

Road Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 30, 2012

Attendance: Jiri Hajek, Roger Thompson, Christina Goodwin, Glen Hanson, Barrie Sawyer, Chuck Stata

Meeting called to order 6:00 p.m.

The Road Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from May 14, 2012.

Glen would like to focus on what needs to be done for road repairs this year. There is only the \$25,000 warrant article for any projects that have priority this year.

North Groton Road Tour (lists out locations of concern and what needs to be done at each section):

1. Section at 1204 North Groton Road – This space is about 480 feet from the bottom driveway entrance of 1204 North Groton Road down to Nadeau Lane. Everything needs to be reshaped. Pipes need to be replaced or cleaned out wherever possible. Concrete culvert pipes all along here up toward other side of North Groton Road. Would need to dig down about 3 feet to fix this section and remove boulders in the hill section.
2. Crest of hill near 1296 North Groton Road – Poor sub-base and boulders that need to be removed. Previously dig safe was contacted to do this section which was about 200 feet. There are rocks just before the driveway at the crest that need to be removed. About 10 years ago there were rocks removed from the opposite side of the road.
3. Campbell Lane – from this lane back to the crest of the hill on North Groton Road believe can be a full depth reclamation. It is bad shape here and about 4 inches of asphalt here. This area needs the shoulders pulled up but no ditching.
4. Fletcher Road – suggest a 15 foot paved apron. It was suggested to do borings still along this section even though there isn't much indication that a lot needs to be done here. Borings will make sure that we aren't short changing the distance and amount needed to be done. Glen did about 14 inches to reclaim down by Regos.
5. 1428 North Groton Road – there is a separation in pavement about 6 inches or more in the winter. Cracked pavement, elevated hillside on one side and grade drops on the opposite side. This could be a candidate for road under drainage.
6. Near 1722 North Groton Road – poor subspace, rocks pop up; sections above were over three years old. Culvert only 2 percent grade and last year was cleaned by pushing bars through. This section of road from town lineup is about 1000 feet to be repaired. This is the biggest single expanse so far. Rocks that were dug out toward the town line here, had the Highway Department hitting water at about 2 feet. From the driveway of 1722 North Groton Road down, Glen would like to do another under drainage project. Surface such poor shape that surface water gets down into the cracks and makes it erode more. Also suggest at minimum 6 inches of stabilized base and 2 inches top.

During the recommended projects, Glen suggests that any asphalt should be taken to a central point, stock-piled, and then to hire a grinder to take it down to 1 ½ inches. Then prep gravel roads with this material. Glen believes that since we paid for the asphalt that it doesn't make sense to just throw it away.

The Committee needs to come up with a plan and present it to the Board as soon as possible for this year. Members believe that it is going to be over 5-7 years for the full plan and that it is going to be hard to get this plan approved, but if we get the people on board with what we are doing and how long it is going to take then we should be able to get the support we need to move forward.

The next meeting is to decide what the Committee is recommending to the Select Board for the 2012 paving/repairs and will be held on June 6, 2012 at 6:00 pm at the Groton Town Offices.