

**ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING
October 11, 2022
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Shawn Talbot-Selectman's Liaison, Walker Farrey, Marcus Rautiola, Nate Sikkila, Lou Guarino, Peter Goewey-Highway Director, Debbie Deaton-Town Administrator
Also present: Wendall Watson, Lori Rizzo both from Blueberry Acres

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

There was some discussion regarding the Taylor Road Bridge. We are not sure when the grant funds will be coming in. Shawn mentioned the money the Town had raised and appropriated (approximately \$150,000) was in an escrow account.

Walker reiterated what Peter had stated at a previous meeting regarding trying to keep all of the paving in one area of town so we can get a better price.

Shawn stated he had heard there may be a petition by some residents on Collins Road that do not want the road to go through to Turnpike Road. Marcus said Collins Road is not on the "red" list. Marcus and Shawn mentioned the school buses won't go up there and the State may step in. Shawn said there was concern from the residents because it would become a cut through.

Peter said there is a base on the bus turnaround but it still needs topcoat.

Cedar Ridge doesn't seem bad. Nate mentioned he thought Stoneridge was worse than Green Farm Road. Walker agreed but added Stoneridge doesn't get as much traffic. Lou said part of Green Farm was not up to current Class V standards and he thinks we should change out the base course to get it to current standards.

Walker said \$430,000 would get a lot of roads done. Nate said he liked the idea of doing 1 part of town to make it easier for the pavers. Walker added it would be more efficient. He said we should start out around Mason Road or Cedar Ridge.

Walker said we should come up with a Plan A and Plan B depending on the Collins Road Civil Scope.

Peter thinks it should be Mason, Blueberry, Andrew, Nora Court and Kolb. Lou thinks it would be helpful if we knew the number of houses on each road. Peter added the plowing comes into effect also. It adds to the wear and tear on equipment. Kolb would probably only need 1 ½-2".

Marcus said with the \$430,000, the Mason Road area (red) could be done. And commit to the topcoat next year.

Plan A-Mason, Blueberry, Nora, Hakala and Andrew would cost around \$425,000 for grind and base coat. Peter said there is no under drainment at the end of Blueberry so that would need to be done. He added there probably wasn't much gravel underneath. Lori added the cul-de-sac wasn't properly finished, probably because it was the end of the job. Kolb could be done with shim and overlay according to Peter.

Walker said we also need to take into account the prep that needs to be done and doesn't want to overextend the DPW in that respect unless we are planning on subbing some work out.

Poor Farm was brought up. Walker said this was a historic area and it had a serious culvert issue near Lower Pratt Pond which may need an engineer and/or State intervention.

Plan B-add Nashua, Philmart, Finn Hill and Poor Farm if Collins Road doesn't happen.

Walker calculated the total would be around \$626,000 for Plan A & B and would leave approximately \$173,000.
Marcus said we should do some preservation if there's any money left.

The yellow and green roads would be good candidates for crack seal.
Marcus said we should figure out if Collins is going to be done or not before we finalize the plan.

The next meeting will be December 7th 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: _____