

Underhill Roads Committee

Meeting No. 9

2/12/18

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

Guest: John Drew from the Underhill Planning Commission sub-committee on the Capital Improvement Plan

Meeting convened at 5 pm at Town Hall

Visit from John Drew

- John explained that he, Pat Lamphere and Carolyn Gregson constitute the PC sub-committee on Capital Planning
- Their mission is to see that the Capital Plan fits into the Town Plan
- They hope that the new CP will identify things to be fixed/replaced; provide an estimate of the cost to do so; provide a rationale as to why things are included in the CP; and provide an explanation of the consequences of not repairing or replacing

Review of last meeting minutes

- We reviewed the minutes from meeting #8 and there were no additions or corrections.

T. R. Fellows site visit

- This occurred on 1/10/18 and was attended by Kurt, Cricket, Nate and Mike W.
- Refer to minutes of this meeting for details
- Kurt is trying to reach Mike's Boring and Coring to confirm pricing for two days of boring work at N. Underhill Station Road and Corbett Road
- We estimate we'll have approximately \$6500 left in our engineering budget once the borings are complete
- At Mountain Road, we'll eventually want to get an estimate from someone like Blow and Cote for driving sheet pile around the downstream wingwall footing, as recommended by Cricket, but this should wait until spring
- We'll need to keep in contact with Cricket as it relates to her recommendations for and cost estimates of structures at each of the 5 locations that she observed
- We should take her up on her offer to contact VTrans Structures regarding the condition of Bridge #7 and potentially advancing its replacement

Gravel Roads

- A 2014 study of gravel roads contained estimated costs for reconstruction of 8 segments
- These costs have been revised to reflect today's costs and the actual cost for the Sand Hill Road work done in 2016 was found to correspond well to the estimated costs
- We feel that the updated costs from the 2014 study are accurate enough to move forward with in our financial considerations

- Nate feels that the Upper English Settlement Road segment or the Irish Settlement Road segments (3) would be highest on the list for reconstruction, with the nod going to the Irish Settlement section from #603 to #633 because of the heavy use by sap trucks
- Some discussion ensued about the legality of running sap trucks on posted roads
- Our conclusion: it's a thorny problem!

Fuller road culverts

- Mike W. noted that he did speak with Chris Brunelle, but was not able to arrange for a site visit yet.
- We agreed it might better wait until the snow is gone or greatly diminished, but in the meantime Mike and Clarke will go have a look at it

Jericho CCRPC study

- Kurt brought a copy of a capital planning study done for Jericho by the CCRPC
- It appears to be quite comprehensive and Kurt agreed to send copies out to each of us
- We wonder if the CCRPC might do something like this for us
- Kurt will speak with Tim Nulty, Jericho Selectman, about the details of having it done – timing, cost

Next meeting

- Apr. 16 (revised from April 9) 5 pm
- We'll ask Brian to attend to discuss grant opportunities
- Update on Fuller Road situation by Clarke and Mike
- Update on Cricket status and boring schedule by Kurt

Meeting adjourned at 6:30