

Underhill Roads Committee

Meeting No. 27

8/19/19

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

Guests: Tyler Billingsly, Dean Haller, Tom Frazar

Meeting convened at 5 pm at Town Hall

Guests

- Tom lives next to the Corbett Road bridge replacement and just wants to be kept in the loop as far as plans and schedule are concerned
- Dean is on the Recreation Committee and just wanted an update on our activity, particularly the River Road study

Corbett Road bridge

- The wetland work is underway, but other than that, there is no news to report
- We are shooting for design completion this fall and construction next summer

Crack seal/paving

- Nate noted that the crack sealing effort was concluded with 1 week spent on River Road and Pleasant Valley Road

East Engineering - gravel roads

- The estimated cost for all the anticipated gravel road work is around 1.3 million dollars. The original committee figure was \$500,000.
- The cause for the increase has many components: additional length, additional width, deeper base reconstruction, original figures based on 2014 estimates, contractor-built as opposed to Town-built, inclusion of stone lined ditching, inclusion of culverts
- We feel we should update the CIP spreadsheet to see what overall effect the additional cost would have on the "big picture" and then meet with the Selectboard to review and plan a strategy
- We will invite one or more members of the Selectboard to attend another committee meeting at 3 pm on September 3 at which we can review the CIP and come up with a committee recommendation for the Selectboard meeting
- We reviewed the committee's comments regarding the plans and contract documents with Tyler. He said he will make revisions very soon and get them back to us.
- Nate noted that he feels the north end of Irish Settlement Road is the worst section of all the gravel road work

River Road UPWP grant

- A meeting was held recently regarding this project with Jen Connelly from VHB and Marshall Distel from the CCRPC
- Conceptual study of a bike route to Cambridge was added to the project at this time

- The emphasis of the project is the investigation into causes and remedies for the poor road condition of River Road from the Jericho line to the Hummel bridge in Underhill Center with the inclusion of bike lanes as a potential project element

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm