

READFIELD ROAD COMMITTEE May 12, 2022

Present: Chair Mike LaBerge, Roland Cote PE (Ret.), Douglas Riley PE, Brian Tarbuck PE, Ben Rodriguez (staff), Matt Seems (staff). Eric Dyer Town Manager

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 6PM.
- 2) Meeting minutes from July 8, 2021 (our last meeting) were approved as submitted.
- 3) Eric introduced Ben and Matt as our current maintenance crew. They have been cleaning culverts and filling small washouts by hand since spring thaw. Matt says paving on Church Road is “breaking up.”
- 4) Town has installed Jersey barriers near the salt/sand shed to separate cold patch, crushed stone, etc.
- 5) Eric suggests that Road Committee members, as well as Ben and Matt, inspect all town roads as we did a few years ago so we may better prioritize work.
- 6) Only Scott Horne is interested in plowing this winter. He has submitted a proposal which is 100% more than we paid a couple of years ago. We discussed possibly using liquid calcium on some town roads while using salt/sand on the rest. The Town could also agree to furnish all fuel for the equipment. so the contractor would not need to “guess” about future costs. Security and accountability of the fuel would need to be carefully controlled. Could possibly dispense fuel from the school bus garage system.
- 7) Church Road sidewalk design costs of \$45,000 have been approved. Then construction will follow in 2 or 3 years. We expect the sidewalk will be located on the easterly side of Church Road.
- 8) Town has budgeted to pave the library parking lot this summer.

- 9) Church Road will get a shim coat followed by a 1" overlay. We may "grind" and then pave a several hundred feet along the cemetery, the worst part.
- 10) Town has \$150,000 set aside to replace the salt/sand shed. We will ask for RFPs to design-build the new shed. The existing shed will remain for extra storage
- 11) The Town has recently installed "Crosswalk Ahead" signs at the Readfield United Methodist church.
- 12) Ben and Matt will install flashing speed limit signs on Rt 17 and possibly other roads.

Next meeting will be June 9, 2022, 6PM at Giles Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.

Respectfully submitted, June 7, 2022

Douglas A. Riley PE
Secretary