

**ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**September 13, 2022**  
**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Shawn Talbot-Selectman's Liaison, Walker Farrey, Marcus Rautiola, Peter Goewey-Highway Director, Debbie Deaton-Town Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm.

Debbie informed the Committee the Town has received an additional \$128,147.47 as a special payment for the Highway Block Grant.

The Committee agreed there would be approximately \$800,000 next year for road maintenance and repair which includes the additional block grant money we received.

Peter would like to use some of the funds to rent a crusher because we are out of gravel.

The Committee agreed to update the Civil Scope for the unpassable portion of Collins Road. Walker will edit it and confirm numbers with Peter. Once it is edited, Debbie will post it to the website and put an ad in the Monadnock Ledger. The bids will be due by December 5<sup>th</sup> and work can commence upon awarding of the contract. Peter thinks it will probably be around \$300,000 just for Collins Road.

Shawn asked if the Committee/DPW should rely on the report from SWRPC for the focus for 2023 focusing on the "red" roads. Shawn asked if we should take a full assessment of all of the poorly rated roads and make a decision from there. Marcus stated dead ends should be a lower priority. The Committee agreed the "red" roads should be the focus. It was also agreed maintenance of paved roads would take priority and the dirt roads will be worked on if there is enough money left in the budget and time allows.

There was some discussion about Blueberry Lane. It was decided the end at the cul-de-sac that will need a lot of prep work (drainage, fabric). Peter said there are tire ruts and alligator cracking.

Walker and Marcus will take a look at the culvert at the end of Poor Farm Road. Peter said this would need a wetland permit to replace it with a bottomless culvert. He also said it would probably cost a half million dollars to complete that project.

The Committee discussed the Taylor Road bridge. Peter stated the residents don't want it repaired. He added we were receiving a grant from the State to repair the bridge and there was a warrant article a few years ago that raised approximately \$400,000 for the Town portion of this grant. We have to have a design done (bids). The State has prequalified engineers that the RFP's need to be sent to.

Shawn would like to publish a list of the roads that will be worked on in 2023 for the voters.

The roads being worked on in 2023 will be:

Mason, Blueberry, Philmart, Green Farm, Cedar Ridge and Stoneridge.

The next meeting will be October 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.

At 4:00pm, Shawn made a motion to adjourn. Marcus seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Deaton  
Town Administrator

**Minutes approved by ROAD COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Walker Farrey: \_\_\_\_\_

Lou Guarino:



Marcus Rautiola:



Nate Sikkila:

