Road and Weed Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 10, 2019 Liberty Hall North Glastonbury

Committee Members Present: Newman Brozovsky, John Carp (co-chair), Gerald Dubiel, Ken Hurley (co-chair), Richard Johnson, Dennis Riley, Walter Wunsch

Committee Members Absent: None

Landowners Present: Claudette Dirkers

The meeting was called to order by John at 7:06pm. John asked for changes or additions to the proposed agenda; there were none.

1) Approve Nov. 12 Minutes

The minutes of the November 12 meeting were previously approved by email.

2) <u>Snowplowing Update</u>

a) Standish Contract

The contract with Standish Excavation was previously approved by email. The contract allowed for further negotiation within the first month.

b) Snowplow Coordinators – dispatch guidelines, communication protocols

Donna resigned as snowplow coordinator for NG. Richard will assume role as primary coordinator and will approach Dave Hink about serving as backup coordinator.

It was proposed that the Plowing/Sanding contract should specify that sanding be done only on hills.

Discussion on plowing guidelines.

Motion: by Dennis to change plowing guidelines to three inches or more for paved roads. Seconded by Ken. Yes -7; No -0; motion passed.

c) <u>Dodge Truck</u>

After much discussion, it was decided to approach Standish Excavation regarding sale of the Dodge truck.

Motion: by Ken to approach Chad with a price of \$6,500 for the truck, a rate of \$120/hour for plowing with the Dodge truck and a rate of \$130/hour for plowing with the Ford F8000 truck. Seconded by Gerald. Yes -7; No – 0; motion passed. **Action:** Dennis will contact Chad.

d) Backup Drivers

A contract with Standish Excavation for both trucks would eliminate the requirement for the GLA to employ backup drivers.

e) Snow Fencing, barriers

Action: Dennis will contact Kyle at Mountain Sky to discuss erecting snow barriers on Dry Creek Road to mitigate drifting there.

3) GLA Insurance – road policy

John contacted our insurance agent regarding the GLA's liability in the event of an accident on one of our roads. The agent indicated that two criteria are normally used to assess liability in such a case: (1) the history of road use without accidents, and (2) reasonable measures taken to improve safety.

It was agreed that the addition of reflectors and signage in critical areas could significantly reduce, or eliminate, GLA liability.

4) 2019 Goals

John presented the following proposed schedule for 2019 road maintenance:

January:	Review needs
February:	Identify priorities, set budget
March:	Complete spring work orders
April:	Complete SG spring work
May:	Complete NG spring work
June:	Weeds
July:	Review fall needs
August:	Compete fall work orders
September:	Complete NG fall work
October:	Complete SG fall work

5) 2019 Road Budget

Discussion was tabled pending upcoming Finance Committee meeting.

- 6) <u>North Glastonbury Spring Maintenance Road Priorities 2019: A first look</u> Action: John and Gerald will drive the NG road system to determine priorities.
- <u>South Glastonbury Road Priorities 2019</u>
 Action: Dennis and Ken will drive the SG road system to determine priorities.
- 8) <u>GLA Road Policy: general discussion</u> Discussion regarding previous attempts to revise Road Policy.
- <u>Long Term Planning: general discussion</u> Discussion regarding long term planning, road engineer's recommendations and previous sub-committee efforts.

The next meeting will be at 7pm on February 7, 2019 at Liberty Hall.

John adjourned the meeting at 9:05pm.