



# TOWN OF NORTHFIELD



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## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday May 21, 2014

Present: Ed Weingartner, Don Stevens, Wayne Crowley, Kevin Sturgeon, Dennis Allen

Also Present: David Court, Nancy Court, Maureen Bouchet, Richard Hartman, Donna Rhodes, Johnny Van Tassel, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm

The Chair opened the public hearing on the condition of Northfield roads.

Maureen Bouchet asked the committee to explain road rankings and committee members reviewed the components of the ranking system and how rankings can change from year to year. Also discussed were the preliminary road repair cost estimates and how these numbers may change as projects are developed.

Richard Hartman expressed concerns about the condition of Sandogardy Pond Road and was told that it was scheduled to be reconstructed in 2018 as part of a State SAR project.

David Court inquired as to the relative value of paved vs. gravel roads. Ed responded that the primary cost in bringing roads up to standards is in drainage control and associated costs, the cost of the travel surface is relatively minor. Johnny Van Tassel reported that paving a road involves higher up-front costs but lower annual maintenance costs as the road doesn't need grading, additional gravel, etc. Mr. Court and committee members discussed the value of maintaining good ditches.

Donna Rhodes asked when the Cannon Bridge project would be done and was told that it would be finished this year.

Maureen Bouchet expressed concern as to how the road rankings can change from year to year. It was explained that since factors such as road conditions change rankings need to be updated periodically. She also expressed concern that the \$5,000 planned expense for Zion Hill Road wasn't sufficient to fix the problems with that road. Johnny reported that the intent is to address the worst problems with the road.

There being no additional comments the public hearing was closed at 8:15pm.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. It was decided that the committee would meet regularly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.

Glenn distributed maps of the sections of road that are typically impassable for a portion of the year prepared using information provided by Johnny. Committee members asked Johnny to develop scopes and estimates for addressing these areas in next year's CIP. Committee members discussed whether it was reasonable to expect Johnny to complete scope and estimate work for road repairs while also running the Highway and Sanitation Department. Glenn was asked to get an estimate from QCC for preparing scopes and estimates for repairing the top 5 paved roads.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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