

Stow Road Committee Meeting

6:30pm, 3/12/2026

Minutes APPROVED

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

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

Select Board Present: Steve Dupuis

Other: none

Approval of 2/12/26 minutes (4-0)

ROAD MAINTENANCE

As of March 1st the roads have been "posted"

BUMP signs have been put out in all the obvious places

The snow bank by the bridge on 113B has been pushed back

Troy was out in the grader pushing back other banks

SAND

We are going to run out of sand next winter

July & August are good times to put that out to bid

We are averaging about 3 loads per storm (24 yards)

In Fryeburg they are using straight salt - no sand - no cleanup in the Spring

EMERGENCY ROAD CONDITIONS

The roads are really bad right now - worse than other years

Fire in Chatham called in all the neighboring town trucks - very slow going

Lucky there wasn't someone in the building

Regular County Commissioner meetings - suggest we go with questions

- The condition of our roads is hindering emergency response

- Do they have any plans for our roads

- Ask about available & upcoming grants

- Steve will look into when those meetings are

GRANTS

Harold Drew has some "Emergency Management" infrastructure grants he could apply for

Mike will ask him about that

Apparently Emergency Mgmt funds are all federal, so it is the same from state to state

Find out what is going on in Augusta - any local grants?

Maybe the folks in Lovell on Lake Road could help us get a box culvert grant

KEZAR LAKE ROAD

Deadline for bids to come in is 5pm on Tuesday, March 17th

Yes they need to be bonded

Steve has sent engineering plans to Burke & LA Drew

Carl is making physical copies of the plans to distribute to a few others

Colemans has a copy

Recommend we give at least 30 days between advertising for bids and the due date

We may need to extend the deadline for this one as it was a tight timeframe

Road work can begin as soon as road bans are lifted (typically mid-May)

CHATHAM ROAD 113B

Carl walked it and sees some serious issues to be addressed before we move forward

Some stone walls and large trees in the way

Years ago some big pine trees were removed but the stumps are still there

The hill up to the Stow/Chatham line - Maybe NH DOT could help

Culvert near Jim Cyr's new house is collapsing

We may need a couple of cross-over culverts

Near Drew's house we need to be careful - no room on either side of the road for the water to go

We will all make a point to walk the road before our next meeting

Now is a good time because we can see where the water is and isn't going

We need to nail the priorities and next steps for the 113B project

NEW BUSINESS

Cost of gas & oil & diesel is going up

Overall costs could go up 20-25% affecting what road work we can get done

The cost of what we want to do with 113B may throw us off our 5-year-plan

Meeting adjourned 7:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Isabelle Stafford, Road Committee Secretary