



Selectmen Meeting 11/7/2017

Approved Minutes of Work Meeting

Present: Selectmen Louise Lavoie, Bernie O'Grady, Charles Moser; Kathy Wile, Dave Morrison, Kevin Maxwell; Bob Bergeron.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Louise at 7:04 PM.

New Business:

- Conversation with Road Agent Dave Morrison began with a stated agenda of progress with paving and road work and storm related updates before getting into budget updates.

Storm update - Dave reported he had spent the morning driving around town with a representative from FEMA and from NHHSA looking at damage and repairs done to roads. They were given pictures, logs of hours worked and materials used, and projections of both that will be needed to complete repairs, and Dave will be in continued contact with both departments.

Dave said roads were pretty much put back together, still getting gravel to fill in sides of some roads. He said the FD was very helpful the night/day of the storm, active in helping put out signage, etc.

Paving is now scheduled for Thursday Nov 9, having been pushed out yet again by the storm. Potentially continuing into Friday, they will be covering Starch Mill Rd from Old County to (roughly) the Lecount's house, then again from Black Brook bridge to the corner of Russell, and will be squaring off that corner.

Dave was asked about Russell Rd – he said it had been washed over as the culvert had been plugged by beaver activity. A few days later when rechecked it was plugged again, Dave would like to consider replacing the culvert with a box type culvert, harder for beaver to plug up. Culvert upgrades should be considered at the corner of Starch Mill and Abbott Hill Rds, as the 3 culverts there were unable to keep up with the water from the recent storm. These can be addressed while working on the hazard mitigation plan update for the town. Dave added that the NHHSA representative would be interested in coming to a work session for that group to introduce herself and offer any input the group might want. She will be directed to NRPC as a source of contact, as that is who is driving the update.

Russell Rd resident complaint follow up – Dave said he has been speaking with him, and the resident seems more upset by the fact that he had just put time/money into his driveway and it seemed to have been damaged during the roadwork, and again by subsequent road flooding. Dave has a plan in place to address his concerns.

Vehicle repairs – one truck will need a couple repairs, as well as new tires – estimate of \$5500 in total. Another smaller truck needs a labor intensive repair, isn't used regularly in winter, but estimated repairs will be \$1500. Grader has a broken valve for heater control; this repair will be done in house. Sweeper motor has burned out replace for use next year, with a bigger motor.

Winter preparation progress – all plow blades have been pulled out, in good shape. 2 sanders have been checked, one needs work. Plow for Ed's truck needs repair – control has to be held in place manually and continuously while plowing. Plow on Roy's truck needs and angle piston replaced. Tire chains are in good shape, but no spares. Discussion on amount of chain replacement having increased, Dave does not know how things were done previously, recognizes it is the clear paved roads that wear the chains, but understands chains are needed on the hilly dirt roads as vehicles are not 4 wheel drive.

Salt supply – room for another load, plenty left in the salt budget so Dave will get it ordered to start the season with a full shed.

Sand – they have been hauling some as they have time, green building moved out of the way recently so now can do more. Road repairs have taken a lot of time and man power.

Budget – discussion about culvert line; have money but no room for storage. Dave will see about purchase now, delivery in spring after building construction is completed.

Dave will be using more out of the sign and aggregate lines this year, would like to increase the amount for chains.

Truck radios – not working well all the time – decision made to have Beltronics look into them, ultimate upgrade to high band as FD is doing.

Lots of the equipment budget went into the grader this year, reminder to keep tracking repair costs for the repair vs replace decision planning.

Town will repeat the newspaper/online ad for experienced plow drivers.

- TC/TX Deb Morrison briefly discussed a resident's concern over a check from approximately a month ago not having cleared her bank yet. Louise will follow up.
- Kevin Maxwell addressed potentially filling the second patrolman position as a full time rather than PT position; has been in the budget as PT but not filled. The salary difference would be fairly small as the PT wages would be diminished by that PT amount. Kathy will find the health insurance amounts, Brenda can address retirement cost when she returns. There would be small changes in other lines, such as gas, vehicle maintenance, WC, etc. There is a different certification for FT versus PT, getting someone already certified most cost effective. Kevin will begin looking for someone.

Kevin also discussed a rough draft of a system for tracking court cases and officer time spent. It will be refined and simplified as they move forward with it. Louise asked that a general statement about time spent prosecuting cases be included to the PD report in the Town Report.

- Budget advisory committee needs members – send webmaster an announcement for webpage asking interested individuals to contact the BOS office.

Adjourned:

There being no other business, Charlie motioned, second from Bernie, to adjourn the meeting. Three votes to adjourn at 8:18 PM.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 14, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Mann House.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Wile
Administrative Assistant