

Road and Weed Committee Meeting Minutes

April 5th, 2018

Committee Members in attendance: Chairman Dennis Riley, Tim Brockett, Newman Brozovsky, Claudette Dirkers, Gerald Dubiel, Richard Johnson (RJ), Jeff Riederer, Linda Ulrich, la Williams and Walter Wunsch

Committee Members absent: Valery O'Connell

Other Attendees: Leo Keeler, Regina Wunsch, Donna and Svend Andersen, Sally and Chuck Muto, and by phone, John Andersen

The Road and Weed Committee Meeting was called to order At 7:00 p.m. with a quorum having been met. In addition, we activated the phone for callers.

1: A newly discovered platted road off Libra in SG will soon be added to the maintenance list. The road goes across parcel 60 to the border of parcel 59. The owner, John Andersen, called in, and explained that the muddy trail was not easily negotiable for his new building project. Tim offered to make contact with Andersen's contractor, and to include this road on the SG maintenance schedule.

2: The GLA Board allotted \$5,000.00 to raise the low spot on the gravel portion of Capricorn Drive to help alleviate flooding issues. The money will come from the NG Road Fund. Tim and Dennis will meet with Chad Standish to discuss specifics of the contract; work will commence once the roadbed completely thaws.

3: A damaged section of Capricorn Drive near the gravel pit will need the advice of a road engineer. As a preliminary measure, Tim sees it prudent to have Chad clear out the broken asphalt chunks, fill the holes with gravel, and clean out the recently discovered culvert under the road, until the committee can proceed accordingly. Tim will bring this recommendation to the GLA Board Meeting on April 16, 2018.

We will also replace a broken warning cone until the installation of more permanent signage. The long-term repair may include an economical alternative to fresh asphalt: ground up asphalt road tailings.

4: Dennis talked to the manager of Mountain Sky Guest Ranch about removing the seasonal snow fences along their property on upper Dry Creek Road. Work will begin on Monday morning at 9 AM. Dennis, Tim, Jeff, and RJ volunteered to complete the task.

5: Glastonbury Grading Contracts: We reviewed details of the 2017 Fall Grading Contract, which had to be curtailed due to the early arrival of winter. Then we discussed

the elements of the 2018 Spring Grading Contract. The residual roadwork from last fall, and the upcoming roadwork scheduled for this spring, will happen simultaneously.

In both North and South Glastonbury, we discussed the following:

1. Clearing existing ditches and installing new ditches, as determined.
2. Filling potholes
3. Removing protruding rocks
4. Grading and graveling all platted roads
5. Informal committee road walks in SG on lower Hercules Road, and in NG, on Gemini Road and Orion Way

North Glastonbury: Apply magnesium chloride to the platted length of Taurus Road, as previously approved by the GLA Board. Due to flooding issues, it has become necessary to postpone this process on the gravel portion of Capricorn Drive.

Installation of specific driveway culverts is necessary to solve both the chronic water saturation to preserve our roadbeds and to solve safety concerns.

South Glastonbury: Narrow the current 30 foot width of Arcturus to align with the advised county standard of 24 feet, and to install new ditches. Pre-existing road mix and roadside gravel will be recycled.

6: NG Pavement Issues: The flat, paved stretch of Sirius Drive has several areas of alligating and/or potholes in need of repair. This NG access road belongs to Church Universal, so Legal Committee Member Leo Keeler will telephone them for approval.

Motion: Walter made motion to hire a pavement contractor to repair the sporadic alligating on entire the NG paved road network. Jeff seconded. Motion carries. Claudette will call potential contractors. Tim will help with the posing of technical questions.

7: Proposed Road Policy - A spreadsheet has been created, which incorporates twelve (12) categories, including all twenty-six 26 landowners' comments. Claudette would like to schedule a meeting of the Road Policy Advisory Group. Walter and Jeff have resigned, and Linda voiced a desire to join the group.

8: Mowing Contract/Weed Management – First, a Work Order will be compiled, which will then be made into a two-year (2) contract for roadside mowing in NG/SG. Two contractors were under consideration for hiring, but one of them was unavailable.

Motion: Tim made a motion to grant the 2-year contract to Joanna Dawson, and Jeff seconded. The contract is not to exceed \$3,600/ year, as outlined at the last committee meeting. Tim will write the work order/contract.

Based on then recommendations in the GLA Road and Driveway Standards, we discussed restorative native spray seeding as a method for gradually controlling weeds. Until we can have a specialized presentation, Jeff recommended tabling the discussion. Linda will call a local company.

9: Note: A previously approved motion for \$100.00 to purchase the necessary hardware to affix safety signs to posts will be presented to the GLA Board. Weather permitting, sequential installation can then start.

10: Due to property damage caused by flowing water from a trench that was cut cross the gravel road on Capricorn Drive, compensation will be made to the owner. Ia has been asked to negotiate with this landowner to determine some sort of restitution.

11: Hercules Erosion: Tim installed T-Posts to warn drivers of localized problems. Chad Standish had previously checked the problem, but he would like to observe more specifics about its complexities. Dennis will call Chad tomorrow to arrange for another collaborative on-site evaluation.

12: Proposal for a Road Engineer: Walter thinks common sense is adequate, but other attendees pointed out that a hiring a road engineer would cover liabilities, should the GLA board approve. There is no cost incurred to ask for a proposal.

Treasurer Regina Wunsch voiced the prudence of securing a professional evaluation of the NG paved road. Then, speaking of the “sequencing of events,” Tim compared a road engineer to an attorney, saying that if you pay by the hour for site-specific advice, you save money.

Motion: Tim made a motion to ask to the board to add a line item to the GLA Budget for hiring a road engineer. Regina said this cannot happen until next year, but we can use unallocated funds to put into budget for next year. This year the money must come out of either unallocated funds or the road fund. Motion was withdrawn, having been replaced with the following:

Motion: Tim motioned that we request the board to set up a line item for next year’s 2019 GLA Budget to allocate \$3,000 for a consulting with a road engineer. Claudette seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Jeff volunteered to make exploratory phone calls.

An informal, introductory discussion began about the long-term, systematic installation of driveway culverts and role of the GLA Board. This discussion will continue at the next committee meeting on May 3, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.