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Town of Huntington Emergency Selectboard Meeting Approved Minutes

Reason for Emergency Meeting: Landslide immediately adjacent to Main Road, across from 2700 Main Road (Paul Bradley); public safety concern related to questionable stability of roadway.

Date & Time of Emergency Meeting: April 18, 2007 ~4:15 PM to ~5:00 PM (2nd meeting on this date)

Location of Emergency Meeting: Site of landslide (see above).

Selectboard Members in attendance: Roman Livak, Chair; Doug Graver, Vice-Chair; Jim Hildebran

Others present: Clinton "Yogi" Alger, Road Foreman; Ed Wildman, Town Administrator; Eric Goddard, Knight Consulting Engineers

Members of public present: Joe King, John Scott, Grant Lewis

Updates:

- 1) Ed Wildman has contacted Vermont Emergency Management Agency (VEMA) for preliminary application for disaster funds.
- 2) Ed Wildman reported that Chris Brunelle of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources viewed the site of the landslide earlier in the day and confirmed his authorization for proceeding with emergency work in the Huntington River.
- 3) Property owners immediately adjacent to work area identified: Bair, Bradley and Hodgetts. Louis Hodgetts contacted Doug Graver earlier in the day, providing his contact information and expressing his intent to cooperate with any emergency alteration of roadway that may be necessary. Doug Graver left a message earlier in the day to inform property owners Bair of emergency work to be performed adjacent to their property. Road Foreman, Alger, contacted Mr. Bradley in person.
- 4) Shifting of travel lanes away from landslide completed.

Action Taken:

- 1) Cost estimate and authorization for work to be performed by G. W. Tatro Construction revised to \$30,000.00
- 2) Eric Goddard of Knight Consulting Engineers hired by Town of Huntington to provide Professional Engineering services for this emergency roadway repair project. Eric to work with Road Foreman, Town Administrator and/or G. W. Tatro Construction as appropriate. Cost estimate for these services to be provided ASAP.
- 3) As per advice from Eric Goddard, landslide to be repaired by appropriate placement of "rip-rap" and other material as required. Supply of "Rip-rap" to be from what the Town already has stockpiled. Road Foreman estimated the original value of this material to be ~\$6,000.00, although

the actual replacement cost of this material could be much higher.

4) As per advice from Eric Goddard, sandbagging and covering along the edge of the roadway and the exposed earth on the upper portion of the landslide shall be installed ASAP. The general purpose of this work is to help prevent further erosion by rainwater and runoff. Sandbagging along the East edge of the roadway is to divert rainwater runoff to North of the landslide. Purpose of tarp or plastic sheeting is to keep rain off the exposed earth in the upper portion of landslide, helping to avoid or reduce further erosion. Additionally, 5" stone will be spread on the landslide to also help stabilize the exposed earth and help avoid further erosion until rip-rap can be installed. Road Foreman directed to complete this work ASAP.

5) Reviewed options for access into the Huntington River for G. W. Tatro Construction. Grant Lewis recalled that the Town of Huntington Fire Dept. has a 50' right-of-way up river off the end of Fargo Road; however, the Selectboard and Road Foreman viewed the distance and water depth through the river from there to be a significant obstacle, preferring to enter the river along the shortest and most direct path which would be via property owned by Alan Brochu and Dianne Corbett on John's Drive (private road). The Road Foreman and Selectboard Chair would seek permission from these landowner-residents ASAP, and the Selectboard members agreed to any reasonable costs for items such as repair of damage to the property owner's landscaping and private roadway, etc.

(Update 4/19/2007: permission obtained).

Other Information:

Update from Eric Goddard via e-mail:

From: "Eric Goddard" <egoddard@kcevt.com>

To: "'HUNTINGTON TOWN'" <townhunt@accessvt.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2007 7:52 AM

Subject: for Ed Wildman - Main Road Slope

[Attached is] a sketch of the recommended rip rap.

It might be a good idea to wait a day to let the river calm down and dry the soil out a little.

Photos of landslide temporarily available on-line at:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/dgraver05462/TownOfHuntingtonMainRoadSlideApril2007?authkey=Hg-A22Pga70>

or

<http://tinyurl.com/3bd9mz>

Minutes recorded by: Doug Graver
4/20/2007 1:33 AM

Ammended & approved at Selectboard Meeting of April 30, 2007
{Amendment: change 'Tatro Construction' to 'G.W. Tatro Construction'}

Submitted to Town Clerk: 5/1/2007