

Stow Road Committee Meeting

6:30pm, 6/11/26

Minutes Approved

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Road Committee Present (All): Carl Drew, Troy Drew, Mike Tamaska, Belle Stafford, Errol Smith

Select Board Present (All): Steve Dupuis, Rob Flint, Sarah Shute

Guests: Troy Morse, Plow contract

5/28/26 minutes approved (5-0)

TOWN PLOWING

- We invited Troy Morse to this meeting to debrief, discuss the new roadwork, and look ahead
- We confirmed that this year went very well as far as plowing & sanding
- Troy drove 113B & Union Hill to check out the grinding we have done
- His main concern for next year is the Chatham side of 113B. NH salts that hill as they come down to turn around, and he thinks the straight salt could turn that section to mud
- The selectboard will ask Chatham not to salt that part, or only very lightly
- We will be screening sand this summer, and bidding out for more salt for the shed
- Troy said we only used 3-4 loads of salt all winter

PLOW CONTRACT BIDS

- This coming winter 2026-27 is the final year of the current 3-year plow contract: \$115,001
- We agreed to put out bids next January for the next 3-year contract
- We may not have the new figures in time for Town Meeting, but we can make estimates
- Suggestion to run the ads longer and allow more time for bids to come in
- We agreed to set aside one whole meeting to discuss the contract and make changes
- Then we can have MMA look at it from a legal standpoint
- We will talk with Fryeburg about trading the plowing on S. Chatham road for the Fryeburg end of Union Hill & Lake Road. We have done this in the past and it makes more sense, starting with our next plow contract

TOWN RESIDENT CONCERNS

- Guest Mike Ranhoff had voiced his concerns at our last meeting about the culverts near his driveway and water flow
- Several SB members and Road Committee members observed the water after the big rain on May 30th
- They each concluded that the ditches and culverts are working as they should, but the real issue is the water flowing down from Barbour Road straight across the road
- This is a water flow problem, but the problem does not belong to the town

LAKE ROAD

- Robbie Drew started the project on Tuesday, June 9th
- He tried to clear out a few of the culverts and one is starting to clear
- He suggested putting lines or chains through them once they are clear
- Dig safe was supposed to come today 6/11
- The selectboard wants to have Manzer grind the pavement because there is a lot more than we thought (just under the surface) and it will be better in the long run.
- This is the better solution now that the gravel cover is not the straight 2 feet
- Manzer is in the area, so there wouldn't be a mobilization fee
- They received a quote from Manzer just for the grinding (Robbie will do the rest)

Selectboard votes to accept the quote from Manzer (3-0)

- Steve will be there when they are doing the work
- The failed driveway culvert will be taken out as part of the job, and ditched

113B

- Steve spoke with Carol Dennison about the three trees that will need to be removed because they are rotted and the roots are in the way of the paving project.
- She confirmed that her property line is right along the granite posts.
- Burke came back and gave Carl a quote of 20K to finish the job: add reprocessed asphalt, roll & finish grade.

Selectboard votes to accept the quote from Burke (3-0)

UNION HILL ROAD

- The crown on the road after the grinding is good - no water issues
- There is a water problem below the ground up past Smith's driveway on the left.
- This is a safety issue and will need repair
- Suggestion to take out the asphalt, dig down a foot, put in fabric and add new material on top.
- SB will take a look

HOT BOXING MEADOW ROAD

- Carl has someone who will come and hot box around the bridge
- She can't do excavation so we will need to bring someone in on the day she does it
- He thinks they will be available in a couple of weeks

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted,
Isabelle Stafford, Road Secretary