

NORTHFIELD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting of August 14, 2013

Present: Ed Weingartner, Dennis Allen, Wayne Crowley, Don Stevens, Kevin Sturgeon, Kevin Waldron
Also Present: Bob Southworth, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Waldron/Stevens moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 18, 2013. **Motion passed.**

Don Stevens asked for actual cost for 2013 projects. Committee members discussed the issue. Ed Weingarten asked Bob Southworth for an update of 2013 projects. Bob reported that all work has been done.

The Chair scheduled the next meeting for September 11th at 7pm.

Bob Southworth distributed his recommendations for roads that should have 4 inches of asphalt next time they are repaired or reconstructed: Bay Hill Road, Cross Mill Road, Elm Street, Hodgdon Road, Peverly Road, Shaker, Road, Summer Street, Twin Bridge Road, Zion Hill Road.

Committee members discussed projects for 2014. Sel. Waldron suggested that major road repair/reconstruction projects be put on hold for a year so the town can concentrate on upgrading roadside ditching in 2014, saying that he feels the lack of proper drainage is contributing to the deterioration of the roads. Ed said that we certainly can do this, but he doesn't think we can get it done in a year. Kevin Sturgeon noted that he can complete 700-800 feet of ditching per day. He doesn't think the town can do all that needs to be done in a year but agrees that drainage needs to be worked on. Committee members discussed the degree to which ditching needs to be done. Don Stevens noted that not all roads are in dire need of ditching. He doesn't mind taking 100k from the capital budget for ditching but doesn't want to neglect the roads. Kevin Sturgeon noted that the rip-rap filled ditches need to be cleaned every year. Ed reminded members that the committee needs to focus on capital, not maintenance. Wayne Crowley inquired as to the linear footage of existing ditching that is in need of maintenance and the manpower and cost of repairing such ditching. He also asked what it takes in terms of manpower and cost to maintain the ditching with present day equipment and staffing.

Committee members discussed the scope of Zion Hill Road project. Bob distributed revised estimates, the project is now expected to cost \$348,455. Committee members reviewed the proposal in detail and discussed options for reducing costs.

At the conclusion of the discussion Committee members agreed that reconstruction of Zion Hill Road and Cannon Bridge should remain as projects for 2014; Bob will bring an updated estimate for Zion Hill Road and ditching information to the next meeting.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm

APPROVED SEPTEMBER 18, 2013