

## **Underhill Roads Committee**

### **Meeting No. 8**

**1/8/18**

Members present: Kurt Johnson, Nate Sullivan, Mike Weisel, Clarke Elliott, Andy Rowe

Meeting convened at 5 pm at Town Hall

#### **Review of last meeting minutes**

- Kurt read through the minutes from meeting #7 and there were no additions or corrections.

#### **Visit from T. R. Fellows**

- This Wednesday, January 10, Cricket McKuster from T. R. Fellows will come meet with us and participate in a field examination of up to 5 culverts/bridges that are on our radar – Corbett Road, N. Underhill Station Road, Pleasant Valley Road near Deane Road, Mountain Road and Irish Settlement Road.
- Ultimately we hope to be able to get from her, concurrence as to what type of culvert replacement to use (metal, concrete box, bottomless concrete box, bridge...), preliminary cost estimates for budgeting purposes, and in the case of the Mountain Road location, a design ready for bidding.
- At this point, weather permitting, it looks as if Kurt, Mike W., Brian and Nate will accompany Cricket on the tour

#### **Cambridge experience – Irish Settlement Road**

- Kurt reported that he has been unable to reach Bill Morey, road foreman in Cambridge, to get further details regarding the Irish Settlement Road bridge
- He will continue to make this contact

#### **River Road repair**

- Brian has posed the question to the CCRPC as to whether our sidewalk grant funds might be transferred to rebuilding River Road
- The answer was “no”

#### **Mountain Road culvert**

- The Town has earmarked funds to implement some temporary repairs to buy us some time before a replacement must be done
- As noted above, we hope to obtain a construction-ready design for this culvert through T. R. Fellows using approximately \$23,000 in funds we have available for this purpose

#### **Pleasant Valley bridge north of Town Hall**

- Kurt reported that money for the repair of this bridge has been included in the budget for the next FY - \$110,000, based on a recent estimate from ECI

#### **Bridge and paving projects spreadsheet**

- Kurt distributed a draft spreadsheet spanning a time line of 11 years and including 4 categories for bridges/culverts, paved roads, gravel roads, and road maintenance equipment, into which we will list our known projects according to priority and assigning preliminary cost estimates
- We decided we should add one more category for Act 64 culverts to cover locations that may be identified by the Act 64 reviews that are and will be conducted by the CCRPC
- We listed several known culvert/bridge projects in order of our perceived priority as follows:
  - Corbett Road
  - N. Underhill Station Road
  - Pleasant Valley Road near Deane Road (bridge)
  - Mountain Road
- A culvert on Irish Settlement Road has been identified as needing replacement with a much larger, expensive alternative, but because it is as a result of Act 64, we are listing it separately. If we are successful in obtaining a grant for this work and depending upon how this next fiscal year budget works out, we may be able to cover our local share of the cost in next year's work.
- Two culverts on Fuller Road were identified by the CCRPC as needing expensive replacements for compliance with ACT 64. An alternative of channeling a couple hundred feet of stream would eliminate the need to replace either of these pipes. Mike W. will talk to Chris Brunelle about the potential for doing this.
- It was noted that in 2021 the bonds for Town Hall and the Town garage will expire, thus potentially making available approximately \$40,000/year for future projects, at current budget levels
- It was noted that a recent "Village Designation" for Underhill Center might make the task of obtaining grants a bit easier
- Kurt will ask Brian to obtain a list of culverts thus far identified for Act 64 replacement from the CCRPC
- We moved on to a brief discussion of the paved roads and placed several segments in a list of priority as follows:
  - River Road (shim the bad sections as determined by a field inspection) - \$100,000 has been put in the budget for this for the next FY
  - Meadow Lane
  - Sugar Hill
  - N. Underhill Station Road (not the section immediately adjacent to the culvert needing replacement)
- As for the gravel roads, we have a list of segments needing reconstruction from a 2014 study, including estimated costs. Mike W. will update these costs to 2018

### **Next meetings**

- Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr. 9
- **New time: 5 pm**

Meeting adjourned at 6:30