

GLA Road Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 16, 2025

Committee members present: Tyson Wright (Chair), Doug Gill (President), Tim Brockett (Vice-President), Claudette Dirkers (Treasurer), Joe Bezotsky, John Carp

Committee members absent: Debbie Newby with notice; Alicia Dearing without notice.

Landowners present: Miriam Barker (SG Ombudsman), James and Leslie Everett, Ryan and Lauren Kinports, Linda Ulrich (NG Ombudsman), Jack Sutton, Kim Stomierowski

Chair Tyson Wright called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. An announcement followed that the GLA was recording this meeting and that the recording is the only official recording.

1. General Updates: Jaylyn Jensen resigned from the GLA Road Committee, bringing the committee membership to a total of eight (8). Similarly, several weeks ago, Tyson personally sent an email to Alicia Dearing inquiring whether she wished to remain on the committee because of chronic absenteeism. To date, no response has been received.

GLA 2025 Spring Road Maintenance for North Glastonbury (NG) and South Glastonbury (SG) were completed each one underbudget by about \$10,000. John Carp commented that washboarding soon reappeared on the bottom portion of Upper Gemini Hill. A nearby landowner has attempted twice to repair that section with his own equipment, but it was short-lived. John wants leftover money from the NG maintenance budget to fix the steep grade problem. Tyson stated that the Gemini Hill safety improvements will remediate the problem.

Next week, the committee scheduled repair of four potholes on NG paved roads. This year's budget for NG asphalt road repair stands at \$7,000. The expenditure on this work by Randy Traucht is well within our budget at a price point of \$1,500.

2. Culverts: The road committee is scheduling comprehensive inspections of NG and SG culverts to determine which ones require cleaning and inventorying those that need reinstallation of missing T-Posts and reflectors. This project is separate from spring road maintenance, but a contributory element for road preservation. Tyson has arranged a Time & Materials Contract with Randy Traucht, pending Board approval; Tim Brockett has written the contract.
3. Roadside Mowing: Contractor Greg Sheldon has completed NG roadside mowing; Contractor Byron Kassing indicated that SG roadside mowing will be finished tomorrow, Thursday, July 18th.
4. Guardrail Storage: On July 8th, Twisted Pine Excavating LLC relocated the GLA guardrails and hardware to the NG Quonset Hut. The next morning, Tim and Joe took stock of the materials and promptly emailed their results to the Board.
5. Additional Road Signs: The 2025 GLA Budget has \$2,000 for installation of additional road signs. The road committee recommends using 4x4x8' posts set in concrete for endurance. Randy has given a preliminary bid to install twenty signposts for a price of \$2,300. For safety, Tim advised thirty new signs in North and thirty new signs in South; he offered to donate his time to affix the signs to the posts. The final number of signs will be determined, and Tyson will get an adjusted quote from Randy.

6. Safety Sites: The widening of Sagittarius Skyway had been approved for a Not to Exceed Budget of \$29,000 during the May 19, BOD meeting. Tim has discussed the Sagittarius Skyway project with Contractor Rob McDonald. Rob has reviewed the contract and would like to proceed. On July 11th, Tyson and Doug met with Jace Quimby, owner of Twisted Pines Excavating LLC, at the Gemimi Hill safety site. Having driven and thoroughly discussed the site, Jace believes he can complete the project in 4 days which aligns with budgetary constraints.

Currently, North Glastonbury has approximately \$23,000 in reserve funds. An increase of \$6,000 is needed to satisfy the \$29,000 allowance for widening Upper Gemini Hill, the identical amount Sagittarius Skyway was approved by the Board on a Time and Materials Basis only. This is in keeping with the allowable limit per the GLA Bylaws for capital improvements of \$58,000 without a community-wide vote. It has been recommended that ~\$15,000 that is remaining from the 2024 unallocated funds should be equally divided and deposited into NG and SG Reserve Funds.

7. Road Assessment Fee: Presently, there is nothing new to report; proposed policy draft is still under construction.
8. Open Discussion: Doug Gill raised noxious weed control and what we might need to do to mitigate the pervasive problem. Linda Ulrich has experience and advises ambitious weed trimming and pulling out by the roots. Roadside mowing takes care of some but only if they are cut before they go to seed. MSU Extension in Livingston has beneficial resources. Tyson asked Linda to put something together for the next GLA newsletter and/or website.

For more information, the GLA website has the following link to the Montana Weed Control association:

<https://www.mtweed.org/>

Claudette mentioned that certain sections of snow fencing have fallen and need repair prior to the onset of winter.

Next meeting: **Aug 13, 2025 @ 7:00 PM MDT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm MDT.

Minutes taken by Tyson Wright, GLA Road Chair

Edited by: Claudette Dirkers