

Department of Public Works
Advisory Board Meeting
September 13, 2005

Approved

The meeting was held in Room 211 at the town hall on Tuesday September 13, 2005 at 7:30 AM. Present were Advisory Board Members Eric Sonnett, Dan McIntyre and Jim Pyne, DPW Director J.T. Gaucher, DPW Administrative Manager Bruce Prentiss and Water/Sewer Manager Eric Carty. Also present were Selectmen Executive Secretary Ted Kozak, Recycling Committee Chairman Tom Drechsler and town resident Mary Pratt.

FUTURE STREET PAVING

Mr. Gaucher told the board that he has received several complaints about the condition of Elm Street and Pleasant Street. He said that although those two streets are not scheduled for improvements under the pavement management plan for several years, he intends to include both streets in next season's road improvements. There was a discussion about the benefits and costs of using a cement enhanced road base versus a standard gravel road base, as both of those streets are high traffic areas. Mr. Gaucher said that the cement enhanced road base is about \$2.00 per square yard more expensive but the thickness of pavement can be reduced due to the stronger base. So in the end the cost for the cement enhanced base is only slightly more expensive than the standard base with a bituminous concrete surface. The integrity of the water mains and sewer pipes on Elm Street was also discussed. The board's recommendation to Mr. Gaucher was that if major road work was going to be scheduled for Elm Street that any water and/or sewer work that might be needed should be included as part of the project. Mr. Carty stated that the sewer pipe on

Elm Street has some problems and that if sewer service is ever to be offered in the future a new sewer main would have to be installed. He said that to the best of his knowledge the water main is in good condition and would not need to be replaced. The board also recommended that if new sewer main is installed the laterals should be installed to the property lines, even though sewer service for the street may still be several years away.

MICRO-SURFACING ROADS

Mr. Gaucher advised everyone that the micro-surfacing process started today. He explained that micro-surfacing is a process where powder is mixed with emulsion to make a slurry and it is spread by machine to a thickness of about 3/8 inch. The mixture dries quickly and can be driven on in about 20 minutes. The streets being done with this process are DiCarlo Road, Peppercorn Road, Appaloosa Circle, Palomino Drive, Eastview Road and Tiffany Trail.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Lake Maspenock Dam

Mr. Gaucher told the board that SEA Consultants have submitted a proposal with the scope of work required for the Lake Maspenock Dam Study. He said he has also been in contact with the state office of dam safety and they recommended a Phase 1 report followed by a Phase 2 study. Mr. Sonnett said he would prefer to have a comprehensive study that combines the Phase 1 and 2 information into a single report. He said the Board of Selectmen would like to have the detailed information as soon as possible.

North Mill Street Bridge

Mr. Gaucher said he received three responses for quotes to repair the North Mill Street Bridge. One company said they would be unable to take on the job due to other obligations. Mr. Gaucher said it is estimated that the repair will take about five days to complete, and that the scope of the repair will entail more than just replacing the deck boards as previously thought.

Storm Drain at 283 Hayden Rowe

Mr. Gaucher said he has met with Mr. Brock to discuss the options for improving the storm run-off from the street onto Mr. Brock's property. He said it is estimated that the improvements will cost about \$16,000, and explained to Mr. Brock that a drain easement would be required and funding would have to be secured. Both items will require a vote by town meeting. Mr. Gaucher said he explained to Mr. Brock that the situation as it is will create a hazard this winter and some temporary improvements should be made prior to the permanent resolution. He said Mr. Brock's response was that he has turned the matter over to an attorney and Mr. Gaucher should speak to the attorney. Since then Mr. Gaucher said he has received a letter from Mr. Brock's attorney requesting information as to how the town intends to address the problem. The board recommended that Mr. Gaucher provide a copy of the letter to Mr. Kozak and that advice should be sought from Town Counsel.

Permit Fees

Mr. Gaucher told the board he will be presenting information to the Board of Selectmen regarding the creation of fees for Road Opening Permits and Driveway Permits. The board recommended that Mr. Gaucher determine the cost incurred by the town to administer and inspect the permitted work, and base the fees on those direct costs.

Recycling

Mr. Drechsler advised the board of a complaint he has received from a resident of Pine Island Road that her neighbors are not recycling and that their trash is still being picked up in violation of the Selectmen's mandatory recycling policy. There was a discussion of various ways to enforce the mandatory recycling policy. As for this specific complaint, the board suggested that each resident of Pine Island Road should be sent a letter explaining the recycling policy and in addition each household should have a recycling bin delivered to them.

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 23, 2005 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. McIntyre and seconded by Mr. Pyne. The vote to approve was unanimous.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday September 27, 2005 at 7:30 AM in room 211 at the town hall.

This meeting was adjourned at 9:06 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Prentiss