

# Town of Pembroke

## Roads Committee

311 Pembroke Street, Pembroke, NH 03275

### MINUTES

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:03 P.M.

1. **Attendance:** Present: Buddy Curley, Jason Menard, Brian Seaworth, Vincent Greco, Adam Mendoza, VJ Ranfos, Paulette Malo

2. **Old Business:**

- a. 2021 Road Paving Update
  - b. 2021 Crack Sealing
  - c. 2022 Road Paving Update
  - d. 10 Year Paving/Preservation Plan
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- a. VJ reported that the only street left to do is Hillcrest. He also has to meet with State DOT for drainage on Broadway. Mike Vignale is preparing information for that.
  - b. Crack sealing was scheduled for last week but between the weather and the product being back ordered it has not been started. Indus will let VJ know by the end of the week when they can schedule. Costs for crack sealing were discussed and they are still asking for only \$20,000.00 for next year's crack sealing budget but may consider an increase based on the CNHRP plan.
  - c. As far as the 2022 paving projects, Dean and VJ continue to fine tune the work to be done. It should be noted that traffic control, ditching, shoulders, etc. costs are not worked into these figures. It only calculates the pavement costs.
  - d. VJ and Dean keep working on this. Additional developments are also taken into account when planning on which roads to do. Fourth Range Road has been pushed to the next year because of the San Ken project with heavy trucks going in and out. They picked the list of roads for CIP and others were moved to the next year.

3. **Any Old Business:**

- a.none

4. **New Business:**

- a. Wellington Way Chip Seal

- i. Resident Comments
- ii. All States Materials, Bruce Davis
- b. Budget, David Jodoin

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i. The first resident to speak was Debora Pepka of 887 Wellington Way. She felt that this treatment did not look finished. There is still some loose stone on the road. Around the cul-de-sac she felt it was a safety concern for those who walk or kids riding their bikes. She did a bit of research and found that this road treatment was the lowest form of chip seal and mentioned there was also double chip seal. Bruce Davis from All States Asphalt spoke about maintaining town roads with the budget available. The town is underfunded and they have chosen these treatments to see what will work best for preserving roads and to stretch the budget. It does take time for the treatment to cure. After a plow season there should be improvement over time.

Darren Teasck 880 Wellington Way feels that they moved to a house on a finished road and now it does not appear to be a finished road. He mentioned no repairs were done before the treatment (ie cracks at the shoulders) and run off from culverts washed the asphalt and just an overlay of the aggregate could have been used. VJ said the resident was referring to a couple of places where the shoulder had broken away but that it did not relate to the chip seal application. Darren continued to discuss crack sealing and that is shows through the chip seal. Bruce and VJ explained that this will be visible with the chip seal or even with a top coat unless the road is reconstructed. Bruce continued to discuss what happens with the aging process of roads.

Debora Pepka spoke again to express her displeasure with the work that was done and would like to see additional work done to bring the road back to a 'paved' road. Clean up edges, cul-de-sac divots width of the road. VJ said they have looked at the current condition and considered the complaints and because of the feedback he has received he has gotten a quote on additional treatment. Jason spoke to the residents to explain that their road was a good candidate for this treatment because of its condition and it is a test or pilot road for this product. If it does not perform as expected the town will not use it again.

Jean Barker, 872 Wellington Way resident, expressed her concerns about the unevenness of this treatment causing kids to have trouble biking, elderly person having trouble walking and her complete dissatisfaction with this change in their road pavement. Dean Williams with CNHRP explained that he has been working with UNH, DOT and Towns to try to provide preservation techniques to help the towns effectively use their available budgets. The discussion continued and included alternative or additional treatments, including a fog seal, which might rectify the issues the residents in attendance are concerned with. Life expectancy of roads was discussed. Overall the residents feel there should have been more communication with them regarding the treatment of their road. They asked how long they can expect this test or pilot application to be as is. The committee told them that their feedback is very valuable in moving forward. In a year or two it will look better but another treatment may be the only way to satisfy the resident's concern. Costs of optional treatments need to be looked at for future projects. As a whole, the residents of Wellington Way feel that chip seal was not the appropriate treatment for their road. They want a smooth road like they had before. The committee will take a closer look at Wellington Way to verify what their concerns are. VJ, Paulette, Bruce to go

see divots and road conditions overall. Karen asked for a review as to whether the process was done correctly on Wellington Way.

ii. Bruce presented information (above) to the residents of Wellington Way.

b. David was reporting that the CIP committee was not looking favorably on the Sherwood Meadows project. They see it more as a cosmetic issue instead of a necessary project with a cost of \$240,000.00. The CIP committee has not finalized their decision and will meet on August 19, 2021 for their final tally. VJ said that the meat of the project is the curbing at a cost of \$160,000.00 to pull out old curb, but in doing that, the pavement will need to be repaved because a seam would result. As is, the pavement should be good for 5 years if it has been crack sealed. Several residents have complained about the curbing. David said it is a public meeting and they are welcome and should attend the CIP meeting. Paulette said that is it not just cosmetic. When you have curbing and start losing curbs it affects the drainage, which is all closed drainage there. The curb keeps drainage in the road and out of resident's driveways and off their lawns. She asked if a core test had been done. VJ said they had done an overlay but not a core test. Mill and fill would be the option there. The curbing is old concrete and has held up surprisingly well. David asked them to look into additional culvert replacements after noting that a \$50,000.00 emergency repair had to be done when Jim was still here. He said he did not see any CIP request to address the future repairs that may be needed on culverts. VJ said the asset management program will help identify the culvert needs. Capital reserve fund needs to be built up for these type of repairs. The roads committee suggested looking out 10-20 years, which is what the program VJ and Dean are working with already does. This program is fluid since things change annually. Last year encumbered funds from last year were used on chip seal and Dudley Hill Road. Upper Beacon bond was paid off this year so there are no bonds currently for roads. TIF district bond will be paid off in 2032 and another bond Library & Safety Center has 2 more years. The plans for Main Street which were originally thought to be about \$500,000.00 but has been updated and is now close to a million dollars. The financing for this may be bonded. David feels that there will be more costs associated with culvert repairs vs. paving from what he has seen and this should also be presented to the CIP committee. Emergency items seem to emerge unexpectedly. The CIP committee needs to understand the need for a larger annual roads budget. It has not been changed from \$600,000.00 in a very long time. Not only does the town need to catch up on projects that keep getting pushed to the next year or set aside and overlooked but the costs of maintenance increase each year and this cannot be ignored any longer. To catch up \$750,000.00 is needed for several years and then reevaluated to see how repairs and maintenance are playing out on the planned lists annually. The committee had a long discussion on what could be presented to the CIP committee to achieve this goal of increasing the roads budget. David said anyone from the Roads Committee or anyone from Sherwood Meadows is welcome to attend the meeting on August 19, 2021. MS4 requirements are going to cost the Town a lot of money and need to be considered too.

## **5. Any New Business:**

a. Indus Proposal- Surface for Wellington Way.

a. VJ checked into surface treatment. Fog application would not achieve the smooth surface the residents are looking for on Wellington Way. The proposal in tonight's package is for Micro Surfacing at a cost \$24,927.50. It would also involve shutting the road down until the material cures. (a couple of hours after it is applied). They will have to see what money is left after Hillcrest is done to see if this can be done. Paulette suggested waiting until looking at Wellington Way to see if things were not done correctly. VJ said that Bruce is going to walk Wellington Way to see what went wrong or what the issues are. Karen and others agreed that the road should be left for a year to see how the road settles, how plowing affects the surface and then apply the micro surface if necessary. This road was done with gathering data for future use of this product in mind. The issues brought up by the residents were in the cul-de-sac and not necessarily the whole road. They will look at the road to verify issues.

**6. Accept Minutes:**

a. June 29, 2021

**Motion:** Vince motioned to accept as written

**Second:** Paulette

**Vote:** All in favor, except Brian and Karen abstained

**7. Adjourn:**

**Motion:** Paulette motioned to adjourn

**Seconded:** Jason

**Vote:** All in favor

Adjourned: 8:22 pm

Next meeting will be September 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall