

Underhill Roads Committee

Meeting No. 28

9/3/19

Members present: Kurt Johnson, Mike Weisel, Nate Sullivan, Rick Hey

Guests: Tyler Billingsly, Pat Sabalis

Meeting convened at 2 pm at Town Hall

Gravel road reconstruction

- Kurt summarized some of the causes for the current estimate for road reconstruction being so much higher than originally anticipated (\$1,300,000 vs \$500,000).
- The original estimate was based on 2014 costs for reconstruction in Bolton and Jericho that did not include items such as culverts, ditching, mobilization/demobilization, tree removal, construction administration, site restoration, traffic control, environmental and erosion control and contingency.
- These items are all included in the current estimate and if they are subtracted from the total, the result is approximately \$650,000.
- Given that the total length of road to be reconstructed was increased by approximately 15%, the new estimate is actually not too far off the old one.
- We considered several approaches to reducing cost or increasing funds
 - Not to proceed by using a bid process but instead, let the work be done over several years by the Town crew
 - Remove the culverts, tree removal and ditching from the bid process and let these items be done by the Town crew using funds from these respective line items in the Town budget
 - Limit the bid process to a box cut 22' wide (or slightly narrower if 22' is not available from top of slope to top of slope) and the installation of any required cross culverts. The Town crew would later do any necessary ditching, driveway culverts and tree clearing.
 - Ask the voters for more money
 - Break up the work into 3 contracts – 1. Long section of Irish Settlement, 2. Long section of Poker Hill, 3. Two short sections remaining, one on Irish and one on Poker
- After discussion, the group favored the combination of the third and fifth items above – limit contract work to the box cut and cross culverts and move forward with the 3 contract approach
- It was Nate's opinion that the long Irish Settlement section should go first as it is the worst
- Tyler will revise his estimates to reflect the 4 individual segments (a long and a short section on each of the two roads) and will wait for further instructions before revising the plans again
- Kurt will present all this to the Selectboard on September 19.
- The Town will investigate locations to dispose of the waste material that is removed. One potential use might be to place it on Class 4 Town roads that are in need of fill.

CIP spreadsheet

- There was some discussion about the timing of various road work items in the current version of the CIP and some adjustments were suggested.
- Kurt will revise the spreadsheet to reflect these changes and distribute among the committee

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm