

Road Task Force Summary - Stow, Maine  
6/13/2024 7:00pm

Present: Belle Stafford, Carl Drew, Mike Cocci, Mike Tamaska, Steve Dupuis, Matthew Hatch  
Next Meeting: Thursday, June 27, 7:00pm

Belle and Steve debriefed the group on the SB meeting  
What we have is an 8 million dollar problem  
Where else can we get \$\$  
Mention of 4 million grant for federal infrastructure bill - don't know status  
Why are we not getting state aid anymore for plowing?  
 Steve will reach out to our County Commissioner and State Rep

When does sand & salt shed bond expire? This year?  
We believe it is at a low 2% interest rate  
We borrow all of our town \$\$ in anticipation of taxes  
Town \$\$ is put into an interest bearing account with Maine Bank - we can only borrow so much  
We do have town \$\$ but it is not liquid to us  
We have the same mill rate as Fryeburg

Richard Meserve stopped at Steve's with old maps - done by an engineer  
Confirmed that we did pay an engineer about 10 years ago - never finished  
Did Richard finish the road grant that he had started?  
At one point the town bought an excavator, but then sold it to Lovell  
 Steve will bring maps to our next meeting

3-year contract for plowing going out to bid  
How to put a job out to bid: Recommendation that our bids be sealed bids

We recommend getting a satellite survey for the town - this puts the town on a grid to get an accurate scale of property lines

Mike C. will look into cost  
This would help us determine exactly how much of the WMNF is in Stow, for instance

Road counters: will give good data  
Discussion around where to put them - Fryeburg/Union Hill line  
State will likely put them on Meadow Road because of the bridge (already has?)  
State already placed road counters in Fryeburg, ie: starting at Fryeburg Fairgrounds  
SB is making calls to get them placed

Some discussion around the town gravel pit  
Tyler Drew drilled those pits and didn't find anything

What work has been done so far:

Union Hill and 113B - cold patch  
S. Chatham Road - graded  
Union Hill - graded  
Meadow Road work

Concerns about Meadow Road:

Leave it alone until the state does the bridge

Mike C. will reach out to the state to find out timeline, unless SB knows  
Road will continue to flood until it is raised up above the flood line

Cold patch:

Strong feelings that the cold patch should be tamped down

Union Hill Road:

Good arguments to prioritize Union Hill  
Know several parcels of land where gravel could be stockpiled there  
Grind it down and mix pavement in to make a solid base  
Do the culverts as we go  
Misgivings about the calcium chloride  
But we don't want all our eggs in one basket

Overall request of the Selectboard:

Slow down on some of the work slated for this year - wait until we have an overall plan  
Whatever \$\$ we do not spend could roll over to next year - "carry forward account"  
Hold another Road Meeting for the town in the Fall

Specific request of the Selectboard:

Wilson Construction highest paid contractor in 2023

- Fred Wilson's current contract with the town
- Fred Wilson's proof of insurance
- Copy of his bond if he is bonded
- Copy of invoices for this year's road work to-date including trucking bills

-Copy of plow contract

-How much material is currently in the pit

-Copy of O'Donnell's assessment

Warrant requests for the March town meeting:

Road Committee

Remove Stonehouse Road as a Stow road

We all agreed to attend the next SB meeting on June 25th  
Meeting adjourned 8:45pm