

Town Of Litchfield
Road Committee Minutes
Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Location: Town Office

Attendance: Richard Lane, Cyndi Redmond, George Thomson, Brian Emmons, Tamas Szepsy

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 October 15, 2014
was moved by George and seconded by Tamas and accepted by all.

Item 3: Scheduled Business

Brian did an excellent job of giving us the information that was needed for the closure of each of the roads. We now have an estimate of what each road will cost the Town of Litchfield if we have to hang on to them and the information to be able to present at town meetings. We plan on contacting the state to be able to get the DOT's Average Unit Pricing Sheet to double check our figures. George will be doing that for us tomorrow as a Selectman he should be able to attain these figures. The one road that is not on that list is Beaver Lane as it was never driven. George is to do that tomorrow. Brian needs the length and width to be able to finish the assessment.

The real question is here do the towns people want to continue to pay more and more taxes or do they want to have good roads. We have two choices, save the dollars that we have to make them go further for better roads. Or to get the good roads we raise the taxes to meet the demand.

Discussion of Selectman's meeting of Jan 26, 2015 and the information that was sent to us via a letter signed by all the selectmen. There are 6 points that the selectmen would like us to address. Most of which we have addressed with Brian's information that he presented to us tonight.

1. that the Selectmen close the roads lawfully.
2. Cost estimates be done for all those roads maintenance for all seasons. Brian has done that and we are working to confirm those costs before the March 18 meeting.
3. Public Hearing and a date was set for March 18, 2015
4. Residents of those roads be notified by mail, the town manager will see to this.
5. Public notices must be put in public places, we are working on that.
6. Taxation impacts should be identified. We can get information together on how much it will cost the town to fix roads but we must pass this information on to the budget committee.

Item 4: Unscheduled Business

Budget committee has requested from us by February 28, 2015, that we have in dollars the amount of money that we feel will be needed for roads this next year and in the next 5 years. Brian has a good program set up that will help us to be able to give at least a good guess as to what might be needed.

Item 5: Meeting Times

Next meeting March 18, 2015 at 5:30

Item 6: Future Agenda Items

Item 7: Adjourn Meeting: Tamas made a motion to adjourn and George seconded it, at 7:25 PM.
All agreed.

