

Road and Weed Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 7, 2019
Liberty Hall North Glastonbury

Committee Members Present: John Carp (co-chair), Dave Hink, Ken Hurley (co-chair), Richard Johnson, Dennis Riley, Walter Wunsch

Committee Members Absent: Newman Brozovsky, Gerald Dubiel

Landowners Present: none

Attending via phone: Claudette Dirkers

The meeting was called to order by John at 7:09pm. John asked for changes or additions to the proposed agenda; there were none.

1) Approve Feb. 7 Minutes

The minutes of the February 7 meeting were unanimously approved. The action items from the February 7 meeting were reviewed and all but the following were found to have been accomplished.

John will talk to Chad about a guardrail versus berm installation on the lower Gemini hill. This was deferred due to the major snow storm.

2) Snowplowing Update

a) Storm Response Review

Committee members agreed that reports regarding Chad's plowing/sanding performance continue to be very good. Walter commented that the condition of the roads is the best it has been in his many years in Glastonbury.

b) Dry Creek Road

Committee members agreed that the County did a good job on Dry Creek Road.

c) Private Roads

Discussion regarding plowing of subdivision roads after high snowfall events resulted in no change to existing policy. It was suggested that the Board could facilitate agreements between individual landowners and Chad for the plowing of subdivision roads, especially regarding pricing.

d) Budget Impact

The February invoices from Standish Excavation have not yet been received; therefore this item was tabled.

3) Spring Maintenance

a) Timeline Review

Walter suggested that specific maintenance requirements should be assessed after the snow melts in case there is significant water damage. John stated that the planned drive-through activities with Chad in NG and SG should be done as soon as practicable to enable Chad to provide cost information and to allow us to refine the respective budgets. Any repairs of water damage could come from unallocated funds.

b) Crack Sealing

John has requested estimates from Bailey Paving, Knife River Construction, High Country Paving and Wharton Asphalt for crack sealing of NG paved roads. The estimates are expected to be received within the next six weeks.

c) Chip Sealing

John has requested estimates from Knife River Construction and Wharton Asphalt for chip sealing of NG paved roads. The estimate is expected to be received within the next six weeks.

d) Road Signs

It was agreed that six chevron signs will be immediately installed on the three existing posts along Hercules, a double arrow sign will be immediately installed on the existing post at the intersection of Aries and Capricorn and a stop sign will be immediately installed (replacing the yield sign) at the intersection of Venus and Capricorn. Discussion on remaining signs was tabled until the next meeting.

e) Mowing

Richard commented that mowing should be accomplished only where it is practical (due to terrain, rocks, etc.) where the full width of the mower deck can be used, otherwise it would be a waste of money. Weed control was also discussed and it was mentioned that Daniel Peterson offers a service where he targets knapweed with a weed-whacker. Spraying was also discussed and it was noted that some landowners object to the use of spraying for weed control.

f) Gemini Berms

The action item from the February 7 meeting was carried over to this meeting. For the record, Walter strongly objects to any berm or guardrail on lower Gemini and feels that proper road signs would be more cost-effective.

Action: John will talk to Chad about a guardrail versus berm installation on the lower Gemini hill

4) Committee Name

Motion: by John to rename the Road Management Committee to Road Emergency Management Committee and to rename the Road and Weed Committee to Road Committee. Seconded by Dennis. Yes – 5, No – 0; motion passed

The next meeting will be at 7pm on April 4, 2019 at Liberty Hall.
John adjourned the meeting at 8:32pm.