

Town of Greenfield, New Hampshire
Road Commission Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

April 3, 2013

Road Commission Meeting Attendees: N. Nickerson, G. Russell, M. Merzi, M. Steere (Chair) and T. Bascom (visitor).

Meeting open at 6:30 PM – review of current issues.

Reviewed the Town meeting discussion on roads, it was recognized that the sense of the meeting showed a desire to increase the level of spending on road reconstruction.

The Commission generally agreed that based on Town input a bond should be considered. The Road Commission will begin working on criteria to assess the condition and priority of roads for developing a schedule for future road reconstruction. The material will be prepared working with the Town Director of DPW and used in consideration of a bond proposal.

The Commission agreed that in the future road construction should be reviewed and approved by an experienced road builder. This will assure that Bond funds will spent wisely.

The Commission discussed current road conditions for dirt/gravel roads and generally agreed the “flatness” of the roads was contributing to problems. It was agreed that ditching and better crowning of the roads would be beneficial.

The Commission agreed that some additional members would be helpful and will provide some names to the Select Board for consideration.

The Road Commission meeting will be continued for April 17, 2013.

Current session closed at 7:45 PM.

Meeting continued at 6:30 PM on April 17, 2013.

Attendees: N. Nickerson, G. Russell, M. Steere (Chair), T. Bascom (visitor), M. Rossi (visitor) and J. Gryval (visitor).

Criteria for road work prioritization would include: traffic counts/volume, population of area, road usage/traffic patterns, current road condition, accessibility/dead end, and work required for reconstruction as initial items for discussion with DPW Director.

Criteria for road condition would include: drainage, ditching, road crowning (gravel roads), pot holes/surface issues, road bed as initial items for discussion with DPW Director.

Overall issues going forward include the width of historic roads, paving of roads (gravel to paved and/or paved to gravel), shading of roads, obstacles near roads/potential driving hazards, and intersection visibility as initial items for discussion with DPW Director.

The Road Commission continued discussion on current road condition and areas for review with DPW and/or Select Board. Some areas for review include: gravel road construction as noted in criteria for road condition, culvert installation, road width, crowning and ditching. The Commission agreed that a field trip with the DPW Director and/or members of the Select Board might be useful for future reference and as an education process for all concerned. M. Steere to contact Select Board Chair and if appropriate DPW Director. G. Russell to determine field trip areas for review.

It was agreed to schedule the next meeting around the Field Trip, at 5 PM Wednesday, April 24th or May 1st if possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Myron Steere