

Underhill Roads Committee

Meeting No. 32

1/20/20

Members present: Kurt Johnson, Mike Weisel, Nate Sullivan, Rick Heh, Clark Elliott

Class 4 road discussion

- Rick presented a draft of the proposed Class 4 Road Policy which defines the level of maintenance by the Town as well as expectations for the use of Class 4 roads
 - It is stated, per State statute, that the Town will have no obligation to maintain Class 4 roads, but, at the discretion of the SB, the Town may choose to provide maintenance as needed to suit the public good
 - Permission must be given by the Town to residing landowners to plow or otherwise maintain Class 4 roads
 - In some cases, such as a Class 4 road being proposed for access to a new subdivision, the road must be brought into compliance with Town ordinances and road policies
- Rick also reviewed several issues and concerns voiced by residents at a recent public discussion of this topic
 - Getting permission for plowing and maintenance (apparently this is currently required but few are aware of it)
 - Emergency maintenance provisions
 - Class 4 road “ownership” vs “Town ROW over private land”
 - Maintenance to conform with State Act 64 (clean water initiative)
- Finally, Rick reviewed some proposed provisions of a simplified procedure for getting and giving “permission” for plowing and maintenance. The committee agreed with these provisions. He will review with Pat Sabalis and then the full SB.

Harvey Road intersection

- Mike reported that the latest cost proposal for the Harvey Road warning system from All Traffic Solutions is \$8445.
- This includes a solar powered radar speed feedback sign for the crest of the hill, a solar powered auxiliary message sign for the intersection with 4 LED lights indicating that the system is working, and a radio signal unit to allow the speed sign to “talk” to the message sign
- Mike posed Kurt’s suggestion of hardwiring the two signs together to eliminate the cost of the radio system, but ATS responded that they cannot do it this way
- We agreed the next step will be to invite the Harvey Road residents to our next meeting to explain what we are proposing and to gauge their reaction before proceeding to the SB with our formal request

East Engineering proposals

- All 3 East Engineering proposals were approved by the SB – Town Hall parking lot rehabilitation; Park St. drainage; drainage improvements at the top of N. Underhill Station Road
- Work is currently underway

2021 budget

- Kurt reviewed highlights of the proposed 2021 budget
 - Road gravel increased to \$120K
 - Outside hauling of road gravel directly to each road for \$50K
 - Reclaim and paving PV Road from 443 to Dean Road
 - East Engineering - \$10K
 - Bridge 8 and Corbett bridge oversight - \$10K
- It was noted that Fellows Engineering (Krocket) is now thinking more in terms of two parallel arch pipes for N. Underhill Station Road rather than a Corbett Road-style bridge

IS and PH spoil to Class 4 Roads

- Kurt told us that the SB is in agreement with taking some or all of the Irish Settlement and Poker Hill Road spoils to class 4 roads if the hauling and spreading can be coordinated between the two road contractors and the residents
- We will put out a qualified notice (spelling out distance restrictions from IS or PH as well as spreading requirements) on FPF when the time comes to ascertain which residents are interested and capable of participating
- We may want to discuss this with the two contractors before posting such a notice

Corbett Road bridge

- It was noted that all temporary easements for construction at the site have been obtained
- The State wetlands permit is the current holdup as far as being able to go out to bid
- Krocket and her wetlands consultant are dealing with the situation and we hope to be able to advertise within the next two months

Next meeting

- February 17, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 6:10