

Underhill Roads Committee

Meeting No. 31

12/16/19

Members present: Kurt Johnson, Mike Weisel, Nate Sullivan, Rick Hey, Andy Rowe, Clark Elliott

Guest: Dave Demarest

Public comment

- Dave Demarest noted that when the road work on Poker Hill Road and Irish Settlement Road is done, there will likely be a significant amount of usable material dug out that could be used to upgrade class 4 town roads
- Kurt replied that we had discussed this concept, as well as making it available for private landowners, and we will give it further consideration
- The logistics of doing this are the potential stumbling block. We can't ask the contractor to make these deliveries, so it falls to Nate to coordinate a truck or trucks for this purpose.
- Depending on other work commitments, Nate felt he could participate in this endeavor
- Kurt agreed he would review the concept with the selectboard. He also noted that the Town had made the decision not to stockpile material at the Town garage.

Poker Hill Road reconstruction

- 9 bids for the reconstruction of two portions of Poker Hill Road were opened today at 3 pm
- Bids ranged from \$245,000 to \$441,636
- We recommended that the Town accept the low bid of \$245,000 from Dirt Tech Co., LLC

Harvey Road intersection

- Mike reported that he has had contact with two potential suppliers of a modified feedback sign which could incorporate a warning beacon for Harvey Road
- All Traffic Solutions proposed a system with a feedback sign at the top of the hill south of the intersection and a separate warning light at the intersection for \$8500
- Radar Signs proposed a less elaborate system of a feedback sign at the crest with a rear-facing beacon on the same pole for \$4600
- It was noted by other committee members that if people come to rely on the beacon and the system goes down, it would set up a potentially dangerous situation
- Maybe a green light signifying system function is needed and maybe it should be at Harvey Road not on the back of the feedback sign so as not to confuse southbound drivers on PV Road
- Mike will investigate further
- It was noted that maybe UVM students could do this as a design project

East Engineering proposals

- East Engineering has provided a proposal to design 3 projects for us: 1) Town Hall parking lot grading and repaving; 2) culvert improvement at the intersection of North Underhill Station Road and Poker Hill Road; and 3) drainage improvement on Park St.
- The total cost for these jobs is \$20,000
- The committee decided to recommend that we move forward with North Underhill Station and the Town Hall lot for \$12,000

Gravel pit

- Andy told us he had learned that Cambridge is investigating the purchase of a gravel pit in their town and maybe they would be interested in a joint arrangement with Underhill
- Kurt said he would be speaking with George Putnam, Cambridge selectman, and he would pose the question

Next meeting

- January 20, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 6:15