

Town Of Litchfield
Road Committee Minutes
Wednesday, October 15, 2014

Location: Town Office

Attendance: Richard Lane, Tamas Szepsy, Cyndi Redmond, Dan Craft, Brian Emmons, 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 September 17, 2014
was moved by Rick and seconded by Tom and accepted by all.

Item 3: Scheduled Business

Overview by Steve about the selectman's meeting and their visit to Gustin Rd. "The Fire chief will not allow emergency vehicles on that road at all costs and the school bus aren't allowed to use it they setup the bus routes away from it." The selectmen also decided to put each road slated for closure on a separate article on the town warrant for the town meeting in June 2015. One of the other issues is that our town should not be putting our personnel at risk to plow and maintain these roads. The road committee recommends that the town trucks should not be on those roads. If the town really wants us to maintain these roads we should be contracting it out. We talked about getting prices for maintaining those roads. It will include ditching, gravel as well as winter maintenance. In our Feb meeting we will discuss the scope of the work that needs doing on each road. We will be putting it out to bid by March 15 to have the bids back by April 15, 2015.

Mill Rd has a bridge on it that needs repair of some sort. If we are maintaining the road the state gives grants for bridges. It was mentioned that we can discontinue our right of way on this road but the county maintains one.

In setting goals for town maintained roads, we had discussed at one of our last meetings having an engineer to lay out our roads. At our last meeting we discussed having Larry Nadeau do the elevations studies for water drainage. Steve brought up that if we had Larry do that the town could be liable if anything went wrong, so we are back to having each road engineered in some way to be able to get the culverts in the right places to be able to keep the water away from the roads. As discussed in previous meetings if we can't keep the water away from the roads we will never have good roads. We need money in our next town budget to get this done.

SW Cole came to our pits and we may have 2-3 years of sand left but no more than that. It is not a good quality grade of sand but it will do for us to use and mix. Our mix for our roads is 1 yd salt to 10 yds sand. What does all this cost the town... we do not have a figure on this as of yet. Steve and Larry are working on getting these figures. Larry has been asking for these figures for at least 5-6 years but had never gotten them. Because of the way the town/garage has been handled it has not been possible to have those figures. It is necessary for us to get that information so it is happening now but will take a bit of time. When the town of Litchfield works with numbers in this way it is all by the sq yd as we don't have a scale to work with numbers by the ton.

We have done no ditching this year. We need to get a culvert count done.

Item 4: Unscheduled Business

Item 5: Meeting Times

Next meeting November 19, 2014 at 5:30

Item 6: Future Agenda Items

Further study into road closures.

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