



Selectmen Emergency Meeting 3/20/2019
Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Charles Moser, acting chair, Louise Lavoie and Pete McGinnity; Kathy Wile, Dave Morrison, Kevin Maxwell.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Charlie at 4:10 PM. He noted this was called as an emergency meeting, as provided for under RSA 91-A:2. The Town had received notice that heavy trucks would be hauling stone from the quarry within the next week. Roads in the area are in poor condition, there is no weight limit in place at this time, and action needed to be taken as soon as possible.

New Business:

The request from the owners of the quarry on Starch Mill Rd to extract a limited amount of stone from the pit in Mason and transport out of town had been received by Chief Maxwell. He consulted with the Road Agent, and they decided selectmen needed to be consulted. Dave Morrison, Road Agent, testified that the current condition of the gravel section of Starch Mill Rd that would be impacted would likely not hold up well to the heavy traffic. There is also potential for damage to paved roads, particularly around the edges where there is still significant melt and moisture. Dave said the signs they have previously used limit the weight to 6 tons, which would likely eliminate fuel deliveries and trash pickups wherever posted, although municipal vehicles including school buses would be exempt.

Discussion followed on balancing potential damage to roads with inconveniences and hardship to residents, and given the extended nature of the process would the worst of the mud season be finished by the time the limit gets enacted and properly posted. Chief Maxwell also asked about enforcement issues.

Decision was made to not post weight limits, but have all the pieces of the procedure in place in case it was needed at another time. Kevin will call his contact with Georgia Stone, and see if they will agree to work with Dave and supply gravel Dave deems necessary to be applied to that section of the road before use, and to limit travel of heavy vehicles to early morning hours when roads were most firm.

Further request made of the road agent to track how much gravel is being used town-wide, and to note to carefully look at the gravel budget for 2020. Dave responded he does track how much is used and where it is used, so can easily provide that information when requested.

There was general agreement that, despite not voting to close the roads, it was a valuable conversation to have had.

- **Adjourned:** There being no further business, Louise motioned to adjourn, second from Charlie. Three votes to adjourn the meeting at 5:11 PM.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday March 26, 2019 at the Mann House at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Wile
Administrative Assistant