



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

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Selectmen/HWY Staff 08/24/2021
Approved Minutes

Present: By roll call – Charles Moser, Pete McGinnity, Kate Batcheller selectmen; Jennifer Tenney, administrative assistant; David Morrison Road Agent.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order 6:22 PM by Chair Pete McGinnity, attendance was taken by roll call as reflected above. Note – Selectmen and Dave Morrison conducted Highway Department interviews prior to the Highway Staff meeting.

Budget Discussion:

- Dave expressed he would like to hire a part time employee; he plans to keep this within allotted budget.
- A radio is needed for the new truck, this will also come out of the budget.
- Extra budget money will be applied to shimming Townsend and Wilton Road. Dave will determine how much money will be needed for this to happen, as well as any additional roads that may need shimming.
- We have not heard back from Fuzzy Brothers. Dave will call them on 8/25/21 to follow up. Their hourly rate is \$200. If they don't come in, consider taking money from the budget to make our own stone. Dave will look at the cost for this. Also consider buying aggregate now for what we need.
- Calcium Chloride budget has been depleted. We currently have roughly a 2,500-gallon supply, which will be used this coming season.
- If any safety equipment is needed, that is to be ordered before the end of the year.
- Truck maintenance line item is down. That is expected to level out as winter approaches and the vehicles get tuned up.
- Dave states truck #070 likely will only last another 1-2 years, consider replacing it with a truck that has plow capabilities.
- We will know around mid-September if we will have the mower rental for one or two weeks. This will depend on cost and budget availability.

A resident requested Dave install a sign to reduce speeding by their house since there is a blind driveway. Dave to find out what they are looking for as far as signage and placement.

Greenville Rd update – Price list still needs to be done. Dave would like a separate warrant article for next year.

Starch Mill intersection – waiting on culvert opinion from Erin Darrow, have not heard back yet.

Jed's Lane may qualify for ARPA funds use. We do not have an estimated cost or design from Erin Darrow yet. Pete to be informed when Erin comes in.

Dave gave update about beavers. Has mostly noticed them on Briggs and Brookline Rd. Some years they aren't noticed at all.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Charlie motioned to adjourn, second from Pete. Pete-aye, Charlie-aye, Kate-aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Tenney