

Town Of Litchfield
Road Committee Minutes
Wednesday, March 19, 2014

Location: Town Office

Attendance: Richard Lane, Tamas Szepsy, Brian Emmons, George Thomson, Steve Ochmanski, Cyndi Redmond and Larry Nadeau.

Item 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Richard Lane.
Considered Minutes of January meeting and accepted by all.

Item 2: Steve O has wanted the road committee to be a 7 member team so he asked Larry Nadeau to become part of this committee.

Item 3: Scheduled Business

Steve did his homework to find out that we actually do have a town ordinance for the posting of the roads so that the town has the authority to enforce the road postings. We have 31 miles of roads that we are responsible for. 23,000 #'s is the DOT weight limit for posted roads and they can be driven on if heavier if below 32 degrees and not bleeding.

Discussion of 5, 10 and 15 year plan. We need to have more information to be able to put dollar amounts to our plans. An idea of about 10% of the roads will have some work per year was discussed. We need to get a better handle on what the town has been spending so far with the town maintenance garage and line item costs to have jobs done.

Setting goals for town maintained roads, ID good roads moderate roads and awful roads as we go out and get driving with frost heaves as well as with out.

We need to do a culvert count. Ron needs to be involved.

The town has to appropriate money each year.
Some figures roughly put out are how much for paving 10% of our roads per year
\$210,000?
\$70,000 - \$100,000 for road maintenance?
Criteria to not maintain roads that do not meet Road Use Ordinance?

Having several of us drive the bumpy frost heaved roads before the heaves disappear. We can tell much about a road from the way it heaves. Then to set up an appointment with Phil Curtis to go out with him.

Item 4: Unscheduled Business

Brian and Steve will set up a spread sheet so that we can start having the figures to break down what the town is spending on labor and materials in the town garage for maintenance of our roads.

We all felt it would be important to have a hard copy of the New Comprehensive Plan for Litchfield. Steve will get that for us.

Item 5: Meeting Times

Next meeting April 16, 2014 at 5:30

Item 6: Future Agenda Items

Setting up time and date with Phil to drive the Litchfield Roads for learning to survey and grading the quality of the roads.

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