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Selectmen's Work Session Minutes
9:00 am – Town Offices

Friday July 24, 2020

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCUmJqZvFTS23RMEFSDQzmw>.

Present: Chairman Lloyd Wood, Selectman Bill Marcussen, Selectman Chip Albee and Administrative Secretary Karen Koch.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wood called the Selectmen's work session to order at 9:00 am and read aloud how to the public can attend meetings remotely.

APPOINTMENTS

Jim Bean gave the Highway Department update. The project to pave a section of Northline Road is complete besides some more hot top that is needed around the catch basin. Chairman Wood suggested also contouring the edge. Mr. Bean responded to Selectman Albee that a contractor, separate from FR Carroll, would be the one to fix the end of Federal Corner Road at the junction of Middle Road. Chairman Wood shared that he didn't sign the \$76,000 bill from FR Carroll as shoulders weren't done yet on Northline Road. Mr. Bean stated that the shoulders are a separate cost and will also come out of the warrant article. Dame Road paving is planned for September. Mr. Bean clarified for Chairman Wood that it was agreed recently to only pave a portion of the lower section to conserve cost. Selectman Albee suggested that next year's warrant article address other paving projects that remain to be done. The amount remaining in the warrant article is \$102,225. Mr. Bean shared that the cost to complete the paving and ditches will be within a few thousand dollars of this amount. A portion of the regular budget can be used if needed to offset the cost. There was discussion regarding the remaining budget and items left to be done. All the trees were marked last year to get a tree cutting estimate. The goal is to take down the worst of them this year while staying within budget. Roadside mowing will begin Monday. Stopline striping has been done. Mr. Bean inquired about adding the word "STOP" on the pavement before the stop signs on Durgin Road and Ledgehill Road at the Rt. 171 intersection. The Selectmen would rather solar LEDS be installed. His crew had to repair some washouts and reditch areas on several road edges. He ordered no docking and no parking signs to be posted at Union Wharf, Lake Rd. and Melvin Wharf. The homemade ladders put on the cluster pilings on Union Wharf will be removed. His crew put back some of the rocks on Lang Pond Beach. They also filled in a pot hole on the boat ramp. Old dirt driveways that were hottopped this year weren't done to Town specifications. This led to discussion regarding driveway permits. The only time permits are currently done is for new driveways, not existing driveways. Selectman Albee moved that the Town now requires any alterations, including pavement of a current driveway, to have a driveway permit application filled out. Selectman Marcussen noted that if the Board wanted to make a change to the regulations than it would need to go to the Planning Board. This is only a change to the permitting. Motion seconded by Selectman Marcussen with all in favor. Chairman Wood noted a private driveway concern on Ham Hill and an unused temporary driveway between Winners Circle Farm and Schoolhouse Lane. In regards to the temporary driveways, Mr. Bean confirmed for Selectman Marcussen that the ditch should be restored once the temporary access is complete. Chairman Wood noted concern regarding a private contractor diverting water off of Winners Circle Farm into the Town's right of way onto Ledgehill Road. Mr. Bean will review the site and talk to the property owner.

There was discussion in regards to last week's site visit to bring Willand Road up to a Class V road. After discussion, the Board agreed that the biggest priority is to bring the road up to specification for clearing snow whether or not that includes increasing visibility on Route 171 or not. There was discussion regarding Chairman Wood's suggestion to have a third party vendor plow the road on a donation basis. The other Selectmen felt that a little more certainty would need to be established before researching this. Selectman Albee shared that he feels that it's important to make it a serviceable Class V road and to get people comfortable with it being a Class V road before any big work is done. The Board discussed an email from Laurel Podsen regarding her and her family's disagreement with the road becoming a Class V road and her objection to some of the changes that were suggested to do so. Mr. Bean added that there are other residents on the road that are not in agreement

with the Class V change as well. The Board agreed that this was a moot point as Town Meeting voted for this to be a Class V road. Selectman Marcussen added that the person that was maintaining the road will soon no longer be able to do so. A public hearing will be held to accept \$14,000 in private donations towards the work to be done. Any additional work above that will need to be discussed as there is no funding budgeted for it. Mr. Bean agreed to provide an itemized estimate to do all the work suggested at last Friday's work session by 7/31 for the Selectmen's review. From there they will choose how to proceed.

Chairman Wood thanked Mr. Bean for items that have been completed. Shoulder work will start on Durgin Road in August. Mr. Bean responded that the pipe that comes out of the catch basin on Ledgehill Road is the Town's responsibility. Mr. Bean would like to see what happens before paving the swale. The gravel in the 19 Mile Bay parking lot will be pulled back when his crew is in the area with the appropriate machine. Chairman Wood shared his concern with the fall zone of the cell tower at the Highway Garage. The other two Selectmen disagreed as it is an insurable event.

Selectman Marcussen exited the meeting at 10:00 am.

Chairman Wood suggested bundling other Town heating system issues with the heating system at the Highway Garage. He will speak separately with Mr. Bean about where the town truck is inspected. Mr. Bean responded to Chairman Wood that the road grade edge bills were appropriately submitted to the Town as that truck only does the Town roads. Mr. Bean is working on the town sander bids. He was invited to attend Monday's meeting with Tyler Phillips in regards to Union Wharf and Lake Road.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 10:08 am, Selectman Albee moved to adjourn, seconded by Chairman Wood with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Koch, Administrative Secretary