Town of Hartford

Road Committee Meeting

June 23, 2015

7pm @ the Town Hall

Minutes

Present: Members: Chairman Harley Swanson, Barry Langer, Gregory Jones and the Selectmen's representative Cathy Lowe

Guest: Road Commissioner-elect Alan McNeil.

Absent: Members: Leslie Boness, Daniel Maddox, John (Jack) Plumley,

1. Review and Approval of Minutes of May 25, 2015. DEFERRED
2. Discussion of Road Committee's 1 and 5 year Plans.

The Committee presented the basics of their 1 and 5 year plans to the Road Commissioner-elect and he, in turn, shared his thoughts on the roads most in need of work at the present time.

The discussion focused on the cost efficiency of grinding and grading blacktop on 3 or 4 roads and then rolling the roads to improve the surface versus the currently used process of using and excavator to load the blacktop into trucks and hauling it offsite to be ground and then hauled back for use on the same road.  During the discussion it was agreed that the first step in the grinding process would be to remove stones that had migrated to the surface so that the grinder could be more efficient and the frequency of “broken tines” could be reduced.

Alan agreed to give the Committee an idea of the relative cost of (1) grinding sections of a small group of roads and rolling the material on the same stretch of road versus (2) removing, transporting, grinding, and transporting back to the site for applying and rolling.  All present agreed that the deciding factor would be the cost effectiveness of the process that should lead the decision.

Roads mentioned during the discussion included, but weren't limited to, sections of Stetson road, Mahoney road, OLD Route 140, and others (possibly for 2016-2017).

While the 1- and 5-year plans were not in complete agreement with the thoughts of the Road Commissioner-elect, there were significant areas of agreement.

At the end of the discussion, those present agreed that it would be beneficial for Alan, Harley and Selectman Cathy Lowe to walk the stretches of road that would benefit from the removal of surface rocks and mark those that need to be removed.

1. Old Business. DEFERRED
2. New Business. DEFERRED
3. Adjournment.   Due to the time and lack of two members and the Selectmen's representative, the Committee deferred Items 5 and 6 to the next meeting.

Barry Langer made a motion, seconded by Gregory Jones, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Langer