

Town of Pembroke Roads Committee

311 Pembroke Street, Pembroke, NH 03275

MINUTES
Tuesday, May 2, 2017

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

1. Attendance: Present: Oscar Plourde, Doc Greco, Buddy Curley, Paulette Malo, Jim Boisvert, David Jodoin, Brian Seaworth
Unavailable: Jason Menard
2. Old Business:
 - a. White Sands Road update
 - b. Status of North Pembroke Road bridge project
 - c. Update roads for 2017
 - d. Pembroke Loop Road project update

Motion: Paulette move that they move the Status of North Pembroke Road bridge project to the first agenda item this evening

Seconded: Doc seconded

Vote: All in favor

a. No new update at this time. This will be done when Paulette's (Sewer) project is done in which should be the end of May.

b. David presented information from the Board of Selectmen meeting of April 17, 2017. They were given preliminary estimates on the project. The City of Concord is working with the engineering firm of McFarland Johnson to come up with some preliminary numbers. Then it goes to the State of NH bridge program. Since 2007, there have been discussions regarding building a new bridge, making it bigger, better and wider. The City of Concord looks at it from a different perspective. They feel that there is nothing wrong with the bridge, it just needs to be rehabbed and they did not want to pay for anything more than a rehab. Not the replacement. If Pembroke decides to build a new bridge then Pembroke will have to pay for that portion of it. There are nine different tasks that have to be gone through in the process. It hasn't gone out to bid yet, it has to go to the State of NH, Federal funds come from Washington to the State of NH bridge program. They have to review the project and then they give the go ahead to continue. Board of Selectmen looked at the worst case scenario at \$1.9 million, if you tear down the bridge and rebuild, or \$2.9 million if leave the bridge there and build a new bridge beside it. That cost could get magnified because of additional factors regarding wetlands, environmental impacts, taking of property, easements, archeological issues or whatever other issues that may come up. There are multiple stages to go through if they go with the \$2.9 million dollar scenario. The town does not have enough money and wants to close the bridge to rebuild. Even if it is an 80/20 split from the Federal Government, \$335,000 would be Pembroke's portion. Concord will be

managing the project. David understood the concerns of those present about the bridge closure and said that they have been through this before on other projects. In 2016, the Budget Committee and the voters approved \$335,000, which would be our estimated portion. Concord would be managing the program because they have the staff and the expertise. They would be paying a portion of the project which is a flat amount of \$40,000.00 and Pembroke would pay the remainder. The Board of Selectmen are still waiting for additional information from the State of NH. Those present at prior meeting, who wanted to be kept in the loop of new information, provided email addresses to David and will be notified of future meetings. Oscar opened it up for questions from those in attendance. **Question:** What is the timeline for knowing if and when the town would be approved for a grant? **Answer:** Discussions have been ongoing since 2007 and at this point it looks like November of 2017 will be the earliest that we will know, but it may be sooner. David mentioned that floods in 2007 resulted in the bridge actually being shut down. In talking with Ed Roberge, replacing the bridge would be the best plan and that project would take 6-8 months to complete. If they get word in November, the bids could go out then and work could begin in April. So, it should be completed by September or October 2018. We understand that from a business perspective, closure is an inconvenience but we only have so much money to work with. If the numbers come in as expected and the second bridge is approved, we would be looking for more money. Whether the money would come from the Roads budget or some other source. During the budget process they look at different aspects and solutions. This is still in the preliminary stages and we are still waiting for figures, which will include environmental reviews, bridge hydraulics, threatened and endangers species and other concerned entities. We have no idea at this point what other items will come up for consideration before final estimates can be determined. Ed is working with Nancy Mayville at DOT but there has not been much communication from the State to date. **Question:** As far as the Roads Committee do you find that the bridge is in desperate need of repair? If the State does not get involved does the town (Roads Committee) still have a short term or long term plan to do some kind of work to it? **Answer:** Oscar replied that he thought funds were being set aside for the bridge work but David said that had not happened for several years and that as far as a Capital Improvement Plan, there has been nothing done except for the \$335,000.00 mentioned earlier. If the State does not come through with funds, David repeated that the project was not currently on the CIP listing. **Question:** What does the \$335,000.00 represent? **Answer:** It is a little more than 20%. The rough estimate for a new bridge from the State, was \$1,985,000. Less 80% = \$1,588,000.00 (state portion), 312,000.00 +/- Discussion continued on the estimated percentages the town expects to pay and the portions paid by State, Federal and City of Concord. In addition to the \$335,000.00 we also have some in the bridge capital reserve fund which was set aside as matching funds for some of our smaller bridges, when applying for Grants. In 2007 one fund was started and has about \$80,000.00 in it. In 2016, the Town encumbered \$335,000.00 from the General Fund and we are hopeful that we can get the project done for that in 2018. **Question:** Has Concord set a time line at all on plans, etc.? **Answer:** There won't be any plans done until they get the approval from the State of NH. David wasn't sure if McFarland Johnson has done any preliminary plans. Once we get the approval, it can go out to bid in November and the process will move forward. David has reached out to Ed Roberge to keep the town informed of upcoming meetings so that he can contact those who have shown concern and want to attend meetings in Concord. He also suggested that people follow news on the towns' and city's websites. There was further discussion about the options on this bridge project and asked why they would spend \$1.9 million to rebuild a bridge to last only 20 years? David said that for that money it would be a completely new bridge. If they had to add the temporary bridge, the additional \$1,000,000.00 in funds would be split and the town's portion would be about

\$200,000.00. In order to raise this additional amount, it would have to go to the Board of Selectmen, the Budget Committee and then to the voters in March 2018. To answer the gentleman's question as to the chances of the town raising an additional \$200,000, David told him that it had a slim chance of approval. Overall, we need to wait and see if the Fed's give the money to the State so we can proceed. The other concern is what shape the bridge is in and how additional wear and tear will affect the lifespan of the bridge. Paulette mentioned that it is already on the 'red list'. **Question:** When is the next meeting? **Answer:** They won't know until they get some new information from the State. At that point we will know what the State has allocated for funding. We are expecting news in or hopefully before November. **Question:** What part of the State handles this? **Answer:** The Department of Transportation. Nancy Mayville is usually the one we deal with. One of her responsibilities is bridge maintenance. Keith Cota also works there. The public guests left and the committee continued to discuss where others could drive to get around this bridge if closed. Also, discussed the options and financing options. Jim mentioned the traffic count from 2016. Those who attended include: Terry McCormack, Russ Elkins, Jeff Huntington and John Zidell.

c. Update on the roads list. Jason wanted boring quotes. There are two ways to go about this. Ward Geotechnical Consulting, PLLC provided a quote of \$4,650. The other was from Maine Drilling & Blasting came in at \$1,600. Both provided scope of work but as you can see from their letters one provides a more complete description of the area bore findings. In the packet is a letter for the Pembroke Water Works. Matt is meeting with his committee the third Thursday of May which is the 18th and proposing that they do just the upper part of Union Street. There is only one line that services Union Street, Perry Eaton Building. Paulette mentioned that if Allenstown does all that is scheduled in their town, Water Works will not have enough money to complete the lower section of Union Street next year. So she feels they should ask for funds to do the whole Union Street project. Discussion continued about how the Water Works is trying to get by with their current budget. Comments continued on where to shift work on the roads list if Union Street cannot be done all at once. David mentioned bonds and interest rates going up and that the higher rates would mean a five year note instead of a three year note. Paulette was not in favor of putting off a town project because Water Works doesn't have the funds. The drainage on Union Street needs to be fixed and rerouted to High Street. Oscar did not think that \$200,000.00 was enough to do Union Street. The active bond(s) were mentioned and payoff schedule so a new bond could be applied for to do Upper Beacon Hill and East View. Discussion continued on roads and reconstruction needed on Upper Beacon Hill and East View. Bidding process was discussed and they decided to send bids to four companies: Advanced Excavation, Continental, Pike and Brox. Referring back to the list, Paulette said that Sixth Range Road was added without the committee's recommendation. Listing the roads is important for contractors to see what they are bidding on versus tonnage only. If we don't have enough funds for Sixth Range Road then it would come off again. They discussed that the road was done not that long ago (15 years ago). As a committee they figured traffic count and road conditions for the list. They decided to have bids due back by May 12, 2017, then David could get the information to the selectmen for the May 15, 2017 meeting.

Motion: Paulette made the motion that the bids go out May 3, 2107 and due back May 12, 2017.

Seconded: Doc seconded

Vote: All in favor

c. (cont.) Specifications on the bid were gone over. The estimate for next year's roads budget per David will be \$323,000.00. It needs to be determined what projects need to be done in 2018 and put before the voters, the bond could be requested, then first payment on that bond for Upper Beacon Hill and East View would be due in 2019. They need to get the bid figures back before they can decide if there are enough funds to complete certain roads. The pre-bid calculations were mentioned using figures that are higher than expected. Jim asked what they wanted to do on the borings. Oscar said go with the cheaper one, they could tell us what we would be facing. They will probably go 15-18 inches. Jim said that the storm drain is at 7 feet at the bottom portion. We will have to cap part of the drainage system and send drainage to High Street. The recommendation of the committee was to use Maine Drilling & Blasting for the bore tests.

Motion: Buddy made the motion to use Maine Drilling & Blasting

Seconded: Doc seconded

Vote: All in favor

d. They should meet next Tuesday for an update on the Loop Road project but were talking of June for completion. The Board of Selectmen decided not to install stop signs on Loop Road (Kline Way) and Cooperative at this time. Once they have their meeting the information should be emailed out to all interested parties.

The bidding process was discussed for timing that would be best for projects.

3. Any Old Business:

a. Is crack sealing being done this year? Yes, there is \$20,000.00 in the budget for this. Pine Street, Broadway, Maple Street, Prospect Street, Glass Street and Borough Road Extension and others if there is enough money.

4. New Business:

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5. Any New Business:

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6. Accept Minutes

a. April 4, 2017

Motion: Paulette motioned to accept the minutes as written

Seconded: Brian

Vote: All in favor

Next meeting is with the Board of Selectmen Monday, May 15, 2017

Next Regular meeting Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 6:00 at the Public Works building

7. Adjourn: Motion: Paulette motioned to adjourn

Seconded: Doc

Vote: All in favor

Adjourned: 7:33 pm