

Town of Huntington Selectboard (SB) Meeting

Date: Monday, July 20, 2009 – 7:00p.m.

Location: Town Office, Lower Level

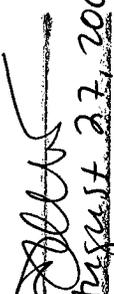
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Minutes

Attending:

Board Members: Ed Booth—Chair, Jim Christiansen, Wayne Curley, Jim Hildebran, Joe Segale—Vice Chair

Others Present: Clinton “Yogi” Alger (Road Foreman), Darren Benoit (McFarland Johnson), Mark Cavic, Lindsay Lyman Clarke, Christine Forde (CCMPO), Liz Greenberg (Times Ink! Reporter), Ron Joy (McFarland Johnson), Brett Lindemuth, Ruth Little, Justin Rich, Ed Wildman (Town Administrator)

Recorder: Barbara Elliott

Topics	Discussion	Action
Call to Order	Ed B called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.	All Selectboard members present.
<p>CCMPO – Christine Ford & McFarlandJohnson - Darren Benoit & Ron Joy</p>	<p><u>Evaluation Review of Repair Alternatives for Bridge #8, Main Road</u> (south of Moody Road) and <u>Bridge #10, Main Road</u> (intersection of Beane Road): Christine, from CCMPO, gave an introduction regarding the planning project, which is funded with federal transportation dollars. 1st step is this public information meeting to gather input. Darren and Roy—from McFarland Johnson, who were hired by CCMPO to do the planning work and had done the previous bridge studies, spoke more specifically about the condition of the bridges. During the initial scoping process, they collect data through inspections and environmental analysis and begin exploring alternate plans.</p> <p><u>General:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both bridges are at the end of their design life—and well past their “useful” life. • McFarland Johnson will explore rehabilitation versus replacement. • Both bridges have existing approach railings that are below safety standards. • Both bridges have abutments that are founded on ledge. <p><u>#8 (just south of Moody Road):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built in 1934 • Is on the State’s safety report based on their having been 3 deaths from accidents at the bridge. • There are horizontal and elevation issues • Utilities are on the lower side. • Most likely alternative would be to go on the west side. • Water channel is very defined. • Guard rail is substandard • 45mph for this type of curve is below standard • 63’ steel I beams; have built up rust on them • Decking has problems • Mongrel foundation: remnants of original stone 	<p align="center">RECEIVED  DATE August 27, 2009</p>

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	<p>foundation; concrete foundation work that was done in the 1930s, and retaining walls.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some people in town may find historic significance in the stone walls. <p>#10 (@ Beane Road):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built in 1929 • There are no wetland issues and the channel is defined. • Bridge is trickier based on the location of the dwellings and the way that Beane Road joins the Main Road. • There may be archeological issues. • There's lots of ledge. • 54' long concrete t-beam bridge structure. • Structurally deficient due to poor condition of upstream wingwall (deflecting out) <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe: given there aren't funds for replacing the bridges, what short term fixes are recommended? We currently have planned \$50,000 for the wingwall on Bridge 10. Answer: part of the process will be to make both short term and long term recommendations. • Wayne: is money better spent building a new bridge rather than doing short term repair? Answer: this is very bridge specific. Some issues may need to be addressed immediately and funds may not be available for replacement at this time. • Wayne: is there an estimate for when the bridges would need to be closed if work isn't done? Answer: Also bridge specific. There is maintenance work that can extend bridge life. Currently there are no known perforations which would make closure eminent. Could also make bridges one lane since the interior beams are in okay shape (the outside beams are the ones with significant deterioration). • Joe: long term, it would be nice to make the bridges more accommodating for cyclists. • Lindsay Lyman Clarke: what can be done about reducing speed at Bridge #8? Answer: Joe recommended advisory speed limit signs. • Public notification: Joe noted that it will be important to have good publicity for the presentation of various alternatives in the fall. • JimC: Will regular maintenance recommendations be a part of the report? Answer: Ed B noted that there is an upcoming field trip with Parent to look at what we can do. • Ron: Recommended that short term, we address the guard rails. 	

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Warrants	6 warrants were presented to the Selectboard for signature.	6 warrants were signed as presented—with the exception of the \$111,352 warrant for SD Ireland Brothers for the Hinesburg Hollow Road work.
Town Administrator's Report – Ed Wildman	<p><u>Road Work - Better Back Roads Site Visit</u> Linda Boudette, from BBR, made a site visit regarding the ditching and culverts on East Street by Mark Cavic's and by Ruth Little's.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Mark Cavic:</u> Mark's major concern, per his letter to the Selectboard, is the flooding in his basement as a result of road gravel that has filled up the swale. Mark noted that the Town has equipment and he would like to have the crew come in tomorrow to clear the ditch before the upcoming rain causes additional problems. He indicated he would sign a waiver if needed in order to authorize the Town to do this work. Mark also expressed appreciation to the folks from the Fire Department who came in and helped with the flooding in his basement. • <u>Ruth Little:</u> There are 2 culverts at Ruth's that are directing water toward her well—as evidenced by the muddy water that is there—and she is concerned about contamination. <p><u>Animal Control Officer</u> ACO Megan Currier is leaving Huntington again. Brett Lindemuth had previously expressed interest in the ACO position and will submit a letter of interest if he decides to move forward on this now that Megan is leaving. On average the work requires 3-5 hours every 2 weeks, transporting animals to O'Neil's in Shelburne occasionally, responding to questions and issues, and assisting with lost and found animals. The ACO also helps with dog registrations. The ACO is given a pager for people to use to request assistance. Payment is a \$20/week retainer plus an hourly rate for hours worked, and mileage reimbursement.</p> <p><u>Hollow Road Update</u> SD Ireland did not attend the meeting since Yogi is away. While they have not acknowledged the workmanship is faulty, they have expressed interest in addressing the Town's displeasure with the work that was done.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe stated that one concern of his is whether this will cause a reduction in the life of the pavement—and if 	<p><u>MOTION: Ditch work at Mark Cavic's</u> Jim H moved to have the road crew do the ditching work at Mark Cavic's first thing tomorrow morning. Seconded by Jim C. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>Yogi will be contacted and the work will be done first thing in the morning by one of the crew. Mark will come back in for additional conversation about more permanent fixes.</p> <p>Ed W will connect with Mark Cavic regarding resources for controlling erosion along the river.</p> <p><u>MOTION: Solution for 285 Bridge Street:</u> Jim C moved to have Yogi take a look at 285 Bridge Street to see what kind of permanent solution can be put in place. Seconded by Joe. Passed unanimously</p> <p><u>Hinesburg Hollow:</u> Ed W will ask Steve Jerome from VT Local Roads to come and conduct an objective analysis of the work done by SD Ireland.</p> <p>SD Ireland will be asked to attend the next meeting. Ed B will meet with them beforehand to look at the problem.</p> <p><u>Skate Park:</u> Ed W will let Yogi know that the Selectboard would like the interested parties to come to a meeting to discuss the idea.</p>

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	<p>so, whether a monetary value can be placed on that.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wayne spoke with Yogi about the ridge line—and Yogi is concerned about whether the pavement will get torn during winter plowing. • Wayne wants to know if SD Ireland considers this their best work—and if so, that raises significant questions for him about the overall quality of their work. • Joe indicated that it would be good to get some sort of objective analysis of the job. • Ed W noted that VT Local Roads recommends vigilant monitoring of all work—including checking temperatures. They also say we should have signed contracts that specify standards for all contracted work. <p><u>Other:</u> Wayne noted that the reclaimed material Yogi put down on Moody Road works great.</p> <p><u>CDL:</u> Roger Thompson is taking his CDL test July 29th.</p> <p><u>Skate Park:</u> A group from the Rec Committee is interested in exploring the feasibility of building a skate park—and have had some contact with Yogi about this.</p> <p><u>Bond Projects Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 proposals sent out for the Town Garage & Fire Station roof insulation work. • Ed W has gone over the RFP line-by-line with the folks from VTrans for the Sand & Salt Shed. • 1715 Main Road slide repair has been completed. • Carse Road Bridge- the most efficient and longest lasting solution would be to replace the deck, but that isn't feasible with our budget. Cost to rebuild the bridge is \$115,000-125,000. Could possibly rent a “maybe” bridge for Moody Road while Carse is being repaired. Fixing Moody Bridge is in the \$90,000-\$100,000 range. <p><u>FEMA Maps</u> Maps arrived and Ed W will be looking them over.</p>	
Action Items	<p><u>Request/Comment Form</u> Selectboard reviewed the template and recommended changes. Intent is for this to be used by all employees to track requests & comments. Completed forms are to be directed to a central location with copies being sent to</p>	

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	<p>the Selectboard Chair. Form could be available both hard copy and electronically.</p> <p><u>Incident Equipment / Accident Form</u> This will be re-implemented.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>The Selectboard meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.</p> <p>(Joe noted he will not be able to attend the next regularly scheduled meeting.)</p>	<p>Joe moved to adjourn. Seconded by Jim H. No discussion. Passed unanimously.</p>

Date Unapproved Minutes to Town Clerk: Friday, July 31, 2009
Date Minutes Approved by Selectboard: Monday, August 17, 2009
Date Approved Minutes to Town Clerk: Wednesday, August 26, 2009