

Stow Road Committee Meeting

6:30pm, 7/10/25

Minutes APPROVED

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

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

Select Board Present: Steve Dupuis, Rob Flint, Sarah Shute

Guests: none

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Approval of Minutes: Road Committee voted to approve 6/26/25 Minutes (4-0)

OLD BUSINESS

FEMA/Mitigation funds - discussion re: where we stand. Once the projects are signed off, we should receive the funds within 3 months. We understand that we will be forfeiting some mitigation funding due to the timing of the grant window.

MAINTENANCE

We still haven't been invoiced by Khiel for grading. Carl will reach out to them.

We will set the next grading dates with Khiel for late July

Some complaints about dust from dirt roads - each grading will improve dust issue by rolling the calcium over - it is still there (wasn't crushed) so no need to add more.

ROAD PROJECTS

Discussion re: Rob Prue added fees on Lake Rd. and should we expand the project beyond the grant. Added fees were: 8K to survey the entire road (including streams); 2K to observe test pits for a day; 30K-40K to engineer the three streams. The stream engineering would be required in order to apply for the streams & culverts grants. We chose to focus on the grant work.

Some concern that we have to make capital improvements in order to receive the LRAP funds from the state - that is what the LRAP funds are earmarked for, not maintenance.

Road Committee asked Selectboard where the next capital projects should be

Discussion about this - choose areas that do not require engineering

S. Chatham Rd - shim the hill so we can plow it clean and keep the water off, add some ditching (12-16 inches). Carl will call around to see who might be available to do the work, and get cost estimates. Group will meet to look at S. Chatham road over the weekend.

Union Hill - drive the road together and determine the best section to start

Motion to do repairs on the following two roads this year:

1. South Chatham Rd.
2. Union Hill Rd.

Road Committee vote yes (4-0)

The Fryeburg work on S. Chatham Road starts soon. We will watch how they do the road.

NEW BUSINESS

Matt Hatch is stepping down from the committee - SB will appoint an interim member until our next vote at town meeting.

We discussed setting a date in the fall for a town meeting on the roads.

The Town of Stow needs to weigh in on what is priority.

Reminder that a 20-year 7 million dollar loan would be roughly a 33% increase in taxes

School budget is a 6% increase this year for Stow - beyond our control

What tax increase would allow us to improve our roads - within our control

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted,
Belle Stafford