

Town Of Litchfield
Road Committee Minutes
Wednesday, August 20, 2014

Location: Town Office

Attendance: Richard Lane, Tamas Szepsy, Brian Emmons, Steve Ochmanski, Cyndi Redmond, Dan Craft 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 June 18, 2014
was moved by Rick and seconded by Tom and accepted by all.

Item 3: Scheduled Business

Review of the packet which was given to us by Phil Curtis.

Discussion of stopping winter maintenance on certain roads in town this year and all maintenance with voting of town meeting in 2015. Having the selectmen authorize no winter maintenance on those roads at their next meeting.

The motion was made by Brian and seconded by Tom, that once the chairman approves the wording for the letter to the selectmen for recommendation for discontinuance of winter maintenance on these 6 roads, (John Tarr Rd, Jungle Lane, Dingley Lane, Gustin Rd past Nutting Rd, Mill Rd, and Huff Mill Rd.) the letter is to be presented to the selectmen. It was a unanimous vote of the Committee. *(See attached)*

In setting goals for town maintained roads, we discussed having an engineer to lay out our roads. Brian knows of an engineer in Richmond, Eric Calderwood, that can probably do that fairly inexpensively and he will be contacting him to get more information and cost. We thought that we would have him give us an estimate of what should be done with Upper Pond Rd. We felt as a committee that it would be beneficial to have the roads engineered so that if the roads were correctly made now, in the future it would be much easier to maintain. We felt that the cost would more than likely be very well spent. It will be further discussed at future meetings.

Item 4: Unscheduled Business

Discussion of the wash outs in town due to the latest deluge of water from our last storm. We also discussed the quality of gravel that the roads need to prevent a wash out and the fact that our gravel pits here in Litchfield are empty of the quality of gravel that is needed to keep our roads in good shape. There is too much loam in the pits to make it useful to repair our roads.

Discussion of setting standards for gravel use on our roads. We will be looking at our present road ordinance to see where we can strengthen it to make our roads better and easier to maintain. Also looking at any grinding in town of hot top can it be owned by the town?

Item 5: Meeting Times

Next meeting September 17, 2014 at 5:30

Item 6: Future Agenda Items

We need to do a culvert count. Ron needs to be involved. We need to finish identifying the grade for each road, good roads, moderate roads, and awful roads

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