

Town of Pembroke Roads Committee

311 Pembroke Street, Pembroke, NH 03275

MINUTES

Monday, February 8, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:02 P.M.

1. **Attendance:** Present: Buddy Curley, Jason Menard, Karen Yeaton, VJ Ranfos, Paulette Malo

Unavailable: Vincent Greco, Brian Seaworth

2. Old Business:

- a. Projects for 2021

- i. Encumbered funds

a. VJ said that we were able to secure funding for chip sealing on Cross Country Road, Wellington Way and Ryan Drive. The contracts have been signed and the funds are encumbered. Also, Exchange Street and Front Street mill and fill funds are encumbered with a signed contract with GMI.

Question: Is Borough Road included in encumbered funds? No. They looked over the list and checked the totals on individual roads. The figure for Borough Road can be adjusted since an estimate using 4 inches was planned at one point and now 1.50 inches is proposed. Cost per ton used was \$75/ton as an estimate. VJ had talked with David and since the first five items on the list are to be done with encumbered funds totaling approximately \$113,642.00, it is possible that the Roads Committee will not get the additional \$150,000.00 they were asking for. So, the budget will more likely be about \$290,000.00. The bids have been sent out and will be available for the next Roads meeting. Patch and shim for Brickett Hill Road, Horse Corner Road and Ricker Road were taken off the list and Dudley Hill Road was added to the list for top coat. So, the roads included in the bid are Borough Road, Hillcrest Avenue and Dudley Hill Road. Estimate for Dudley Hill Road \$10,000 for mix 1.5 inches top coat.

2. Any Old Business:

- a. Littlefield sidewalks

- a. The estimate to do the whole project was \$40,000.00. There are only a couple of areas that are in bad shape and VJ felt that Public Works could do those repairs. Much of the sidewalks are already at the required 5 foot width and eventually all will have to comply. There is a currently a Sidewalk Capital Reserve fund that a warrant article will be proposed at Town Meeting to give the authority to expend by the Selectmen. This would give the Town the chance to do sidewalks that would need matching funds.

4. New Business:

- a. Road Paving Bid Specifications
- b. Crack Sealing Bid Specifications

a. Dates were changed from a March due back date to February 25, 2021. That gives the committee time to review and submit recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. The committee went over the bid form and asked a few questions. An 18" culvert is included on North Pembroke Road (by #474) as well as replacing a metal culvert on Third Range Road. Ledge removal may be needed on Hillcrest Avenue. Nixon Road was discussed as one of the only roads in town that is not paved. It used to be Buck Street until the State straightened the road. Residents don't want it paved. It costs the town about \$3500.00 yearly to maintain. It is hard to plow because of trees, it is narrow and must be treated with sand only so it does not turn to mud. In order to pave it there are several trees that would need to be removed. The Town does not have deed for this road but has been maintaining it for years.

b. Dates were also changed from a March due back date to February 25, 2021. This will give the committee time to review and submit their recommendation to Board of Selectmen. VJ expects that we should be able to get more roads done because those on the list are in better shape than those done last year. The Transfer Station is on the list. VJ wasn't sure if all the roads would get done but thought most could be done.

The state has used a rubberized coating on some roads. It apparently adds 120 months of life to the road. There is an option of using this material on just the travel lane of a road. The committee discussed pros and cons including cross slope and drainage issues when only part of the road was treated. Jason was not impressed by this product in the places he had seen it used. Questions were posed as to the warranty of the product and if it was used instead of top coating. The cost is more than chip seal but it lasts twice as long. The committee still has additional questions and by the next meeting they will try to have more information on the different road treatments.

5. Any New Business:

- a. Pembroke Pines Project Retention Pond

a. This is a major safety issue. Plans for this project have changed several times and the latest has created a retention pond that is so big and deep that it is a real hazard. It is not fenced and falling into it is a real possibility. Although it is on private property, it is the understanding that it may become the town's responsibility because of the drainage connecting to the towns. It needs to be fenced in. There is also an exposed manhole. The pond is designed to fill up with water. The overflow to wetlands is 15 feet above one's head. The committee questioned if any of these design changes from the new project engineer had been approved by the town. The edge of the road on Whittemore is another hazardous issue. There is a drain pipe around pole that is deep and does not look safe. Planning is working on the final plans and the committee felt that Mike Vignale should be involved to represent the town's best interest. Eagle Way is also an item on their plan that should be addressed. Currently, it is a non-spec gravel road. All roads in the development should meet town specifications. VJ mentioned addressing the dip in Whittemore Road at the intersection of Nadine Road as it has settled or not paved properly. This has created a low spot effecting water run off on the intersection of Nadine. The developer removed an old culvert. VJ will call Mike Vignale to check into the plan to address the committees concerns including if the plan requires the pond to be fenced. There have been changes and additions done but their approvals were unknown. Even though it is not a town road it still needs to meet town specifications. Road drainage will eventually become the town's responsibility and if the

town takes ownership of the drainage, the pond is a lawsuit waiting to happen. Another item: someone put up a 'stop ahead' sign and it is at a level where Jason saw a person walk right into the sign. VJ believes it should be 6 feet high.

b. The State bids on the North Pembroke Bridge project are due March 2, 2021. The project should be started as soon as possible after the bid award. The plan has a tentative inspection date of October 1, 2021 and to be completed by December 10, 2021 (with a 12 week shutdown period for the bridge). The committee discussed traffic for those twelve weeks and hoped Merrill could arrange to cut through Continental's pit during this time. Otherwise, a lot of construction traffic will be on our roads during bridge project road shutdown.

6. Accept Minutes: December 1, 2020

Motion: Paulette to accept minutes as written.

Second: Karen

Vote: All in favor

7. Adjourn: Motion: Paulette

Seconded: Jason

Vote: All in favor

Adjourned: 6:55 pm

Next meeting will be March 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall