

Stow Road Committee Meeting

6:30pm, 8/28/25

Minutes APPROVED

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

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

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

Guests: Nancy Boros, SB Treasurer; Rob Prue, Pinetree Engineering

ROAD MEETINGS/MINUTES:

There was no Road Committee meeting on 7/24/25 (two members were unable to attend).

At the meeting on 8/14/25, the minutes from the 7/10 meeting were not available for approval. They can be reviewed and approved on 9/11/25.

The 8/14 minutes approved (4-0)

The Road Committee agreed to keep the meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays for now, with the idea that we might go down to once a month in the future.

Exception for September - we will meet on 9/11 and 9/18 because all members cannot make it on the 4th Thursday 9/25. Belle will ask Nancy to put that on the website.

ENGINEERING:

Rob Prue from Pinetree Engineering gave us his report on the engineering work that he has done so far on the Kezar Lake Road grant project. He wanted the Selectboard and Road Committee to weigh in on the scope of the project before proceeding any further with the engineering plans.

The grant states that we would add 18 inches of gravel to the full length of the .55 miles of road specified, and to provide ditching. Rob suggested that 18" of gravel would not be necessary on much of the road, and that we may want to revise the grant. Maine DOT is generally good about revisions.

The Selectboard and Road Committee were all in agreement. Rob will send us a revised work plan with some wording to send to Sierra Millay at Maine DOT.

His recommendations are to:

- take away the current gravel
- keep the pavement except for the Fryeburg end
- remove/grind the pavement at the town line transition
- add variable depth gravel as needed
- reconstruct roadside ditches

Rob requested that Belle send him the email where Sierra Millay confirmed that the window of the grant for construction completion extended through October of 2026.

Rob brought up the right of way portion of the road that is not owned by the town. It was confirmed that at the time of the Bliss survey there was a land transfer to address this exact issue. It should be on record. Steve has the maps and will look into the right of way and confirm.

Several of the culverts will need to be addressed in the future. He brought up the stream crossing grants and confirmed that they include the cost of engineering should we choose to pursue it at some future date.

SOUTH CHATHAM ROAD:

Some discussion was had around the South Chatham Road work that Fryeburg has almost finished. Nate Manzer is the one doing the grinding, and will be finishing the job in the next week.

A motion was made to reach out to him while his machine is still there and see if he is available to grind the Stow portion of the road.

If this is possible, the Selectboard will consider putting the money toward grinding that we were going to spend on shimming. We crunched some numbers at \$2,75 per square foot (using the figures from the Fryeburg project) and felt this would be possible. Grinding is the longer-term solution to getting us ready for paving, and thus preferable.

In the meantime we will establish the exact points where the grinding will need to happen.

OTHER BUSINESS:

We will not be grading the roads until we get rain. The question of using a yolk rake on the washboard areas was raised, but advised against.

Steve reached out to Jim Seymour about the service contract with the town. He will follow up.

We discussed needing a 5th member on the road committee. Steve will ask Nancy to put an announcement on the website.

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted,
Isabelle Stafford, Secretary