

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
Select Board Highway Subcommittee Meeting
Minutes of March 23, 2023

Present: Select Board members John Stevens and Merry Shernock. Others present, Town Manager Jeff Schulz, and Highway Foreman Trent Tucker.

The meeting started at 2:00 PM.

Public Participation Scheduled: None

Highway Projects

Town Manager Jeff Schulz and Highway Foreman Trent Tucker discussed of upcoming spring and summer highway projects.

The Highway Departments plans to do annual gravel road resurfacing of nearly four miles of roads to include Halstrom and Monti roads. Based on the location, drainage, and clay soils, Halstrom will require extensive work, and similar to Little Northfield, it will involve tree removal, new culverts, and stone-line ditching. In addition, it should have five to six inches of gravel. The Town did receive approximately \$40,000 in grant funding which will be used to cover a portion of the Hallstrom Road expenses. The stone material on the road will be treated with chloride and rolled for proper compaction.

Next, the Highway Department will perform a fairly large culvert replacement project on Winch Hill to include a large 36-inch culvert at an estimated cost of \$7,000. Also, the Department be doing culvert work on Stony Brook, Dickinson Drive, and Turkey Hill.

There are also several extensive ditching projects planned to include Turkey Hill, Garvey Hill, and several smaller areas.

In addition, several bridges need wood deck repairs or replacement. The second covered bridge on Cox Brook needs both decking repairs and structural work to the bridge which was hit by a truck. The Highway Department will do the deck work. The structural repairs will be completed by an outside contractor. We are obtaining a quote for the structural repairs. Trent is planning to install signs in Moretown (with their approval) warning motorists of the low covered bridges ahead to reduce trucks hitting the covered bridges. We are also considering installing cameras.

Also, the wood planks on the foot bridge need repairing and replacement.

Upcoming road paving projects include West Hill, the southerly entrance to Mill Street and several locations on North Main Street. Also, there is a plan to pave Cherry Street, which is a short street off Vine Street. There was discussion of also paving East Street, however, Jeff noted that it will depend on whether the work to place the electric power lines underground is completed this summer. John Stevens asked about the crack sealing on Smith Hill. Jeff stated that last summer we obtained a price for crack sealing on Smith Hill and the contractor stated that it would be by October. However, the contractor was unable to do the work, but will return next spring.

Next, we will be working with the Highway Subcommittee and ultimately with the Board to develop a plan for the \$200,000 grant for Lovers Lane. The Town has until September 2024 to expend the grant funds. We are also seeking other grant opportunities for this project.

Next, we will be undertaking and completing the sidewalk inventory. Thank you to John Stevens for submitting the sidewalk inventory forms.

Public Participation Unscheduled: None

Motion to adorn by John Stevens, second by Merry Shernock.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Schulz, Town Manager