

Town Of Litchfield
Road Committee Minutes
Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Location: Town Office

Attendance: Richard Lane, Brian Emmons , Tomas Szepsy, Dan Crafts, Cyndi Redmond, George Thomson, Steve Ochmanski and Larry Nadeau

Item 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Richard Lane at 5:30 PM.

Item 2: Acceptance of the Minutes of November 19, 2014
was moved by Rick and seconded by Larry and accepted by all.

Item 3: Scheduled Business

Discussion of the 7 road closings and moving doing these roads if the town decides at the town Meeting to keep them open to an independent contractor. We will be putting these roads out for bid in February. We need to come up with the specific scope of what the contractors would be doing to these roads. Year round maintenance or just winter. Is the town willing to absorb the cost for these "driveways"? Closure of these roads is important due to the potential liability that these roads are not up to spec and we cannot afford as a town to bring these roads up to spec.

Larry and Shirley Gray as well as Rae Layne Rauggiero came to our meeting to voice an opinion that if other no town roads that are not up to spec are being plowed their road which is Nadeau Drive should be plowed by the town. There are 6 houses on that road.

Discussion of road closure vs. closure of winter maintenance. We all feel that closure is the best route to take. Ted Smith is working to put together the deed information that we need for these roads. We looked into the MMR that we were given in November to see what that had to say about the process to make that happen, it is on pp. 17. Brian Emmons is going to the Selectman's meeting on Monday night January 26, 2015 to present our letter to them for Statutory Discontinuance of those 7 roads mentioned in previous minutes. This was put before the committee as a motion by Richard and 2nd by Brian. All agreed as we all feel it is the best decision for the Town of Litchfield.

Ferrin Rd bridge. Cost for the culverts will be about \$7534.25 It will take about 3 - 4 days to replace this bridge and do it correctly. Both Steve and Larry feel that doing this job in house in July 2015 is more cost effective than contracting it out. Larry is thinking that if we could have some place to stockpile material so we don't have to go all over town to bring it all over will be the best and quickest way to make that happen. I am to check with some of my neighbors about spared driveways in the area.

Entering the information about the roads into the computer has come up to be a not very user friendly process. Steve will be contacting the state to get some answers to make it more user friendly.

Item 4: Unscheduled Business

Item 5: Meeting Times

Next meeting February 18, 2015 at 5:30

Item 6: Future Agenda Items

Putting out for bid in Feb. maintenance on roads that we want to close.

Item 7: Adjourn Meeting: Tomas made a motion to adjourn and Dan seconded it, at 7 PM. All agreed.