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BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
DRAPER ROOM, TOWN HALL 78 HOPEDALE ST. HOPEDALE, MA

March 13, 2024 5:00PM

MEETING MINUTES

Chairman, Eli Potty, called the meeting to order at 5pm.

Attendance:

Road Commission, Eli Potty, Justin Paulson, Stan Golenski, Sally Decelles

Absent: George Lovewell

Residents: Ann Sullivan, Chris Carlstrom

- Minutes of last meeting read and approve February 14, 2024:
 - Motion made by Justin, second by Eli to approve the meeting minutes of February 13, 2024. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passed.
- Correspondence and updates
 - Budget to date: Status of budget reviewed. Snow related maintenance is in the red. Other categories are in good shape. Motion made by Justin, second by Eli to approve budget update as presented. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - Roadway/Maintenance:
 - Stan reported that the Highway staff are busy getting a jump on spring townwide clean up. Maintenance of equipment and starting some sidewalk sweeping.
 - When asphalt plants open then Route 16 patching can start.
 - Justin asked about speed limit signs on Adin Steet as they are not flashing. Probably due to time change. Police oversee speed limit signs. Stan will check with the Police.
 - Adin Street walk through. Justin asked about the status of the walk through done on February 12th. It is currently in the hands of Tighe & Band. They are creating the bid package. We are waiting for them to complete that task.
- New Business
 - Purchase of an inferred asphalt heater:
 - Stan requested approval to purchase an inferred asphalt heater. This piece of equipment heats up the area around holes, cracks and manhole covers.

The exiting asphalt heats up and becomes manageable to spread asphalt around the area being fixed. This is especially good for manhole covers as the asphalt can be leveled with the height of the cover. Motion made by Justin, second by Eli to approve the purchase. Vote taken, all in favor.

Motion approved. Even though George was not present, Stan discussed the equipment with him in advance of the meeting and George is in favor of the purchase.


- 20 Dana Park: Resident Chris Carlstrom, from 20 Dana Park, attended the meeting to discuss the creek and water issue on his property. Water from the creek is not flowing and therefore flooding Chris' property. The water level has reached his foundation and deck of his home. He has taken preventative measures by installing drainage around his foundation and two sump pumps in his basement. The pumps are running constantly. His foundation and deck are in jeopardy, and he cannot use his yard. Neighbors are having issues as well but not as bad as Chris' yard. He reported this issue to the former Highway Superintendent 1 ½ years ago. No one has addressed this issue or offered help until recently when Mass Mosquito Control was contacted. Katrina from Mass Mosquito Control inspected the area with Stan Golenski and Chris on Wednesday March 13th. She stated that her organization can help with clearing and cleaning up the water flow but not until Fall of 2024. The issue will only get worse by then.

The Board responded that Chris should contact the Conversation Commission to find out how to get the creek debris cleared. He should also investigate dredging.

The Board will reach out to the Town Administrator asking for advice.

Stan will keep in touch with Katrina of Mass Mosquito to stay on top of scheduling.

- Old Business (carried over from last meeting)
- Other topics not reasonable anticipated by Chair 48 hours before meeting:
 - a. Resident request for a crosswalk. Ann Sullivan, 9 Jones Road, requested that a crosswalk be painted at Draper Street and Dutcher Street around the Draper Gym area. The request stems from the children walking to and from the schools on Adin Street. There are many cars parked in that area at the time of school release for pick up of students. Children are trying to cross the street between parked cars. A crosswalk will help with the safety of the children. Road Commissioners and Highway Superintendent agreed to paint a crosswalk. This will happen when the weather warms up. Ann Sullivan agreed with the timing and thanked the board.
- Motion made by Eli second by Justin to adjourn the meeting. Vote taken all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 611 pm.

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