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Selectmen/HWY Staff 05/17/2021

Approved Minutes

Present: By roll call, using the Zoom platform – Charles Moser, Louise Lavoie, Pete McGinnity, selectmen; David Morrison Road Agent, Erin Darrow Right Angle Engineering, Jen Tenney, Administrative Assistant.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order 4:00 PM by Chair Louise Lavoie, attendance was taken by roll call as reflected above.

Erin Darrow of Right Angle Engineering joined the meeting to provide update on 3 projects in development.

- Russell Road – another 30 day extension was filed with DES due to pending response from one abutter. The abutter response was received by BOS office today and forwarded to Road Agent and Right Angle. Erin hopes to meet with her contact at DES this week to finalize responses to the DES permit. The DES permit is expected to be issued mid-June, then the Army Corp of Engineers has 30 days to complete will review. Best case the DES permitting process will be complete mid-June to early-July. Construction start date early July dependent on water levels, need low water conditions to start construction. Dave to provide Earthworks update on permit process and potential start date. Paving tentative mid-late August.
- Jeds Lane – wetlands have been delineated. Expect surveyor out in mid-June to map site. Working on the base plan and best options for grant money. Erin recommends town adopt a phased approach to consider structural repairs for short term followed by more permanent replacement of entire bridge. The completion of the survey will provide options and better cost estimates for funding and grant options.
- Abbott Hill Road – This project is a contender for ARM or FEMA grant. Erin shared options to address the flood plain using either a box culvert or metal arch bridge and need to increase the elevation of the road at least 12 inches. Erin and Dave to meet week of May 24 to look at plans to straighten out the culvert and plans for intersection with Starch Mill Road. They will bring Starch Mill Road proposal back to the BOS for consensus prior to scheduling a meeting with abutter.

YTD Budget running high on line items for supplies, aggregate, electricity and tools. Garth from the Mason Energy Commission donated a specialized meter to be installed at the Highway Garage to monitor peak usage.

Paved Road Projects - Russell Road paving being priced out with Brox for August timeframe.

Shimming on Campbell Mill Road and Townsend Road is being priced out. Town will need to replace engine on existing sweeper estimated at \$600 - \$800 or rent a sweeper to clean up roads after ditching to prepare for shimming. Dave getting pricing on sweeper rental.

Highway to run pilot program for crack sealing on Darling Hill Road, Meetinghouse Hill Road, Wilton Road and Abbott Hill Road. Dave has visited other towns who have adopted crack sealing with good success.

Mower – the town mower is beyond repair. Quotes for a replacement mower are \$150K for new and \$65K for a used one with 2000 hours. We have option for annual rental vendor A \$3400.00 per week with unlimited hours or vendor B \$2500 per week with 40 hour limit. Consensus to add budget line item starting 2022 for mower rental.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Louise motioned to adjourn, second from Peter. Louise-aye, Pete-aye, Charlie-aye. Meeting adjourned at 5:28 PM, zoom meeting forum closed by Louise.

Next regular staff will be Tuesday June , 2021 via the Zoom platform, at 3:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Louise Lavoie, BOS Chair.