

**Underhill Roads Committee**  
**Meeting No. 33 – Video Meeting**

**4/21/20**

Members present: Kurt Johnson, Mike Weisel, Rick Hey, Andy Rowe

**River Road Study**

- Andy
  - Does not like the mill and overlay option
    - Doesn't correct any underlying problems
    - Shimming would be just as effective without the milling cost and the resulting pavement thinning
  - Full depth reclamation and full reconstruction are better options, but very expensive
  - Feels we should further pursue our previous committee idea of reconstructing the edges, with or without the bike lanes, and reclaiming the center
- Mike
  - Agrees with Andy
  - Feels the cost estimates in the VHB report are unrealistically high
  - Feels a 3' shoulder would be sufficient for bikes
    - It was pointed out that if we hope to get Federal or State grants, we would likely be required to have a 4' shoulder
  - Noted the previous (20 years ago?) idea of a separate bike path along the Browns River and felt we should at least consider this again
    - Andy felt there could be potentially more funding available for this type of bike facility than for road widening
    - Kurt knows several folks who live in this area and he will unofficially pose the idea to see what their reaction is
- We all felt we should give the hybrid road reconstruction idea back to the CCRPC and VHB and ask them to focus on this concept and come up with costs
- We would like to get the cost breakdowns from the RPC so we could better analyze the estimates we have been given
- We should ask the RPC to explore the concept of getting a multi-year grant for a phased project
- The question was raised as to whether the Range could somehow tap Federal money to supplement funding for River Road since they use this as access to the range
  - We wondered if Clarke might have a sense as to whether this could be possible

**Bike study – Irish Settlement and Pleasant Valley**

- We all felt there were way too many signs on both roads
- Mike indicated he liked the idea of a few signs indicating “share the road” and the presence of bikes, but all the rest were unnecessary and objectionable visual pollution
- Kurt indicated it would be very expensive to geometrically upgrade PV Road to make it a safe corridor for bikes
- We felt it was unlikely that IS Road would become a bike corridor because it is gravel

### **Corbett Road bridge**

- Cricket will have bids packages out soon and is requesting bids be submitted on May 15
- Our next meeting (likely video) will be May 18
- The next selectboard meeting will be May 21 for which we hope to have a recommendation on Corbett Road

### **Poker Hill Road**

- Kurt has a call in to Dirt Tech to see where things stand with them
- There is culvert work that needs to be done before Dirt Tech begins and the Town crew was going to do this
  - The virus work restrictions prevent the Town crew from doing this at this time
  - It might be worth asking Dirt Tech for an updated price to install the culverts in order to keep things moving
- The Selectboard has expressed concern about finances and may want to consider holding off on some of our projects like Poker Hill Road
  - We believe that we may be legally “locked in” to proceeding
  - We will touch base with Tyler about this

### **Irish Settlement Road**

- Pre-construction meeting this Friday, 4/24, on site at 10:00
- Likely will be attended by Tyler, Tatro, Kurt and Mike

### **Next meeting**

- May 18, 2020

**Meeting adjourned at 10:15**