have included access to his property from River Road. It's not very clear what that request means and Mr. Roby and Mr. Tensen are returning to the Select Board meeting this coming Thursday, February 22, 2018, to discuss this and the Select Board hopes to clarify the meaning of their request.

Frank asked what happened to the Pathways design for the River Road bypass. There was some discussion of this. Frank pointed out that a lidar survey was performed by the State of this area, and that there is up to a 36% grade in the general vicinity of the River Road bypass.

Geotech investigation will start in March – borings and test pits. The eminent domain is on hold while this new proposal is being investigated. If excavation is deeper than current road level, some destabilization will occur.

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING – The minutes approved as corrected by Dan Brand.

GRANT BROOK REPAIRS– David Roby wants to postpone construction until the other end of the road is open. Kevin suggested that we contact JJ Nott with the questions about the costs of delaying construction.

RIVER ROAD BRIDGE OVER HEWES BROOK DES Wetland permit has been submitted to the State. The Committee discussed difficulties with coordinating utility relocation and made suggestions about how to encourage response from the utility companies. Upper Valley Land Trust John Emery (Land Owner to the NW) have been contacted to grant approval for the planned construction.

BAKER 1 – Mr. Roby wants an engineer's estimate to reroute the Baker Road back to the original location upstream of the current location. It is not clear what the reasoning is behind this request – possibly cost savings for the Town?? Mr. Rennie (of NH DES) has some objections to the current proposed plan, which includes a 140-foot-long 12' x 6' aluminized steel culvert with no kneewalls or headwalls and a constructed 3:1 slope on the upstream side of the culvert. The current plan includes pulling the old culvert.

DORCHESTER 393 – We have three proposals for this project. Discussion ensued in which the committee agreed that Right Angle Engineering has captured the purpose of our advertisement on this project. Questions to ask Erin – pertain to FEMA Grant application. Karen volunteered to main point of contact for the Committee on this project.

RIVER ROAD BRIDGE OVER HEWES BROOK CONTINUED – Sue and/or Frank will talk to Right Angle Engineering about the status of this project. Someone should reach out to John Emory. The Upper Valley Land Trust should also grant approval for any impacts to the car top boat launch.

PROJECT MANAGERS – Kevin suggested that individuals on the Committee could serve as “project managers” for specific projects. The committee voted on the concept of having one committee member be the primary responsible person for the Town on individual projects; further, to proposed it to the Select Board for approval at the February 22nd meeting of the Select Board. Responsibilities for the Project Manager would include being the main point of contact with all firms involved with the project and providing weekly updates to the Committee and the Select Board as to the status/progress on the individual projects. Individuals tentatively matched to projects include Karen to Dorchester 393, Bill to Baker 1 and Frank to River Road Hewes Brook Bridge.

LYME CULVERT INVENTORY – Dan verified that Lyme will be participating in culvert inventory being conducted by UVLSRPC and that 50% of the funding for this effort will be provided by NHDOT. There was discussion about Committee members being present while the inventory is being conducted as a good educational opportunity.

MEETING FREQUENCY – There was discussion about meeting frequency and the Comiittee agreed that more frequent meetings would provide for better information exchange and project progress. We decided to meet twice a month – on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

OPEN ACTION ITEM – How to track and manage documentation of ongoing road projects.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:30 am.

Next meeting -

Respectfully submitted

/s/ Karen Henry