



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

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Selectmen / HWY Staff Meeting 3/22/2022
Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Kate Batcheller, John Suiter; Admin Asst Jen Tenney; Road Agent Dave Morrison

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Chair Kate Batcheller, attendance was taken by roll call as reflected above

Meeting Discussion:

- Budget
 - There is enough room in the budget for two more loads of salt if needed; Dave feels we will be able to make it to December of this year before needing more
 - Two loads of aggregate were recently ordered for upcoming mud season
 - Electricity – Dave has determined the variation in charges mostly stems from demand charges caused from the pressure washer (\$18 for every 1000kw over 5000kw used)
- Vehicle Updates
 - 075 – transmission was worked on but piston/dump body is rusted and needs welding; will be going back in and should be returned next week
 - 077 – it was towed to shop last week, should be worked on next week and all parts known to be needed are in stock
 - Loader will be going to shop next week for maintenance
- Project Updates
 - Jeds Lane – Erin Darrow, engineer, is still waiting to hear from abutters to confirm site walk. Jen to reach out and solidify date
 - Jackson Rd – to be paved after Greenville Rd if funding is available
 - Greenville Rd – remains priority; still waiting on confirmation of grinding cost
 - Culverts still need to be ordered
 - Shimming to be done in the summer months
- Misc
 - Calcium Chloride – contract ends 2/18/23.
 - Dave did get information on Magnesium Chloride and benefits appear to include: slightly less cost per gallon, less corrosion to tank and equipment, less damage to clothing, potentially longer lasting in warmer weather as well as more environmentally friendly
 - John to research if it is ok to store Magnesium Chloride in the same tank the Calcium Chloride was stored in. Selectmen to make a decision on which product to use at next Highway Department staff meeting
 - Crack Sealing – crack sealing that was done last year appears to be lasting and typically will give you an additional 3-4 years before needing to do repairs on the roads. Dave met with Henry Dow to discuss proposal for roads to crack seal in 2022 and 2023. For now, Selectmen suggests to

focus on 2022 proposal for this summer and evaluate 2023 proposal at the end of this summer.
Dave to provide an estimate for proposed 2022 work for the Selectmen to review at the next Highway Department staff meeting

- Quarry Parking Signs – Dave met with the Police Department and determined the best location for the signs. Dave will be installing signs this week
- Personnel
 - Dave to look into availability for training opportunity in May and get back to Jen about this
 - Dave would like to discuss the option to donate PTO to another employee, Selectmen to discuss
 - Dave would like to discuss part time employee benefits – discussion to be con't

Adjournment: There being no further business, Kate motioned to adjourn, second from John. Roll call vote Kate-aye, John-aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Tenney

BOS Administrative Assistant