

GLA Road Committee Meeting Minutes
Jan. 5, 2023
Liberty Hall

Committee members present: John Carp, Pouwell Gelderloos; Via phone: Neil Kremer, Linda Kremer, Jaylyn Jensen

Committee members absent: None

Landowner present: Randy Traucht

Landowner phone-ins: Aija-Mara Accatino

Meeting called to order by John at 7:07 pm.

1. Review December snow removal for two snow events.: Dec. 1 – 5 snow: Snow plowing cost: South Standish: \$5185; North – Mill Creek: \$1520. South had much more drift removal required.
Dec. 20-25 snow: South Standish: No invoice received. North: Mill Creek: \$1100.
Both snows required repeat drift removal due to winds following days after the snows.
There was positive feedback from a few landowners on the snow removal for these snows.

3. Review snow fence repair. Sheldon was not able to finish all work on Dry Creek due to frozen ground All other work was completed-repairing and rebuilding snow fences on Arcturus, Hercules and Sagittarius, and Sirius in North. He was not able to install new approved fencing on Capricorn due to frozen ground. Committee not happy with Sheldon's progress as he had other jobs that delayed this work.

Randy Traucht is available to complete remaining snow fence re-installing in South and new installing in North. He is a contractor living in South Glastonbury, referred by Walter Wunsch. He can use a skidsteer to pound posts if required. With three more months of possible snow, all agreed putting up the rest of the fencing will be worth it. Pouwell motioned for Randy to complete the work already approved for Sheldon. Linda seconded. Unanimous in favor by voice vote. Details and work orders to be worked out.

4. Update on guardrail project. John still working on report for the project. All rails have been delivered to Standish from the Billings company. Rails for Sagittarius Skyway have been delivered to that location. Project to be discussed more at Board meeting.
5. Discussion on Sirius Rd. need for repair of asphalt bump, and other overdue maintenance. Dennis Riley to research legal status of easements before any work can be done. Jaylyn recommended looking into mediation or arbitration for resolving the easement issue.
6. Spring maintenance: John has been contacting other contractors for road maintenance. John has obtained one commitment form Dirt Works Construction of Livingston to bid for spring

maintenance. Mill Creek Construction (not to be confused with Mill Creek Contracting, the GLA North snow plower) declined to bid due to a full docket for this year. John still waiting to hear from MacDonald and Bainter construction for bids.

Discussion on the value of using the current contractor (Standish) and the value of having a working relationship with him and his familiarity with the roads, vs. bringing in a new contractor. It was agreed to get the other bids, to see if they are competitive. Consensus was that unless there is a great reduction in cost with another contractor, to stay with Standish, but hold him to timelines on all commitments, and not to overcommit.

7. Long-term planning: John presented information he gleaned from Standish on preserving roads for long-term viability. The key is maintaining a healthy base on both asphalt and gravel roads.

Standish has said quality of the subbase on roads is inconsistent. Areas of weak base, i.e., containing more clay and soil and less rock, leads to erosion, cracking, alligating and potholes. These sections need to be replaced – base, road mix, and asphalt. This will be costly. The other key is good drainage. Maintaining ditches and culverts reduces water leaking under the asphalt.

All agreed to obtain more evaluations of asphalt and gravel roads by other contractors, which evaluations would be at no cost, as they would be part of a bid. John to contact Wharton construction of Billings for evaluations in the spring and will seek others. Once evaluations and bids are obtained in the spring, funding mechanisms will be reviewed, and how work can be phased over coming years.

8. New agenda item: Two volunteers for South Road Chair, Tim Brockett and Pouwell Gelderloos. Tim emailed John prior to the meeting saying he was interested in the position. Pouwell announced at the meeting he was interested. There was no motion put forth for Tim as Chair. Neil motioned to recommend Pouwell as South Road Chair. Jaylyn seconded. All voted in favor by voice vote. Pouwell to be recommended to Board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM

John Carp
GLA Road Chair