



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

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## Selectmen / HWY Meeting 10/10/2023

*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 6:30pm by Chair Kate Batcheller, attendance was taken by roll call as reflected above.

- Reviewed year to date budget:
  - Line item #4311-13 Road Restoration – Doesn't anticipate anything more being applied here.
  - Line item #4311-14 Patch – Likely \$1500 left here at end of year, will know more at next meeting.
  - Line item #4311-15 Culverts – Two culverts on Darling Hill are rusted, Dave is working on an estimate for these. Still collecting inventory. There are a few culverts where water is getting behind the stone during heavy rain. Dave considering pre-cast culverts with a face to block this from happening and will estimate this type of replacement as a separate project.
  - Line item #4311-16 Dust Control - ~1k gallon magnesium left which will be used on the heavier traffic roads.
  - Line item #4311-17 Signs – Dave was asked to work on straightening existing signs and replacing signs if needed by end of year.
  - Line item #4311-32 Aggregate – Dave will order \$4k worth of ¾ stone and let Selectmen know how much tonnage that equaled.
  - Line item #4312-05 Equipment Maintenance – Dave reports 077 was recently repaired, invoice is ~\$11k; 074 can't be used after September '23; 064 needs

fenders. John will speak to A1 Services regarding suggested repairs and will wait to repair until an estimate is given. Selectmen reviewed staff purchasing policy.

- Line item #4312-06 Edges for Plowing – Won't need before end of year if only light storms come in. Will look into best plow options for unfrozen roads.
  - Line item #4312-07 Tires – likely won't need to use remaining budget.
  - Line item #4312-08 Chains – will be purchasing a set.
  - Line item #4312-12 Safety Equipment – will be making purchases in November.
  - Line item #4312-19 Heating Fuel – Dave was asked to fill propane tank now.
- Backhoe Update – No improvement; John is working with A1 Services to trade in.
  - Proposed 2024 projects:
    - Underground fuel tank removal – Dave to get estimates.
    - Reed Rd class change – Dave to get estimates.
    - Drainage down Batchelder Rd.
    - Replace culverts.
  - A resident has a dead tree on their property that if it falls down could damage power lines. Resident states Eversource won't remove the tree and asked Dave if anything can be done by the Town. Selectmen advised the Town cannot remove the tree.
  - Dave reports adding a guardrail on Brookline Rd by Firemen's Bend would cost ~\$8800.
  - Dave was informed some contracted work trucks will need to use the Jed's Lane bridge but they expect to be over the posted weight limit. As this weight limit was given to us by an engineer, Dave was informed these trucks cannot use the bridge unless they are under the posted weight.
  - Reviewed Jed's Lane wooden bridge proposal.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Kate motioned to adjourn, second from Charlie. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Jennifer Tenney*  
BOS Administrative Assistant