



**Office of Board of Selectmen  
Town of Mason**

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## Selectmen/HWY Meeting 2/15/2024

*Approved Minutes*

**Present:** Selectmen Kate Batcheller, Charlie Moser, John Suiter; Road Agent Dave Morrison, Accountant Brenda Wiley

**Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Chair Kate Batcheller, attendance was taken by roll call as reflected above.

- The “Silver Streak” needs \$2,300 for roller repair.
- Dave discussed backhoe usage on frozen gravel roads and that magnesium seems to be working well.
- Discussed aging vehicles and plan to replace.
  - #075 is at garage and it was decided not to spend any more money to fix it.
  - #074 has issues but is used for magnesium and salt. Dave to get quote for repairs needed.
  - John to reach out to company we leased the last vehicle from.
  - Should any replacement vehicles be CDL or can a smaller one handle the work we need
  - Discussed slowly replacing vehicles. Everyone agreed a 2-3 year cycle would work until the fleet is in a better position to move to a longer cycle.
  - Kate requested Dave submit list of vehicles, approximate life span and \$\$ to fix, as well as what is the use of each vehicle
- Kate repeated her request for photos of each vehicle with the Vehicle Identification number assigned to, such as 074, 075, etc.
- Dave asked for support in writing a letter to Hurricane Hill resident to stop moving part of road to the neighbors. Charlie stated no residents are allowed by law to work on a road. Kate will review Dave’s letter so it can be sent out.
- The Selectmen told Dave that the State Retirement is on hold for this year due to the cost could not be justified against the 2024 Budget. Will continue to offer the 457b plan.
- Discussed \$130,000 Road Improvement proposed budget for 2024.
  - Dave is working on the plan for building a turnaround at Starch Mill Rd on

- way to Captain Clark. Will be mostly labor of town crew.
- Reviewed Reed Road as a possible road project going from Class 6 to Class 5. This has been an issue with GPS and Emergency Responders.
  - Dave questioned if the backhoe “thumb” attachment was in the 2024 budget. Cost is about \$5,000. Will have to review prior meeting notes to determine.
  - Reminder that the tank removal has to be done by July of 2024.
  - The \$10,000 budget for Hired Equipment will be used for \$5,500 Rubber Tire Excavator rental that can also do mowing. This will result in savings.
  - Mason Conservation Commission trail workers would like badges or ID. Dave to order Visible Vests with the town seal on the back for them. \$15/vest.
  - Discussed screening rocks out before sanding. There should be no more rocks going forward.
  - Reviewed Fire Dept training at the sand pit. Selectmen agreed Dave should give approval first before Fire Dept moves anything at the site.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Kate motioned to adjourn, second from John. Roll call vote: Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm

Respectfully Submitted,

*Brenda Wiley*  
Accountant