



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

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Selectmen / HWY Meeting 4/9/2024

Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Kate Batcheller, Charlie Moser, John Suiter; Admin Asst Jen Tenney; Road Agent Dave Morrison; Accountant Brenda Wiley

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm by Chair Kate Batcheller, attendance was taken by roll call as reflected above.

- Reviewed year-to-date budget. Important to monitor over-time wages; full-time wages are currently lower than anticipated.
- Discussed new vehicle options for the highway fleet. Reviewed costs, pros & cons and department needs of 10-wheeler vs non-CDL options. Bonding is not a feasible option at the moment, would need to do municipal leasing; discussed options and terms for this.
- Dave reviewed a resident's request for a "Blind Drive" sign by the Old County Rd intersection – estimated ~\$75 cost. Selectmen are in favor if the budget is available.
- A separate resident requested a mirror on Route 124, this is a state road and the resident will need to contact the state. Dave will relay the information.
- The guardrail project is ok to be scheduled.
- Dave has someone interested in part-time help, Selectmen asked Dave to get more information.
- Dave discussed the need for more aggregate. There is an option of having Fred Chancey come to the pit to do crushing vs purchasing. A decision was not able to be made as no quotes have been provided. Dave will get quotes as soon as able since other possible contracts (rubber-tired excavator) are dependent on this.
- Underground storage tank removal project needs a contract to approve – Dave to work on this. Dave is also looking into grant options.

- No further updates regarding the Hurricane Hill Rd correspondence or the Starch Mill Rd turnaround.
- The backhoe thumb is on order.
- Dave is still working on a map design and proposal for the drainage issues on Nutting Hill Rd. Diversion options need to be reconsidered as there are concerns from the affected residents with Dave's suggested option.
- There is a new build on Batchelder Rd; Dave has spoken with the contractor regarding the drainage around that area. Hoping to keep everything draining in the culvert.
- Discussed we are looking into AT&T to replace Verizon.
- 2024 Projects were discussed:
 - Scripps Lane – OK to add “elephant traps”, sediment collection will need to be maintained.
 - Jeds Lane – Dave was asked to have KV Partners review and stake out the proposal for installing the diversion. Will send to town council for review once this is received. Dave to get estimates for the excavation work.
 - General road maintenance – Discussed the importance of fixing the “red” roads. Further decision making needs to happen pending stone crushing estimates.

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 8:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Tenney
BOS Administrative Assistant