

AGENDA
Warren Selectboard
Wednesday, September 7, 2011
Warren Municipal Building
6:00 PM

J 6:00 PM – Gravel Purchase – Options

6:30 PM – Roads Status

7:00 PM – Other Business

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Members Present: Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Matt Groom, Vice Chair, Kirstin Reilly, & Anson Montgomery.

Others Present: Rudy Elliott, Patty Sue Carter, Marilyn Miller, Tim Senif, Quayle Remsick, & Cindi Jones.

6:00 PM – Meeting called to order by Mr. Cunningham.

Roads Status: Mr. Cunningham started the meeting off with a roads update as follows:

Cider Hill – The big culvert at top arrived today. The road is currently open to traffic.

Fuller Hill from the Plunkton End – Fuller Hill Road is currently passable in that area as one lane traffic. The highway crew plan is to totally reconstruct that section of road from Anna Whiteside's down to Gubernick's. The crew will strip off all the gravel, excavate down, add drainage, add fabric and re-gravel the surface. It is possible that Sicard will be doing this work.

Brook Road – Areas along the bank going up Fuller Road will need to have some rip rap added.

Plunkton Road – Plunkton Road is currently open to one way traffic after JP Sicard and the crew filled in the large open area. When Route 100 is reopened, a large culvert will be added just above the one that is already present near the original road failure from the storm.

Covered Bridge Road – Closed

Flat Iron – Closed – The town will have to decide on whether they want to make it a one lane road before redoing the rip rap and enlarging the channel and building the shoulder into the rip rap. Mr. Ross, from the ANR, suggested that the Town rebuild that section of road as it was.

Riverside Park – Lots of clean up needed. The Conservation Commission will discuss the management plan for the park at the next Selectboard meeting.

Mr. Ackland inquired what the status of the Access Road was regarding F.W. Whitcomb. Mr. Simpson stated that they had called to say they were mobilizing on Thursday to start coldplaning and reclaiming would start the following week. Mr. Ackland commented that they have not put up any construction signs. He commented that Mr. Simpson needed to communicate with Whitcomb in regarding their schedule and report back to the board.

Mr. Simpson brought up to the board the crew and he had discussed in renting a rubber tired excavator from a company in NH. The rental would be \$7,500/month, \$300 to move it to Warren and \$300 to take it back to NH. They felt since JP Sicard had pulled out one of their excavators that it would be more cost beneficial for the town to rent than pay for a contractors labor to sit there. Mr. Simpson commented that Mr. Chambers was an expedience excavator operator.

Mr. Elliott inquired if Mr. Simpson had check around for other prices and suggested that he check with Nortrax and other companies for rental prices. He also brought up to the board that the crew should check the culvert on Roxbury by the mobile home just below his house and that the town should clean that ditch/stream.

Gravel Options: Mr. Cunningham asked Ms. Jones about the options presented when she had met with Mr. Ross, ANR Streams Alternations Engineer. Ms. Jones, Mr. Blair and Mr. Ross looked at the lower end of Main Street which the Town already had secured permission for. Currently the town has extracted about 1800 yards from the site. They also looked at the site below Bobby & William Rodgers which is pretty accessible and there is about 2000 yards there. Ms. Jones and Mr. Blair are meeting with the Rodgers on Monday to talk about how the beneficial this would be for the town and for helping they clean that section of field. Another site looked at was at Riverside Park that was easily accessible. They also looked at the covered Bridge section, but Mr. Ross felt that this was not a viable option at this time due to it was not an easy accessible site, there were overhead power lines, and the water was quite high in that area.

The board also discussed the offer that Sugarbush has presented to the town. The Town could purchase some of the pond gravel for \$10.00 a yard. It does not include our time to haul the gravel to our pit. There were questions on regard to who really owns the gravel being extracted from the pond. Sugarbush is currently stockpiling it on the A/R parcel and expects to have it all off within two months.

Mr. Elliott commented that the Town should negotiate with Sugarbush and buy as much as the Town could. Mr. Montgomery commented that he did not want to overpay for the product. Mr. Groom commented that he wanted to pursue the river gravel. The board was in agreement that the Town should purchase as much as they could from Sugarbush as long as it was a reasonable price.

Overtime was next discussed regarding the road highway employees. Mr. Simpson stated that he did not think that the crew would be working on the weekends but overtime was still needed for the cleanup. Mr. Ackland commented that there was some confusion on the issue. He commented that he would like to know from now to winter including the storm damage and the normal day to day maintenance how many hours would be needed to complete without burning the road crew out. The Town did hire JP Sicard to work on various large washed out road areas from the storm to help the road crew in repairing roads to make them passable. Mr. Cunningham inquired do we need an extra person for what we are paying for the overtime? A few old highway retired crew members have expressed interest to helping out if the crew needs help, they would be willing to work. Mr. Simpson, Mr. White and Ms. Jones would sit down and calculate the work needed to be done.

Ms. Jones also commented that it will be a while before the towns are reimbursed for road and infrastructure repairs from the storm and that the board would need to look at borrowing money. They would discuss at the next meeting. Ms. Jones would have Ms. Fuller look into borrowing costs and interest rates with banks.

7:25 PM – Motion by Mr. Ackland to adjourn, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

The Warren Selectboard



Andrew Cunningham, Chair



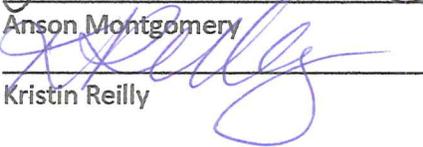
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